

WHY JOIN FCAV?

As the peak body in Victoria, we are the united voice of foster carers, advocating for systemic improvements, building productive partnerships and nurturing respectful relationships. We deliver a full range of information and support services to meet carers' needs at all points in their care journey.

CONTACT INFORMATION

BECOME A MEMBER!




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MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

As an FCAV member you have access to free advocacy, support & information. Your membership is instrumental to our strength, ensuring a better Victorian system for our carers, children and young people.

FOSTER CARE

- **SUPPORT**
- **INFORMATION**
- **ADVOCACY**



FCAV is the peak body for foster care in Victoria. We champion carers and support their role to provide the best possible experiences for children and young people in care, assisting them to reach their full potential.



CARER SUPPORT

The FCAV provides a range of foster care specific supports and services. The **Carer Support Team** includes carer advocates who provide information and advice to foster carers about navigating the home-based care system including:

- support and advocacy for foster carers involved in a Client Incident Management System (CIMS).
- Liaison with foster carer's agency, when necessary, to advocate for foster carers.
- Liaison with Department and other key stakeholders for individual advocacy.

The Carer Assistance Program supports carers' mental health and wellbeing through therapeutic short-term intervention delivered one-to-one, as couples or in group therapeutic settings.

The FCAV Learning and Development Program provides opportunities for carer peer support, forums and self care awareness, as well as facilitating sessions through Victoria's Carer KaFE training program on specialised topics for carer education.

CARER INFORMATION

Comprehensive and up to date foster care opportunities, information, legislation and policy information delivered in newsletters, during consultations and through the FCAV website. Offering specialised information on the full carer experience including placement support, legislative and policy implementation, financial and process information.



The FCAV acknowledges the unceded sovereignty of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge the continued connection to Country – including lands, cultural knowledges and their peoples – and pay our respect to Elders past and present.



FCAV celebrates the diversity of its carer membership, board and staff. We are committed to a workplace, policies and services that are safe and inclusive for LGBTQIA+ communities and their families.



SYSTEMS ADVOCACY

As the peak body for foster carers the FCAV has unique insight to gather, analyse and understand the lived experience of carers in Victoria and champion the needs and value of carers in their role caring for children and young people in care. This informs our advocacy for improved support to carers at a care team level, at sector level on working groups with Departments, and at a State and Federal Government level for systems improvement.

FOSTER CARE COMMUNITY

The FCAV's membership comprises foster care households all over Victoria as well as associate members and supporters from the sector and wider community forming awareness and engagement in foster care including:

- Foster Care Week
- Awards
- Sponsorships
- Forums
- Research
- Newsletters
- Social media sites
- Retreats
- Day excursions
- Art therapy and self care events
- Peer to peer forums and events
- Prizes and giveaways, philanthropy and schools education program
- Conferences and more... Get Involved!

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