
South West Region

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Roma

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Toowoomba South



South West

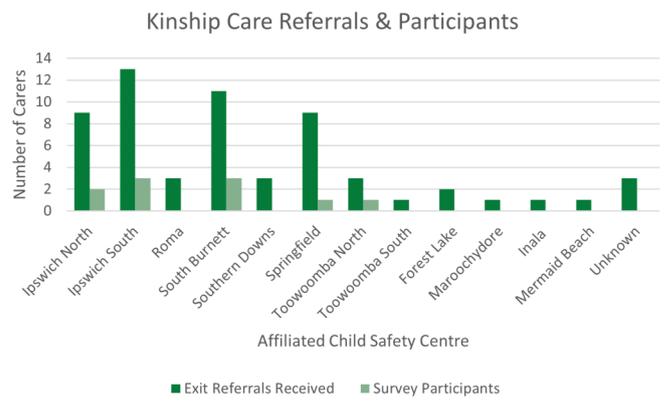
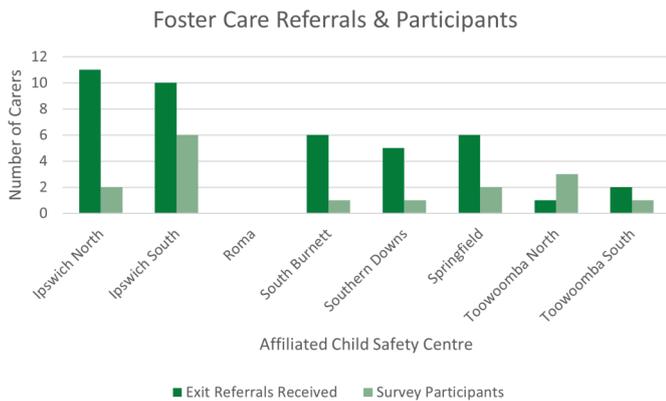
About the Foster and Kinship Carer

Queensland Foster and Kinship Care received 101 exit referral forms within the financial year of 2022-2023 for the South West Region. From this sample, 26 (26%) individuals took part in the Carer Exit Survey - 16 foster carers and 10 kinship carers.

Participation rates differed between the two carer types, as 39% of foster carer referrals received participated in the Carer Exit Survey and 17% of kinship carers participated in this survey. Results show from the graph below;

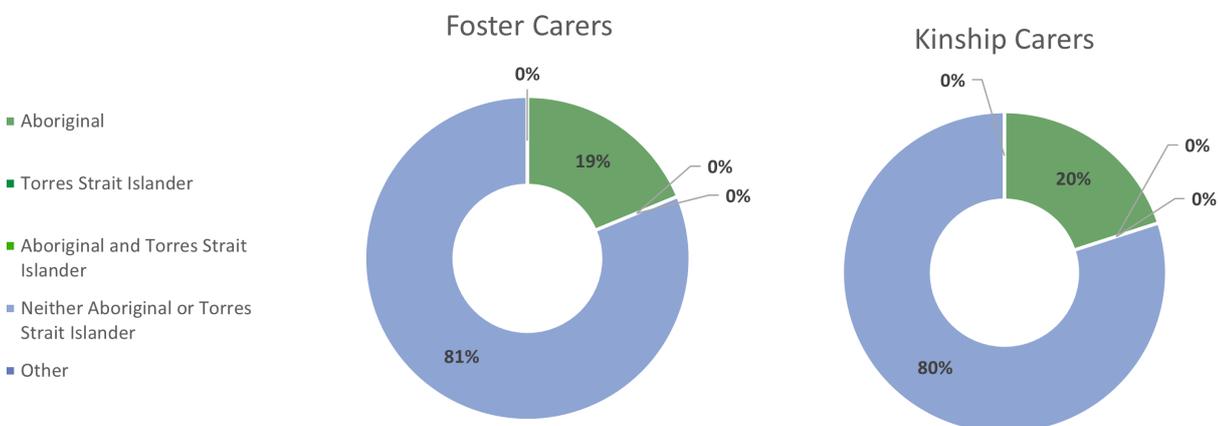
- 300% of foster carers from Toowoomba North Child Safety Service Centre participated in the survey (1 referral, 3 participants—*this may be due to exit referrals not reflecting the carers Child Safety Centre correctly*),
- 60% of foster carers from Ipswich South Child Safety Service Centre participated in the survey (10 referrals, 6 participants),
- 33% of kinship carers from Toowoomba North Child Safety participated in the survey (3 referrals, 1 participant) and,
- 27% of kinship carers from South Burnett Child Safety Service Centre participated (11 referrals, 3 participants).

Please note referrals received by agencies provided information of other Child Safety Service Centres that are in other regions, however, stated the carer was within the South West Region. There are times carers are situated in one region and affiliated with a Child Safety Service Centre in a different region—QFKC have noticed this pattern more amongst the kinship care population than foster carers.



Carer Ethnicity

From the 26 participants within the survey, 19% identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander with the remainder 81% identify as neither Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The below graph provides a breakdown on the ethnicity of the participants and carer status.



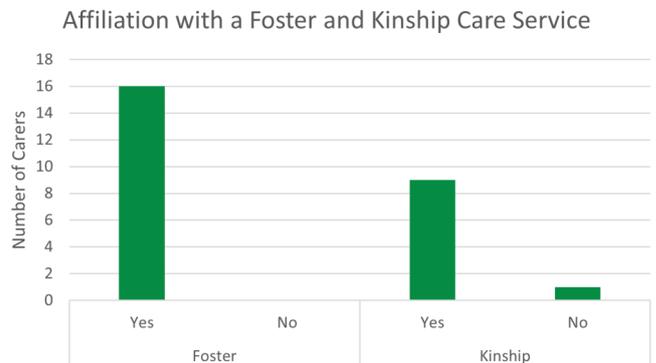
About the Role of a Foster and Kinship Carer

In this section, carers were provided questions to elaborate on their role as a foster/kinship carer, what were their motivations in entering in this role, the duration of being a carer and the amount of children placed in their care during their time.

Foster and Kinship Care Service

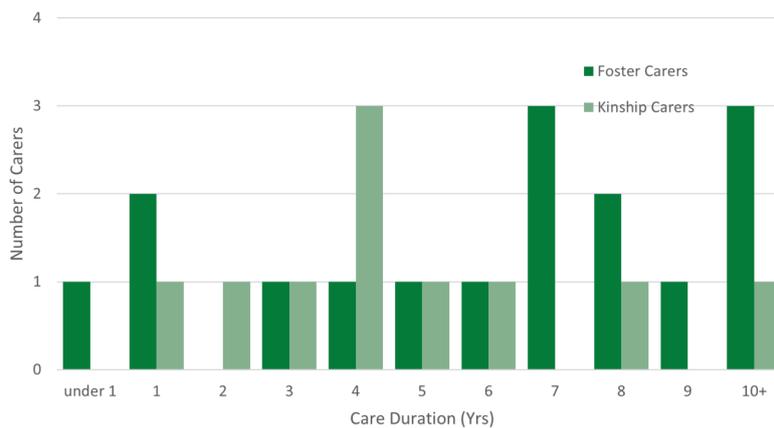
Foster and Kinship Care Services, also known as agencies, provide the day-to-day support for carers and children in care. Within the South West, QFKC is aware of 11 different agency organisations across the region supporting foster and kinship carers.

Participants provided insight to their Foster and Kinship Care Service (agency) affiliation and provided a response—refer to the graph. 10% (1 kinship carer) stated they had no affiliation with an agency, with all foster carers who participated have stated being affiliation with an agency service.



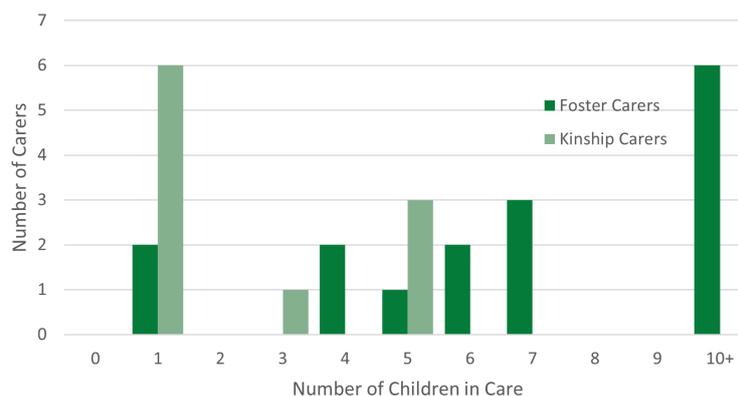
Carer Duration

Foster and kinship carers opted out at varies times during their carer role, this may be due to reunification, placement breakdown and many more reasons. From the Carer Exit Survey, 19% of foster carers left their role at 10 or more years, followed by another 19% leaving at 7 years. With kinship carers, 30% of carers left their role at around 4 years of caring. Data relating to carer duration is in the graph below.



Child/ren in Care

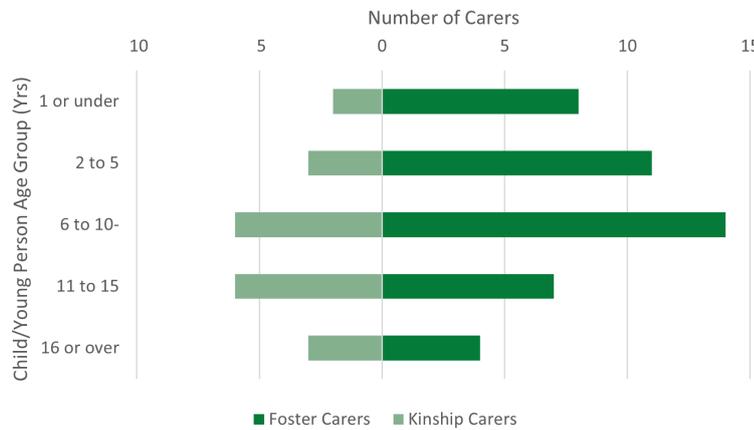
Foster and kinship carers were provided an opportunity to provide an overview on how many children were placed during their caring time. Survey results show 38% of foster carers had over 10 or more children in their care, followed by 19% having 7 children in their care. While 60% of kinship carers in the South West Region only had 1 child in their care, followed by 30% having 5 children.



Age Group of Children in Care

Many carers across Queensland care for children for many years and experience various developmental stages of a child’s life. Participants within this survey were able to provide indication of the child/ren’s ages who they have cared for in their carer role.

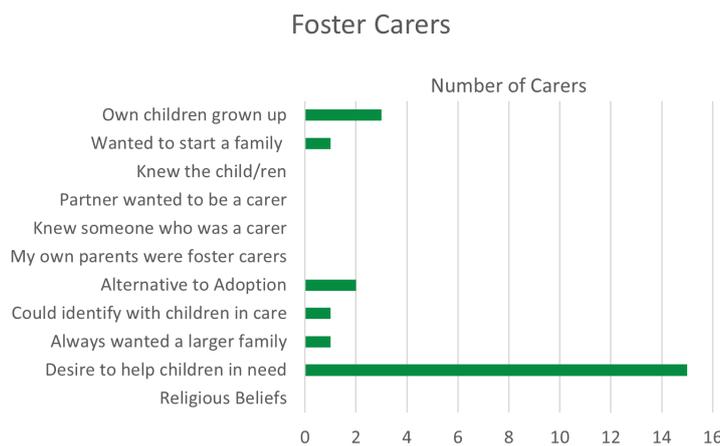
The below graph provides an insight on the age group foster and kinship carers cared for during their time, please note that many carers have taken care of children for a lengthy period of time and were able to select more than one age group to reflect this.



In the above graph, foster carers in the South West Region provided more care for children ages between the ages of under 1 to 10 years, whereas kinship carers provided more carer for children of ages 6 to 15 years of age. Kinship carers within this cohort provided minimal care for children between the ages of under 1 to 5 years during their time as a carer.

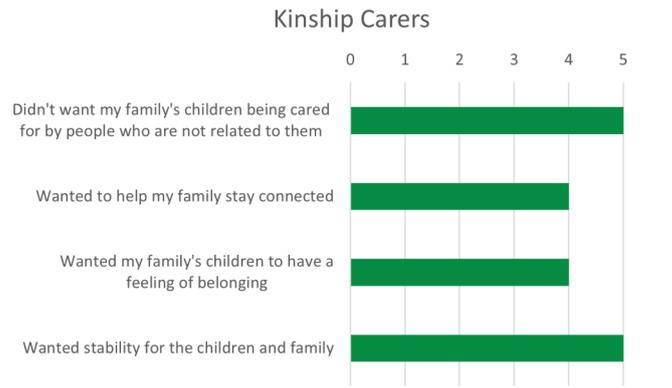
Initial Reason to Care

The Carer Exit Survey asked carers their initial motivations to become a carer. Carers are drawn to being humanitarians by volunteering to provide and create a safe, stable, and supportive environments for children in care. In the graphs below, foster and kinship carers were able to select more than one answer as to why they became a carer in the first place.



94% of foster carers in South West had the desire to help children in need. 19% of participants informed the reason they began fostering was due to their children growing up. Furthermore;

- 13% saw fostering as an alternative option to adoption,
- 6%of carers wanted to start a family,
- 6% always wanted a larger family and,
- 6% could identify with children in care



Kinship care participants provided insight as to what made them initially become a carer:

- 50% stated they wanted stability for the children and family,
- 50% did not want the children to be cared for by someone unrelated to them and,
- 40% wanted their family’s children to have a feeling of belonging or wanted to help the family stay connected.

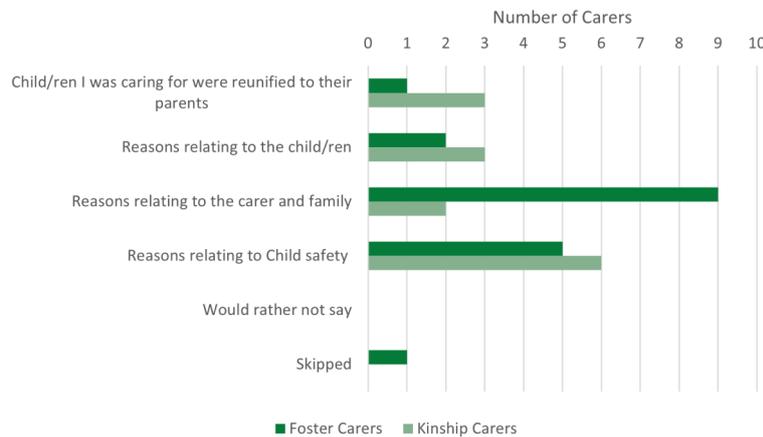
In comparison to the state average of kinship carers’ reasons to initially becoming a carer, the South West Region was below the main reason in becoming a kinship carer—wanting stability for the children and family (67% state results vs. 50% within the region).

Reasons for Discontinuing

In this section, carers were given the opportunity to expand on the reasons of cessation of their carer status and elaboration on the contributing factors in making this decision.

Main Reason to Discontinue

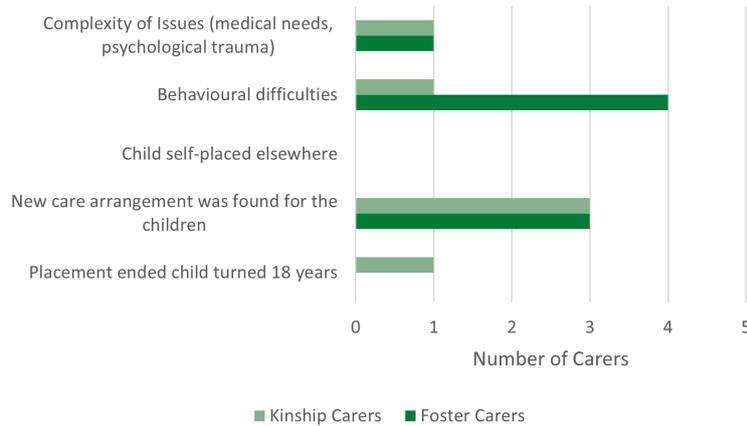
Participants were asked the reasoning for leaving their foster/kinship care role. 56% of foster participants left their role due to reasons relating to themselves and their family. However, in comparison to kinship carers, 60% left their role because of reasons relating to the Child Safety. Further breakdown on a carer’s main reasoning in discontinuing their role is in the graph below.



Carers were able to expand on this if they wish to offer further insight as to the reasoning behind their decision. Carers were able to expand on this if they wish to provide greater insight as to the reasoning behind their decision. The following graphs in the next page provides an overview of the carer’s responses based on child-related reasons and family-related reasons. Some graphs are not provided as there are limited responses associated with the survey question, and therefore are provided in percentages. Kinship carers were given a set of different options within the survey due to the nature of their carer role.

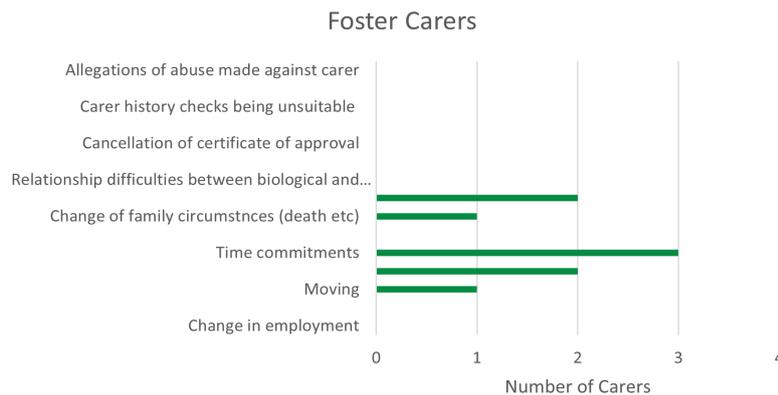
Please note several participants, 5 kinship carers and 7 foster carers, participated in this question and were able to select more than one answer to provide insight in making their decision. Percentages provided includes all participants to provide a more accurate indication of carer results.

Reasons Relating to the Child/ren in Carer’s Care



25% of South West Region foster carer participants indicated there were behaviour difficulties during their time in care to which was related to the reason of cessation of the care arrangement, this was 10% for kinship carers in the region. Followed by 19% of foster carers stating a new care arrangement was found for the child/ren, whereas 30% of kinship carers stating the same reason. 10% of kinship carers informed that either the following child turned 18 or there was complexity of issues.

Reasons Relating to the Carer and their Family



19% of foster carers stated that time commitments were a reason to why they left their carer role. 13% of South West foster carers had decided to retire from their role or had health reasons, and 6% of foster carers were moving or had a change in family circumstance, these may include, a recent family death, separation, marriage etc.

10% of kinship carers indicated that the carer role impacted on extended family relationships, had allegations of abuse made against them or had a cancellation on their certificate of approval by Child Safety.

Carer Satisfaction

Participants were able to provide feedback on a Likert-scale, also known as a satisfaction scale, to give us an indication on their satisfaction rate in key areas of being a foster or kinship carer. These include their service satisfaction with Child Safety and nature of their placements. Carers were provided an opportunity to read/hear statements and provided feedback from the following scale—very satisfied, satisfied, neutral, unsatisfied or very unsatisfied.

Please note an error had occurred during the development of the survey and therefore, Child Safety satisfaction level statement 2 and 3 are duplicated. QFKC included both duplicated statements as at times results are not the same.

Overall, 34% of foster carers and 55% of kinship carers had a **neutral** satisfaction level with Child Safety. 36% of foster carers and 43% of kinship carers were either **dissatisfied** or **very dissatisfied** with the department. The ability to appeal a decision made by Child Safety, 50% of kinship carers and 31% of foster carers were **neutral** with this statement.

Child Safety Satisfaction

Foster Carers

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
Ability to appeal a decision related to you that was made by Child Safety	0%	19%	31%	19%	19%	13%
<u>Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety</u>	0%	13%	31%	25%	19%	13%
<u>Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety</u>	0%	13%	31%	31%	13%	13%
Child Safety's policies and procedures for dealing with a Harm Report/SOC Process	0%	19%	44%	13%	6%	19%
Overall Satisfaction	0%	16%	34%	22%	14%	14%

Kinship Carers

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
Ability to appeal a decision related to you that was made by Child Safety	0%	10%	50%	20%	20%	0%
<u>Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety</u>	0%	0%	60%	10%	30%	0%
<u>Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety</u>	0%	0%	50%	30%	20%	0%
Child Safety's policies and procedures for dealing with a Harm Report/SOC Process	0%	0%	60%	30%	10%	0%
Overall Satisfaction	0%	3%	55%	23%	20%	0%

Placement Satisfaction

Carers provided insight on their overall satisfaction levels of placement decisions, ranging from the number of children in their care to the arrangement of the child having contact with their family members.

Foster Carers

36% of foster carers within the South West Region were **satisfied** with their placement, a further breakdown of the statement within this section is provided below.

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
The number of children being placed with you at any one given time being reasonable	31%	31%	19%	6%	0%	13%
The extent to which children and young people were provided with an opportunity to participate in decisions about their care	0%	19%	50%	6%	13%	13%
The arrangement for children to have contact with their parents and other family members	6%	44%	13%	13%	13%	13%
Opportunity for you to participate in professional development	50%	31%	6%	0%	0%	13%
The level of support provided to a child during the placement	6%	50%	6%	19%	6%	13%
The manner in which the carer approval process was undertaken	13%	38%	19%	19%	0%	13%
Your ability to have input into decisions about the child's care	6%	31%	25%	19%	6%	13%
The level of support provided to you during the placements	6%	44%	6%	25%	6%	13%
Overall Satisfaction	15%	36%	18%	13%	5%	13%

Kinship Carers

33% of kinship carers within the South West Region were **very dissatisfied** with their placement decisions, a further breakdown of the statement within this section is provided below.

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
The extent to which children and young people were provided with an opportunity to participate in decisions about their care	10%	10%	30%	10%	40%	0%
The arrangement for children to have contact with their parents and other family members	10%	10%	20%	20%	40%	0%
Opportunity for you to participate in training specific to the needs of the children	10%	20%	40%	0%	30%	0%
The level of support provided to a child during the placement	10%	20%	20%	10%	40%	0%
The manner in which the carer approval process was undertaken	10%	30%	40%	10%	10%	0%
Your ability to have input into decisions about the child's care	10%	30%	10%	20%	30%	0%
The level of support provided to you during the placements	10%	20%	30%	0%	40%	0%
Overall Satisfaction	10%	20%	27%	10%	33%	0%

Communication and Support as a Carer

Communication and engagement between all stakeholders, including departments, agencies, and other support organisations, assist carers in their role in providing the best care possible for children. Carers were provided an opportunity to share their feedback in the statements below. Feedback was also provided on the Foster Care Agreement and Placement Agreement. However, these series of questions were tailored for the foster care population and was not provided to those identifying as kinship carers.

Engagement Level Satisfaction

Foster Carers

26% of South West foster carers were overall **satisfied** with their engagement with stakeholders, however, breaking down the statements provided to the carers the results are as follows:

- 44% were **satisfied** with information provided about the child before placement
- 25% were **either satisfied or dissatisfied** with the engagement of Child Safety
- 38% were **very satisfied** with the engagement from the Foster and Kinship Care Service
- 31% were **very satisfied** with the engagement from the Community Visitor and/or Child Advocate

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
The information provided to you about the child prior to placement	6%	44%	6%	13%	13%	19%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with Child Safety	6%	25%	13%	25%	13%	19%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with your Foster and Kinship Care Service	38%	25%	0%	13%	6%	19%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the QFKC Support Team (FAST)	0%	19%	56%	6%	0%	19%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the Community Visitor and or Child Advocate	31%	19%	25%	0%	6%	19%
Overall Satisfaction	16%	26%	20%	11%	8%	19%

Kinship Carers

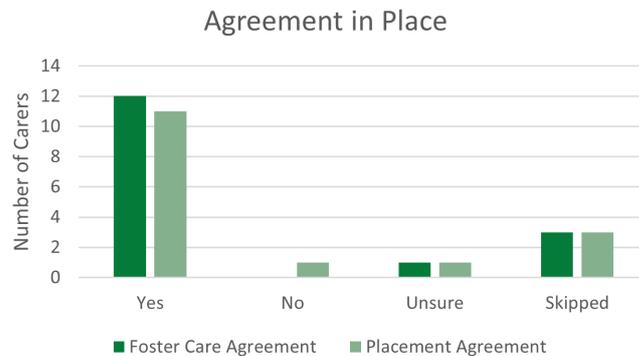
38% of South West foster carers were overall **neutral** with their engagement with stakeholders, however, breaking down the statements provided to the carers the results are as follows:

- 60% were **neutral** with information provided about the child before placement
- 40% were **very dissatisfied** with the engagement of Child Safety
- 40% were **very satisfied** with the engagement from the Foster and Kinship Care Service
- 50% were **neutral** with the engagement from the Community Visitor and/or Child Advocate

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
The information provided to you about the child prior to placement	10%	20%	60%	10%	0%	0%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with Child Safety	10%	10%	20%	20%	40%	0%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with your Foster and Kinship Care Service	40%	30%	10%	10%	10%	0%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the QFKC Support Team (FAST)	10%	10%	50%	10%	20%	0%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the Community Visitor and or Child Advocate	10%	30%	50%	0%	10%	0%
Overall Satisfaction	16%	20%	38%	10%	16%	0%

Foster Care & Placement Agreement

A Foster Care Agreement is a written agreement between the foster carer, Child Safety and Foster and Kinship Care Service, **75% of carers had a Foster Care Agreement in place**. A Placement Agreement is a written documents that provides information about the child/ren and a plan created between Child Safety and the carer to jointly plan for meeting the needs of the child/ren. **69% of foster carers in the South West Region had a Placement Agreement in place**.



Placement Agreement Satisfaction

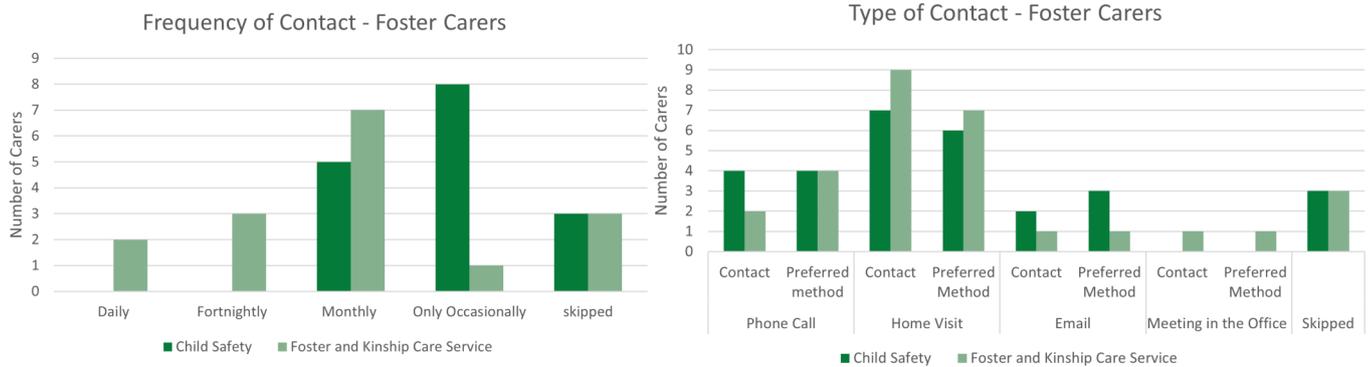
Foster carers were given the opportunity to provide their satisfaction level on the Placement Agreement, 31% of foster carers were **neutral** with how the Placement Agreement covered support. 38% of foster carers were **satisfied** with how the meetings regarding the Placement Agreement were a forum to work as part of a care team.

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	skipped
Satisfaction level of the Placement Agreement covered the supports required	13%	25%	31%	0%	13%	19%
Satisfaction level of the Placement Agreement meetings provided a forum to work as part of a care team	6%	38%	19%	0%	6%	31%

Contact with Agency & Child Safety

Carers were given an opportunity to provide an overview of the frequency of contact between themselves with Child Safety and the Foster and Kinship Care Service, as well the type of contact that occurred.

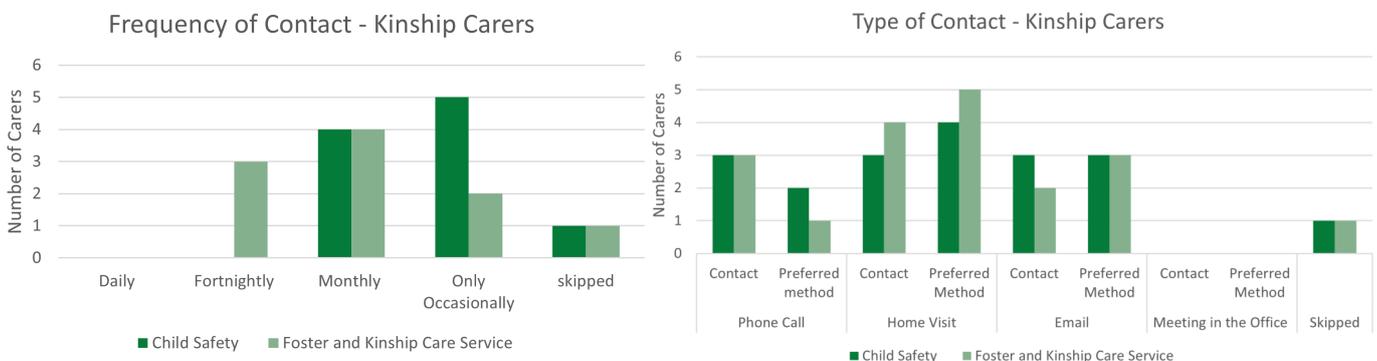
Foster Carers



South West foster carers received contact from Child Safety **occasionally** (50%) and their Foster and Kinship Care Service on a **monthly** basis (44% of respondents). However, 31% of foster carers stated they had **monthly** contact with Child Safety. Furthermore, from the data in the graphs above;

- 56% stated contact occurred through a **home visit** with their Foster and Kinship Care Service, whereas 44% stating this type of contact occurred with Child Safety,
- 25% stated contact with Child Safety was through **phone**,
- 38% would prefer contact through a **home visit** or a **phone call** (25% of respondents) from Child Safety and,
- 44% would prefer a **home visit** from their Foster and Kinship Care Service, followed by a **phone call** which 25% of carers stated.

Kinship Carers



50% of South West kinship carers had contact with Child Safety **occasionally** followed by a **monthly** contact (40%), to which contact with the carer’s Foster and Kinship Care Service was on a **monthly** basis (40%) or **fortnightly** (30%). Furthermore;

- 30% of kinship carers either a **phone call**, **home visit** or an **email** as a form of contact from Child Safety,
- 40% had contact occur through a **home visit** from their Foster and Kinship Care Service followed by 30% had a **phone call**,
- 50% of South West Kinship Carers preferred a **home visit** from their Foster and Kinship Care Service with another 40% stated preferring this type of contact with Child Safety as well,
- 30% of kinship carers also preferred an **email** either from Child Safety or their Foster and Kinship Care Service as a form of contact.

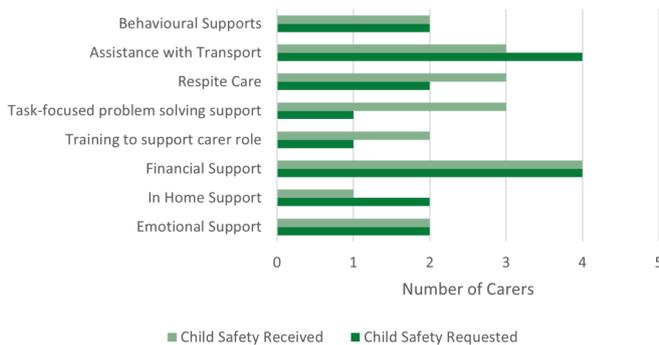
Support Received and Requested

Participants reflected on the support services requested during their time as a carer, and inform whether these requests were fulfilled. The form of support could be in the form of either professional, financial and/or emotional support.

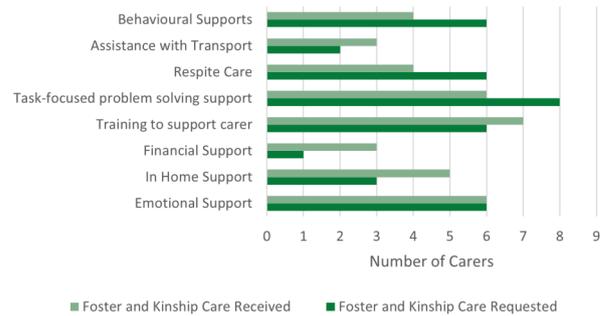
Carers were to indicate which stakeholder assisted them with their requested support, if they requested such support. Please note, some carers have ticked more than one option. Therefore the total amount of responses is reflected to the number of answers provides rather than the number of carers. *Please note: 5 participant from the foster care cohort and 2 kinship carers skipped this question.*

Foster Carers

Support Requested and Received from Child Safety



Support Requested and Received from Foster & Kinship Care Service

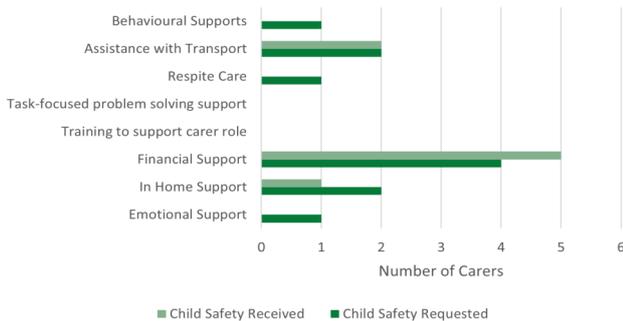


From the support requested, foster carers indicated Child Safety provided six of the eight support types during their time as a carer and fulfilled their requested such as emotional support (100%), financial support (100%), training for their role (200%), respite care (150%) and behavioural supports (100%) (refer to the graph above—*Support Requested and Received from Child Safety*). However, 50% of In Home support requested were received, as well as 75% of requests for assistance with transport were provided to the foster carers. In relation to Foster and Kinship Care Services;

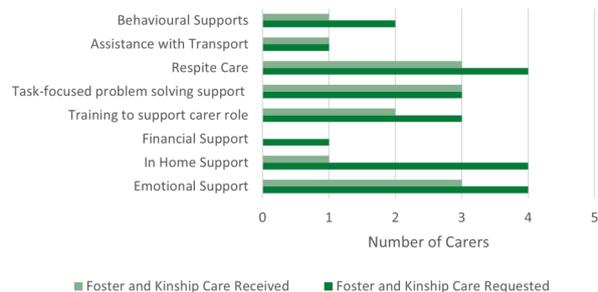
- 100% or more received the following support—emotional, in-home, financial, training, assistance with transportation, however;
- 67% of received the requested respite care or behavioural supports and
- 75% received the problem solving support

Kinship Carers

Support Requested and Received from Child Safety



Support Requested and Received from Foster & Kinship Care Service



Survey results indicated kinship carers who requested behavioural support, respite care or emotional support did not receive this from Child Safety. However, from the graph above (*Support Requested and Received from Child Safety*) shows that kin carers requesting assistance with transportation or financial support were received (100% and 125% respectively). With the kinship carers Foster and Kinship Care Service, assistance with transportation and behavioural support were met, however:

- 25% of kinship carers requesting in home support received such support from their agency,
- 75% received the requested emotional and respite care support.

Carer Allowance

Foster and Kinship carers are provided a fortnightly caring allowance for each child in their care to assist with basic costs of caring for a child. Carers provided a satisfaction rate on statements related to the caring allowance, the amount provided to meet the cost of the child, and reimbursements on out-of-pocket expenses.

Foster Carers

25% of foster carers were overall **satisfied** with the carer allowance, in this question 25% of South West Region foster care participants skipped this question. From the table below;

- 31% of carers were **satisfied** with how reimbursements were if any out of pocket expenses occurred, where as 19% were **very dissatisfied**,
- 25% were **very satisfied** with the range of allowance provided to meet the cost of caring, however, 13% of foster carers indicated they were **very dissatisfied** with this;
- 31% were **satisfied** with how quickly to allowances were paid and,
- 25% were **satisfied** with the allowance payment rates however, another 25% were **very dissatisfied**.

Statement	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
How quickly you were reimbursed when out of pocket expenses were incurred	13%	31%	6%	6%	19%	25%
The range of allowances provided by Child Safety to help meet the costs of caring for the child	25%	19%	0%	19%	13%	25%
How quickly allowances were paid	25%	31%	0%	6%	13%	25%
The allowances payment rates	25%	19%	6%	0%	25%	25%
Overall Satisfaction	22%	25%	3%	8%	17%	25%

Kinship Carers

30% of kinship carers were overall **satisfied** with the carer allowance, however, 20-30% of kinship care participants within this region skipped this question (refer to the table below). From the table below;

- 30% of carers were **satisfied** with how reimbursements were if any out of pocket expenses occurred,
- 40% were **very satisfied** with the range of allowance provided to meet the cost of caring, however, 20% of kinship carers indicated they were **neutral** with this;
- 40% were **neutral** with how quickly to allowances were paid and,
- 30% were either **satisfied** or **neutral** with the allowance payment rates.

Statement	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
How quickly you were reimbursed when out of pocket expenses were incurred	10%	30%	20%	0%	10%	30%
The range of allowances provided by Child Safety to help meet the costs of caring for the child	10%	40%	20%	0%	10%	20%
How quickly allowances were paid	10%	30%	40%	0%	0%	20%
The allowances payment rates	10%	30%	30%	0%	10%	20%
Overall Satisfaction	10%	33%	28%	0%	8%	23%

Training and Development

Carers across Queensland underwent an assessment process before a recommendation of approval. During and after the assessment process, carers are given an opportunity to complete training to develop their understanding on the child safety system, children development and trauma-informed training. Queensland carers are also provided information on the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders involved (Child Safety and their agency), as well as their policies and procedures.

Participants of the survey provided feedback on the delivery of information by providing a satisfaction rate around training and information.

Both foster and kinship carers were **satisfied**, 43% for foster and 24% for kinship carers respectively, with the training and development before and during their role as a carer. From this region, 25% of foster carer and 20% of kinship care participants skipped this question. Insights from the survey results show the following;

- Majority of responses from foster carers were satisfactory for all statements (refer to table below for Foster Care responses),
- 20% of kinship carers either were **satisfied, dissatisfied** or **very dissatisfied** with information provided about their role and responsibilities, where as 50% of foster carers were **satisfied**,
- 38% of foster carers were **satisfied** with the information provided by Child Safety’s role and responsibilities, however, 20% of kinship carers were either **satisfied, neutral** or **very dissatisfied**,
- 44% of foster carers were **satisfied** with the Hope and Healing—trauma informed approaches, in which only 40% of kinship carers were **neutral** with this provided training,

Further break down on other statements and results is provided below for foster carers and on the next page for kinship care participants.

Foster Carers

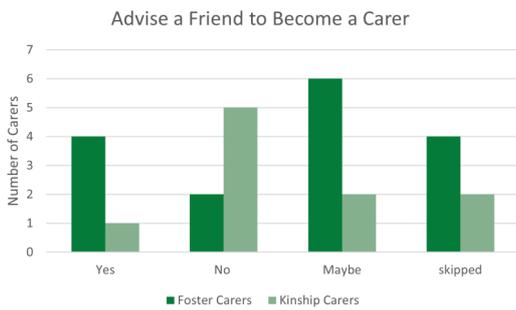
Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
Pre-service training- Get Ready	25%	44%	6%	0%	0%	25%
Standard training - Starting Out	19%	50%	6%	0%	0%	25%
Advanced training - Continuous learning opportunities	6%	50%	13%	0%	6%	25%
Information provided on Child Safety's Policies, Legislation and Procedures	6%	44%	19%	0%	6%	25%
Information provided to assist you with the foster care role	6%	50%	13%	6%	0%	25%
Information provided about your role and responsibilities	6%	50%	13%	0%	6%	25%
Information provided about Child Safety's role and responsibilities	6%	38%	6%	25%	0%	25%
Information provided about your Foster and Kinship Care Service's role and responsibilities	13%	38%	13%	13%	0%	25%
Information provided about other agencies role and responsibilities	6%	31%	19%	13%	6%	25%
Information about positive behaviour support strategies and acceptable discipline practices	6%	50%	6%	6%	6%	25%
Your ability to access additional training specific to the child's needs if requested	13%	31%	19%	6%	6%	25%
Hope and Healing - trauma informed approaches	6%	44%	25%	0%	0%	25%
Overall Satisfaction	10%	43%	13%	6%	3%	25%

Kinship Carers

Statements	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
Information provided on Child Safety's Policies, Legislation and Procedures	10%	30%	20%	10%	10%	20%
Information provided to assist you with the kinship care role	10%	40%	20%	0%	10%	20%
Information provided about your role and responsibilities	10%	20%	10%	20%	20%	20%
Information provided about Child Safety's role and responsibilities	10%	20%	20%	10%	20%	20%
Information provided about your Foster and Kinship Care Service's role and responsibilities	10%	40%	10%	0%	20%	20%
Information provided about other agencies role and responsibilities	10%	30%	20%	0%	20%	20%
Information about positive behaviour support strategies and acceptable discipline practices	20%	10%	40%	0%	10%	20%
Your ability to access additional training specific to the child's needs if requested	10%	20%	30%	0%	20%	20%
Hope and Healing - trauma informed approaches	10%	10%	40%	0%	20%	20%
Overall Satisfaction	11%	24%	23%	4%	17%	20%

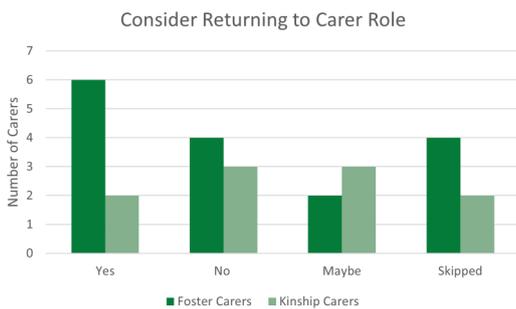
Overall Experience

Understanding a carer’s overview on how their experiences provides an insight the overall experience on their carer journey and whether they would recommend this voluntary role with other friends and family and/or return to this role at a later stage in their life.

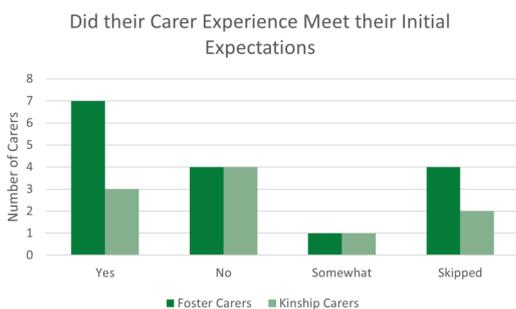


Advising a friend to become a carer varied between the two carer types—38% of foster carer participants indicated they would **maybe** advise a friend and 50% of kinship carers indicating they **would not** advise a friend to become a carer.

25% of foster participants **would** advise a family/friend to volunteer, however, only 10% (1 participant) stated they would.



Consideration in returning to their carer role, 38% of foster carers indicated they **would** return to this role later in life, whereas 30% of kinship carer participants stated they **would not** or **may** return to this role.



Both carer types provided insight as to whether their experience as a carer meet their initial expectation, to which 44% of the foster carer cohort stated their experience **did meet** their initial expectations. However, 40% of kinship carers stated the experience **did not meet** the initial expectations.