

# Who can become a Community Foster Carer?

**Anyone over the age of 21 can apply to become a community foster carer with Wungening - call us for a yarn to find out more!**

Wungening welcomes foster carers from all backgrounds, life stages and age groups. Community foster carers can be singles, couples, same-sex couples and families.

You may be renting or living in your own home; employed, studying or retired; and come from diverse cultural, religious and ethnic

backgrounds.

A community foster carer is committed to ensuring that all of the needs of the child or young person in care are met. This includes their connection to culture and community and supporting their identity to help them thrive.

Apart from this important commitment, we also like to make sure that our community foster carers:

- Have a stable marital or relationship status (unchanged for the past year)

- Are physically, emotionally and financially stable
- Have not had a major illness or trauma during the past 12 months
- Be able to provide a child with their own room

If you are interested in finding out more as to whether you could be a community foster carer with Wungening, call our friendly staff for a yarn, or check out our website!



**MYTH:** One person can't make a difference in a child's life.

**FACT:** Having a stable, safe space where a child can be a child is the most important thing a foster carer can provide. Your care can be crucial in supporting a child and family through difficulty, whether that child is home after a few days or ends up on a long-term placement.

**Keeping our kids in care safe and connected  
– to family, community and culture**

To learn more or become a community Foster Carer visit:  
[www.wungeningNBM.com.au](http://www.wungeningNBM.com.au)

# FAQs

## Can I be a foster carer for Aboriginal children if I am not an Aboriginal person?

Yes! Wungening welcome carers from all backgrounds who are committed to caring for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children. You will be offered extra training and support to increase your knowledge of Aboriginal culture, so you are best placed to care for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child and support them to explore and learn about their culture and cultural connections.

## Do I need parenting experience to be a foster carer?

No! Children and young people in foster care need stability and support – anyone can provide this. If you have concerns about your experience with children, just remember that you will be provided training to ensure you are well-equipped and prepared to welcome a child into your home.

## Can you be a community foster carer if you have children still at home with you?

Yes! We need foster carers from all different backgrounds, including those who have children. Children and young people in out-of-home care can have complex needs requiring time and attention, which may mean that some placements will not be appropriate for those with children in the home. However, many children and young people will benefit from other children with whom they can socialise and develop, and these can provide additional strong relationships.

## Do I have to own my home to be able to foster?

No! You do not need to own your home, but if you are renting, you will need to check with your landlord about any restrictions on your tenancy agreement. We can help explain all of this to you and support you in this if you want to explore being a community foster carer further.

## Am I still able to work full/part-time?

Yes! Community foster carers might work full-time, part-time or not at all. If you work full-time, this may affect the type of care arrangement you can provide, which we can talk through with you.

## I am still unsure, where can I get more information?

That is ok and there is a lot of information to consider. You can find out more about community foster care on our website, or else you can also speak with one of our friendly staff members who will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

## Child Protection Acknowledgement

Wungening acknowledges that Child Protection has historically been a hurtful and traumatic experience for many people across our Community. We are proud to be part of the story shifting those experiences.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we deliver services to our communities across the Noongar Nation. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present and acknowledge the ancient connection they hold with their Country. We are the proud and strong descendants of the oldest living Culture in the world.

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