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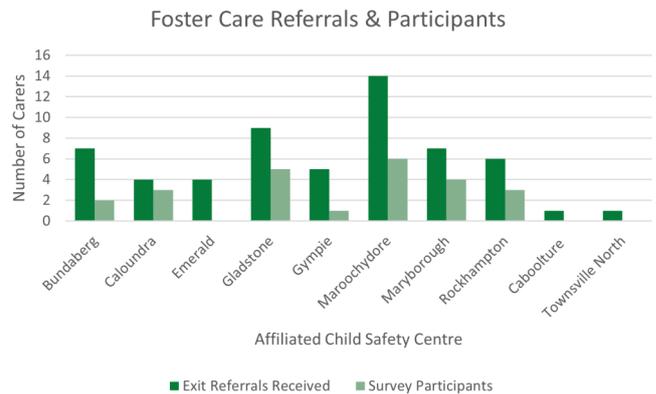
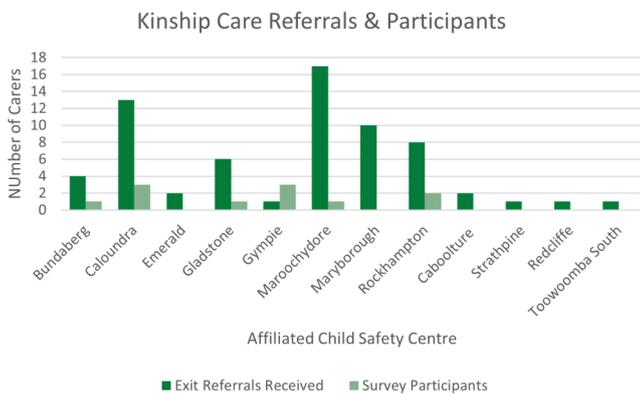
About the Foster and Kinship Carer

Queensland Foster and Kinship Care received 124 exit referral forms within the financial year of 2022-2023 for the Sunshine Coast and Central Region. From this sample, 35 (28%) individuals participated in the Carer Exit Survey - 24 foster carers and 11 kinship carers.

Participation rates differed between the two carer types, as 41% 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;

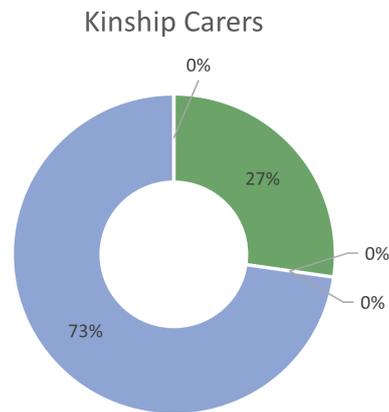
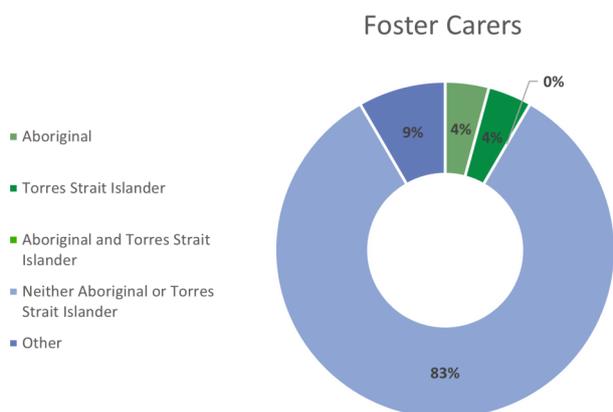
- 75% of foster carers are from Caloundra Child Safety Service Centre participated in the survey (4 referrals, 3 participants),
- 57% of foster carers are from Maryborough Child Safety Service Centre participated in the survey (7 referrals, 4 participants),
- 300% of kinship carers are from Gympie Child 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*),
- 25% of kinship carers participants are either from Bundaberg Child Safety Service Centre (4 referrals, 1 participant) or Rockhampton Child Safety Centre (8 referrals, 2 participants)

Please note referrals received by agencies provided information of other Child Safety Service Centres that are located in other regions, however, stated the carer was within the Brisbane and Moreton 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 35 participants within the survey, 14% identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and 86% identified as neither and/or other. The below graph provides a breakdown on the ethnicity of the participants and carer status.



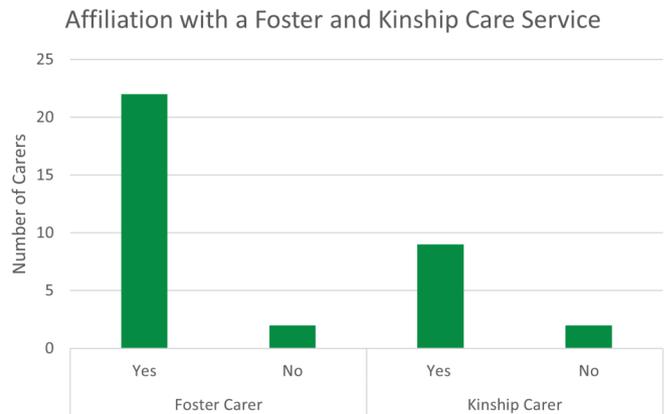
About the Role of a Foster and Kinship Carer

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

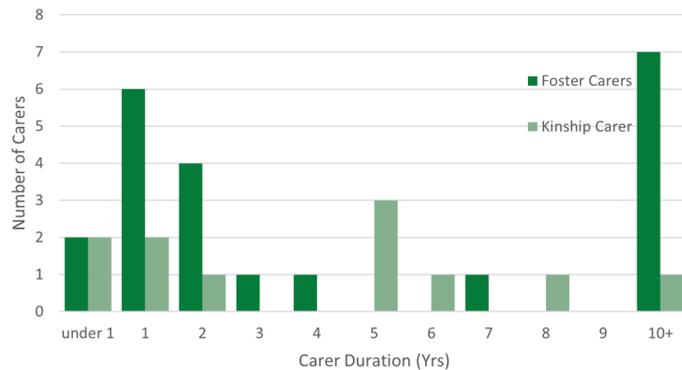
Foster and Kinship Care Services, also known as agencies, provide the day to day support for carers and children in care. Within the Sunshine Coast and Central region, QFKC is aware of 7 different agency organisations across the region supporting foster and kinship carers.

Participants provided insight to their Foster and Kinship Care Service (agency) affiliation and provided a response—refer to the graph. From survey results, 8% of kinship carers and 8% of foster carers stated they had no affiliation with an agency.



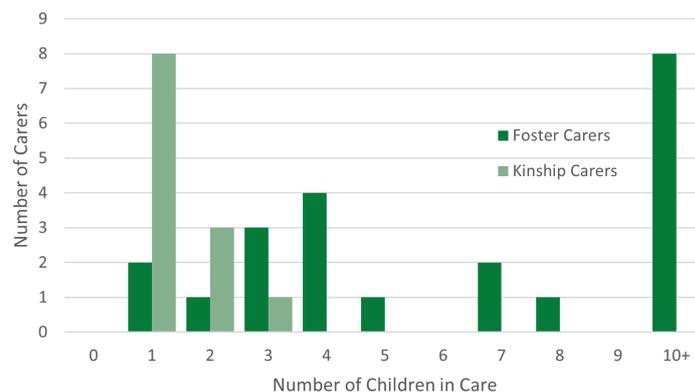
Carer Duration

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. *Please note 2 foster carers skipped this question, however, percentages reflect the total number of participants—24 foster carers.* From the Carer Exit Survey, majority of foster carers (29%) have left their role at 10 or more years, followed by another 25% leaving at the 1 year of caring. With kinship carers, 27% of carers left their role at 5 years of caring. The below graph provides survey results regarding how long the carer was in their role.



Child/ren in Care

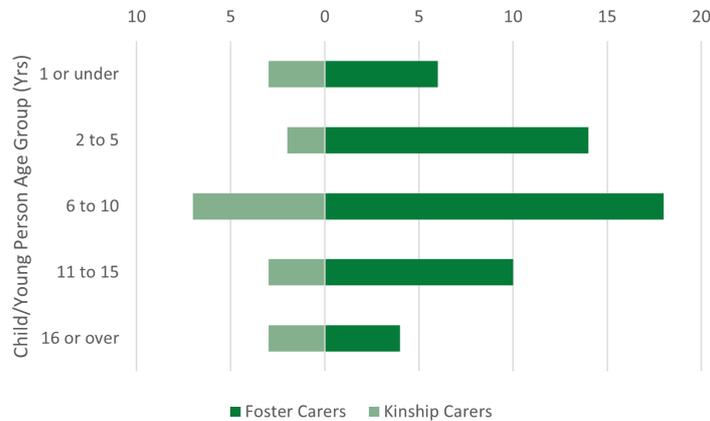
Foster and kinship carers were provided an opportunity to provide an overview on how many children were placed during their caring time. Survey results show 33% of foster carers had over 10 or more children in their care, followed by 17% having 4 children in their care during their time as a carer. Whereas, kinship carers in the Sunshine Coast and Central region had 73% carers having 1 child in their care, followed by 27% having 2 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.

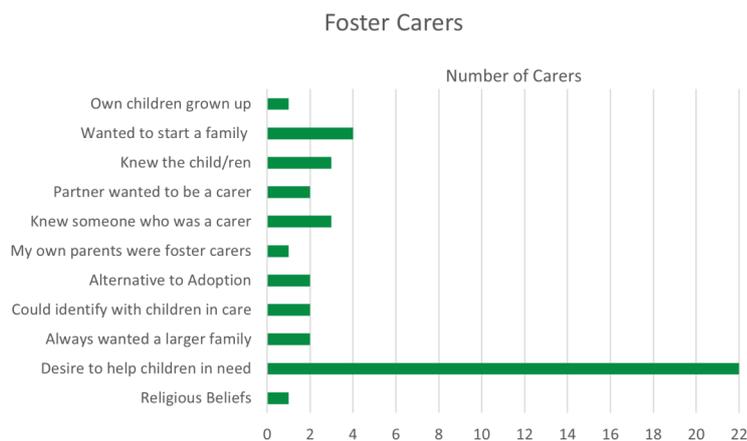
The below graph provides an insight on the age group foster and kinship carers cared for during their time, *please note that many carers have taken care of children for a long period of time and were able to select more than one age group to reflect this.*



In the above graph, foster and kinship carer participants in the Sunshine Coast region stated they provided more care for children ages between the ages of under 6 to 10 years. However, from the data above foster carers provided a larger range of care for children from the ages of 2 year to 15 years of age. Kinship carers within this cohort provided minimal care for children between the ages of under 2 to 5 years during their time as a carer.

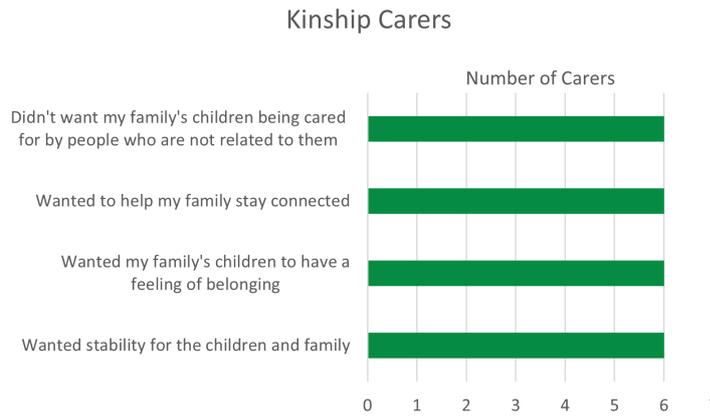
Initial Reason to Care

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. *Please note 2 foster participants skipped this question, percentage reflects the inclusion of the 2 as they are from the initial sample for the region.*



92% of foster carers in the Sunshine Coast and Central Region had the desire to help children in need. 17% of participants informed the reason they began fostering was due to them wanting to start a family. Furthermore other reasons include;

- 13% knowing the child/ren,
- 13% knowing someone who was a carer,
- 8% had their partner want to become a carer
- 8% saw fostering as an alternative option to adoption, could identify with children in care or always wanted a larger family



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

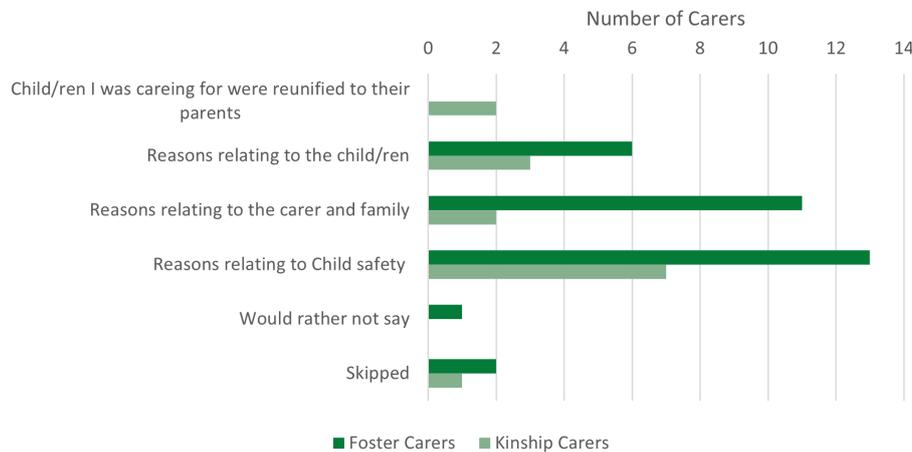
- 55% stated they wanted stability for the children and family,
- 55% did not want the children to be cared for by someone unrelated to them and,
- 55% wanted their family’s children to have a feeling of belonging or wanted to help the family stay connected.

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

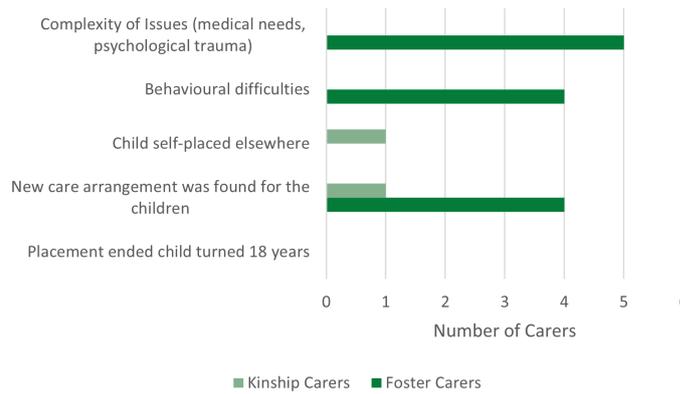
Participants were asked the reasoning for leaving their foster/kinship care role. 54% of foster participants left their role due to reasons relating to Child Safety. 64% of kinship carers within the Sunshine Coast and Central Region also indicated reasons relating to Child Safety was their main reasoning to discontinue their role as a carer. 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 provide greater 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.

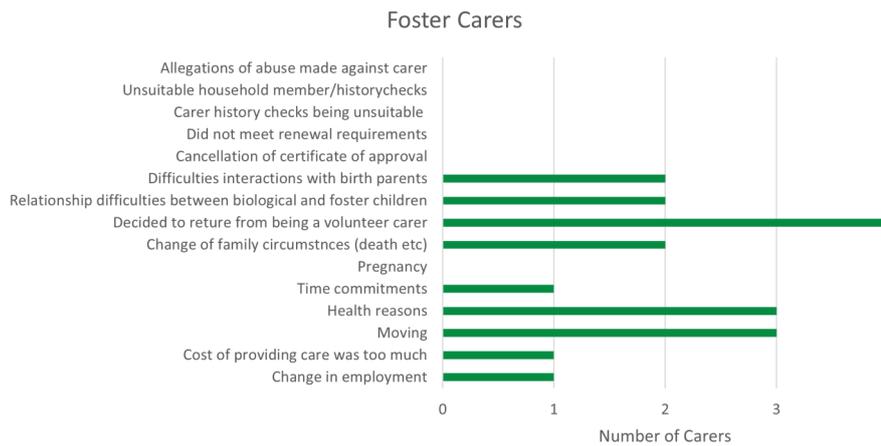
Please note only a number of participants, 11 foster carers and 2 kinship carers, participated in the next two graphs and were able to select more than one answer to provide further insight in making their decision to cease their role. Percentages provided includes all participants to provide a more accurate indication of carer results.

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



21% of foster care participants indicated there were complexity of issues such as medical needs, psychological trauma, that played a role in ceasing their carer certificate, no kinship carers from the Sunshine Coast and Central indicated this to be a reason. New carer arrangement was found for the child/ren was another reason that both foster and kinship carers left—17% foster carers and 9% kinship carers respectively. However, 9% of kinship carers informed that the child in their care had self-placed elsewhere. Furthermore, 17% of foster carers stated there were behavioural difficulties.

Reasons Relating to the Carer and their Family



17% of foster carers stated they decided to retire from being a carer, a further 13% moved or health related reasons that caused them to cease their carer role. 9% (1 carer) of kinship carers informed they left due to the cost of providing care becoming too much, with another 9% stating there were allegations of abuse made against them that caused them to discontinue.

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, 41% of foster carers and 32% of kinship carers had a **neutral** satisfaction level with Child Safety. 38% of foster carers indicated they were **very dissatisfied** with the ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety, however, 27% of kinship carer indicated they were **very satisfied**. The ability to appeal a decision made by Child Safety, 36% of Kinship carers were **very dissatisfied** with this statement. Further breakdown of the statements is on the next page

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	8%	0%	42%	17%	25%	8%
<u>Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety</u>	4%	8%	38%	4%	38%	8%
<u>Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety</u>	4%	8%	33%	8%	38%	8%
Child safety's policies and procedures for dealing with a Harm Report/SOC Process	8%	0%	50%	13%	21%	8%
Overall Satisfaction	6%	4%	41%	10%	30%	8%

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	9%	9%	27%	0%	36%	18%
Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety	18%	9%	27%	9%	18%	18%
Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety	27%	9%	27%	9%	9%	18%
Child safety's policies and procedures for dealing with a Harm Report/SOC Process	9%	0%	45%	0%	27%	18%
Overall Satisfaction	16%	7%	32%	5%	23%	18%

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

25% of foster carers within the Sunshine Coast and Central 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	25%	33%	21%	4%	8%	8%
The extent to which children and young people were provided with an opportunity to participate in decisions about their care	8%	17%	25%	17%	25%	8%
The arrangement for children to have contact with their parents and other family members	8%	17%	33%	21%	13%	8%
Opportunity for you to participate in professional development	13%	33%	29%	17%	0%	8%
The level of support provided to a child during the placement	13%	13%	29%	17%	21%	8%
The manner in which the carer approval process was undertaken	8%	38%	17%	17%	13%	8%
Your ability to have input into decisions about the child's care	4%	29%	25%	17%	17%	8%
The level of support provided to you during the placements	13%	21%	4%	17%	38%	8%
Overall Satisfaction	11%	25%	23%	16%	17%	8%

Kinship Carers

22% of kinship carers within the Sunshine Coast and Central Region were **satisfied** 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	9%	9%	18%	36%	9%	18%
The arrangement for children to have contact with their parents and other family members	9%	45%	18%	9%	0%	18%
Opportunity for you to participate in training specific to the needs of the children	27%	9%	27%	0%	18%	18%
The level of support provided to a child during the placement	18%	27%	0%	9%	27%	18%
The manner in which the carer approval process was undertaken	18%	27%	9%	18%	9%	18%
Your ability to have input into decisions about the child's care	9%	27%	9%	27%	9%	18%
The level of support provided to you during the placements	18%	9%	0%	18%	36%	18%
Overall Satisfaction	16%	22%	12%	17%	16%	18%

Communication and Support as a Carer

Communication and engagement between all stakeholder, 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 provide 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

22% of Sunshine Coast and Central foster participants were overall **neutral** with their engagement with stakeholders, however, breaking down the statements provided to the carers the results are as follows:

- 25% were either **dissatisfied** or **very dissatisfied** with the information provided to them regarding the child prior to placement;
- 33% were **very dissatisfied** with the engagement and response from Child Safety
- 29% were **very satisfied** with the engagement and response from their Foster and Kinship Care Service
- 25% were either **very satisfied** or **neutral** with the engagement and response 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	4%	17%	21%	25%	25%	8%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with Child Safety	4%	8%	17%	29%	33%	8%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with your Foster and Kinship Care Service	29%	25%	8%	13%	17%	8%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the QFKC Support Team (FAST)	8%	29%	38%	8%	8%	8%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the Community Visitor and or Child Advocate	25%	17%	25%	13%	13%	8%
Overall Satisfaction	14%	19%	22%	18%	19%	8%

Kinship Carers

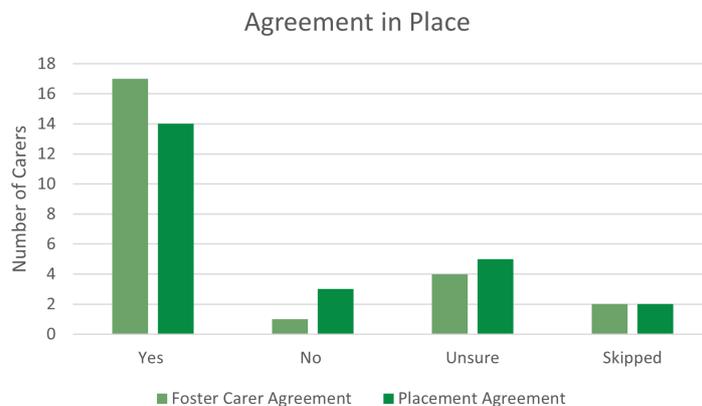
29% of Sunshine Coast and Central kinship participants were overall **neutral** with their engagement with stakeholders, however, breaking down the statements provided to the carers the results are as follows:

- 45% were **neutral** with the information provided to them regarding the child prior to placement;
- 27% were **very satisfied** with the engagement and response from Child Safety
- 27% were **very dissatisfied** with the engagement and response from their Foster and Kinship Care Service
- 36% were **very satisfied** with the engagement and response 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	9%	18%	45%	0%	9%	18%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with Child Safety	27%	9%	18%	9%	18%	18%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with your Foster and Kinship Care Service	18%	18%	9%	9%	27%	18%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the QFKC Support Team (FAST)	18%	0%	45%	9%	9%	18%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the Community Visitor and or Child Advocate	36%	18%	27%	0%	0%	18%
Overall Satisfaction	22%	13%	29%	5%	13%	18%

Foster Care & Placement Agreement

A Foster Care Agreement is a written agreement between the foster carer, Child Safety and Foster and Kinship Care Service, **71% 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. **58% of foster carers in the Sunshine Coast and Central region had a Placement Agreement in place**.



Placement Agreement Satisfaction

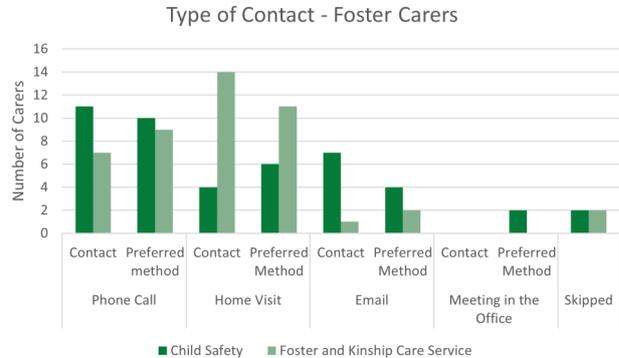
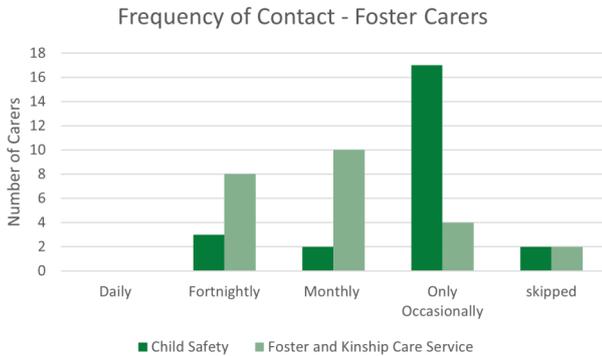
Foster carers were given the opportunity to provide their satisfaction level on the Placement Agreement, 25% of foster carers were **neutral** with how the Placement Agreement covered support. However, 29% of foster carers were **very dissatisfied** with how the meetings regarding the Placement Agreement 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	8%	17%	25%	8%	17%	25%
Satisfaction level of the Placement Agreement meetings provided a forum to work as part of a care team	4%	17%	17%	13%	29%	21%

Contact with Agency & Child Safety

Carers were given an opportunity to provide an overview of the regularity of contact between themselves with Child Safety and their agency.

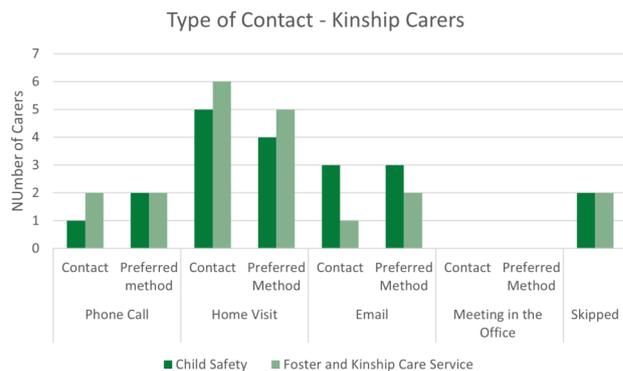
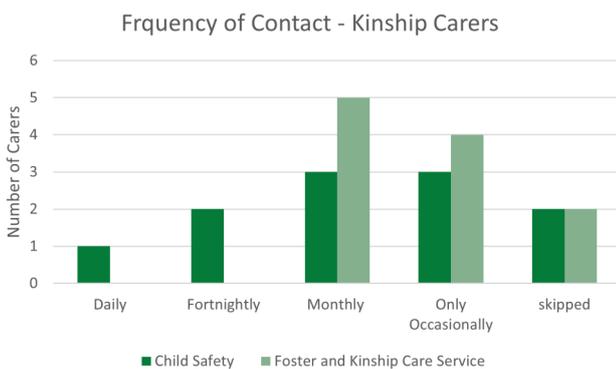
Foster Carers



Sunshine Coast and Central Region foster carers received contact from Child Safety **occasionally** (71%) and their Foster and Kinship Care Service on a **monthly** basis (42% of respondents). 33% of respondents also informed having **fortnightly** contact with their Foster and Kinship Care Service. Furthermore, from the data in the graphs above;

- 46% stated contact occurred through a **phone call** with Child Safety, whereas 29% stating this type of contact occurred with their Foster and Kinship Care Service,
- 58% stated contact with their Foster and Kinship Care Service occurred as a **home visit**,
- 42% would have preferred contact in the form of a **phone call** from Child Safety followed by 25% stating they would have preferred a **home visit** and,
- 46% would have preferred a **home visit** from their Foster and Kinship Care Service, followed by a **phone call** which 38% of carers stated.

Kinship Carers



Kinship carers within the Sunshine Coast and Central Region received contact from Child Safety either **monthly** (27%) or **occasionally** (27%), whereas contact with their Foster and Kinship Care Service occurred on a **monthly** basis (45%) followed by occasionally (36%). Furthermore, from the data in the graphs above;

- 55% stated contact occurred through a **home visit** with their Foster and Kinship Care Service, whereas 45% stating this type of contact occurred with Child Safety,
- 27% stated contact with Child Safety occurred through **email**,
- 45% would have preferred contact in the form of a **home visit** from their Foster and Kinship Care Service followed by 18% stating they would have preferred either a **phone call** or **email**,
- 36% would have preferred a **home visit** from Child Safety, followed by an **email** in which 27% having stated this preferred contact method.

Support Received and Requested

Participants were provided an opportunity to reflect 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.

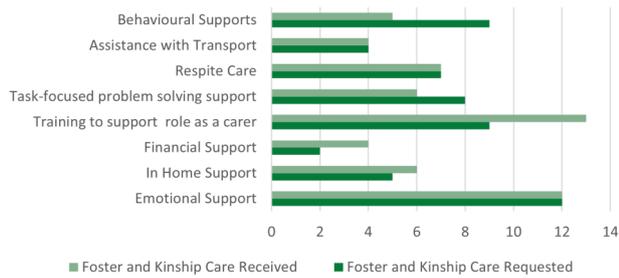
Carers were to indicate which stakeholder assisted them with their requested support, if they requested such support. Please note, some carers have ticked more than one option. Therefore the total amount of responses is reflected to the number of answers provides rather than the number of carers.

Foster Carers

Support Requested and Received from Child Safety



Support Requested and Received from Foster & Kinship Care Service

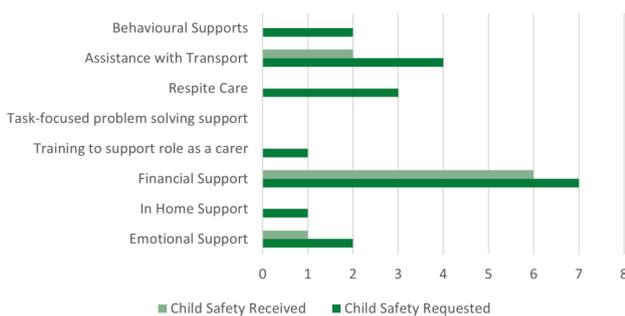


Support requested and received by Sunshine Coast and Central foster carers indicated that the majority of requested support were not received, with the exception of training to support their role as a carer (refer to the graph above—*Support Requested and Received from Child Safety*). From survey results, no respite care requests were fulfilled by Child Safety, however, 67% of assistance with transportation were fulfilled by Child Safety. In relation to Foster and Kinship Care Services;

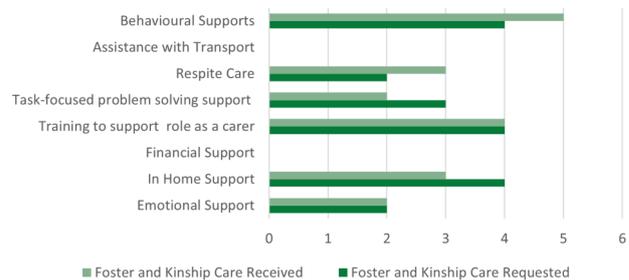
- 100% or more received the following support—emotional, in-home, financial, training, assistance with transportation and respite care, however;
- 56% stated receiving the requested behavioural supports and
- 75% received the problem solving support requested.

Kinship Carers

Support Requested and Received from Child Safety



Support Requested and Received from Foster & Kinship Care Service



Sunshine Coast and Central kinship carers indicated some of the requested supports were not received, these include in-home support, respite care, behavioural supports (refer to the graph above—*Support Requested and Received from Child Safety*). From survey results, no respite care requests were fulfilled by Child Safety, however, 67% of assistance with transportation were fulfilled by Child Safety. In relation to Foster and Kinship Care Services;

- 100% or more received the following support—emotional, training to support their role, behavioural supports and respite care, however;
- 75% stated receiving in-home supports and
- 67% received the task-focussed problem support requested.

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

36% of foster carers were overall **satisfied** with the carer allowance, in this question an average of 14% of Sunshine Coast & Central region foster care participants skipped this question. From the table below;

- 25% of carers were either **satisfied** or **neutral** with how reimbursements were if any out of pocket expenses occurred, where as 21% were **dissatisfied**,
- 38% were **satisfied** with the range of allowance provided to meet the cost of caring, however, 23% of foster carers indicated they were either dissatisfied or very **dissatisfied** with this statement;
- 50% were **satisfied** with how quickly to allowances were paid and,
- 33% were **satisfied** with the allowance payment rates however, another 25% were **dissatisfied**.

Statement	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
How quickly you were reimbursed when out of pocket expenses were incurred	13%	25%	25%	21%	4%	13%
The range of allowances provided by Child Safety to help meet the costs of caring for the child	4%	38%	17%	13%	13%	17%
How quickly allowances were paid	13%	50%	13%	4%	8%	13%
The allowances payment rates	8%	33%	13%	25%	8%	13%
Overall Satisfaction	9%	36%	17%	16%	8%	14%

Kinship Carers

23% of kinship carers were overall **very satisfied** with the carer allowance, however, 27% of kinship care participants within this region skipped this question (refer to the table below). From the table below;

- 27% of carers were **neutral** with how reimbursements were if any out of pocket expenses occurred,
- 27% were either **very satisfied** or **satisfied** with the range of allowance provided to meet the cost of caring;
- 27% were **satisfied** with how quickly to allowances were paid and,
- 27% were either **satisfied** or **very satisfied** 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	18%	0%	27%	9%	18%	27%
The range of allowances provided by Child Safety to help meet the costs of caring for the child	27%	27%	9%	0%	9%	27%
How quickly allowances were paid	18%	27%	9%	9%	9%	27%
The allowances payment rates	27%	27%	18%	0%	0%	27%
Overall Satisfaction	23%	20%	16%	5%	9%	27%

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.

Foster carers were overall **satisfied** with the training and development before and during their role as a carer, however, results show from the kinship carer demographic, 18% overall had a **neutral** satisfaction. Please note from this region, 13-17% of foster carer and 27% of kinship care participants skipped this question.

Insights from the survey results show the following;

- Majority of responses from foster carers were between the ranges of neutral to very-satisfied satisfactory for statements (refer to table below for Foster Care responses),
- 21% of kinship carers were **very** dissatisfied with the information provided about other agencies roles and responsibilities, whereas 21% of foster carers stating they were dissatisfied with this statement,
- 46% of foster carers were **neutral** with the information provided on Child Safety’s policies, legislation and procedures, however, 27% of kinship carers were **satisfied**,
- 33% of foster carers were **satisfied** with the Hope and Healing—trauma informed approaches, in which only 27% 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	21%	38%	8%	17%	4%	13%
Standard training - Starting Out	21%	33%	17%	8%	8%	13%
Advanced training - Continuous learning opportunities	21%	29%	21%	8%	8%	13%
Information provided on Child Safety's Policies, Legislation and Procedures	17%	17%	46%	4%	4%	13%
Information provided to assist you with the foster care role	17%	25%	25%	13%	8%	13%
Information provided about your role and responsibilities	21%	38%	21%	4%	4%	13%
Information provided about Child Safety's role and responsibilities	13%	21%	33%	13%	8%	13%
Information provided about your Foster and Kinship Care Service's role and responsibilities	29%	29%	13%	13%	4%	13%
Information provided about other agencies role and responsibilities	17%	25%	21%	21%	4%	13%
Information about positive behaviour support strategies and acceptable discipline practices	21%	33%	29%	0%	4%	13%
Your ability to access to additional training specific to the child's needs if requested	8%	29%	29%	13%	8%	13%
Hope and Healing - trauma informed approaches	17%	33%	21%	0%	13%	17%
Overall Satisfaction	18%	29%	24%	9%	7%	13%

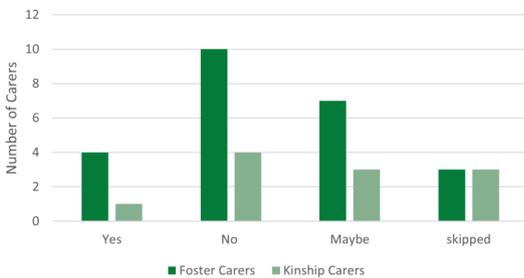
Kinship Carers

Statement	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
Information provided on Child Safety's Policies, Legislation and Procedures	9%	27%	18%	0%	18%	27%
Information provided to assist you with the kinship care role	18%	18%	18%	9%	9%	27%
Information provided about your role and responsibilities	9%	18%	18%	18%	9%	27%
Information provided about Child Safety's role and responsibilities	18%	9%	18%	18%	9%	27%
Information provided about your Foster and Kinship Care Service's role and responsibilities	18%	18%	18%	0%	18%	27%
Information provided about other agencies role and responsibilities	18%	9%	18%	0%	27%	27%
Information about positive behaviour support strategies and acceptable discipline practices	18%	18%	18%	9%	9%	27%
Your ability to access to additional training specific to the child's needs if requested	18%	18%	9%	9%	18%	27%
Hope and Healing - trauma informed approaches	9%	18%	27%	0%	18%	27%
Overall Satisfaction	15%	17%	18%	7%	15%	27%

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.

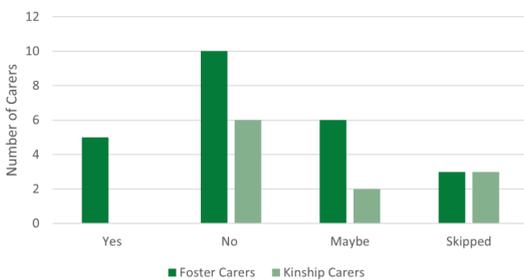
Advise a Friend to Become a Carer



Advising a friend to become a carer varied between the two carer types—42% of foster carer participants indicated they **would not** advise a friend in which 36% of kinship carers stating the same response.

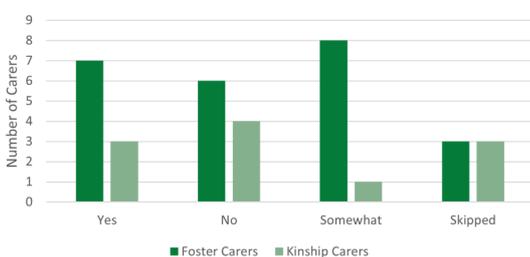
29% of foster participants would **maybe** advise a family/friend to volunteer, however, only 9% of kinship carers having the same response.

Consider Returning to carer Role



Consideration in returning to their carer role, 42% of foster carers indicated they **would not** return to this role later in life, whereas 55% of kinship carer participants stated they **would not**.

Did their Carer Experience Meet their Initial Expectations



Both carer types provided insight as to whether their experience as a carer meet their initial expectation, to which 33% of the foster carer cohort stated their experience **somewhat met** their initial expectations. However, 36% of kinship carers stated their experience **did not meet** their initial expectations.