

How do you become a Community Foster Carer?

You can become a Community Foster Carer with Wungening by giving us a call for a yarn, or completing our Expression of Interest form through the QR code below!

Wungening is always looking for Community Foster Carers who are committed to keeping our kids in care safe and connected – to family, community and culture.

Being a community foster carer is a serious commitment and involves everyone in a household. If you live with a partner or have children of your own, it is important to discuss fostering with them before applying.

All household members over 18 will be involved in the assessment process. You will all need to feel comfortable and ready to take the next step.

From this point, we can talk you through the process, answer any questions, and yarn about how we can best equip you with the information and skills you need.

We will do this through first helping you complete an application form, get the necessary reference checks, attend introductory sessions and partake in preparation training.



Contact Us
For more information, email fostercareteam@wungening.com.au or scan the QR code.



Introductory Phone Call
One of our team members will call for an initial yarn.



Danjoo Discussion
Together we all talk in more detail - you can ask any questions you might have.



Application Forms
By this stage, it's time for some official paperwork to be completed.



Reference Checks
Including: a Police Check, Working with Children Card, Household Safety Check, Carer Health and Wellbeing Check.



Introductory Sessions
We really start to get to know each other.



Preparation Training
Important preparation for foster care.



Official Assessment Meetings
A minimum of 5 face-to-face sessions are required.



Approval Process
Ngalla Bidee Mia panel assess your application for approval.

Register your expression of interest here!



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



FAQs

How do I become a foster carer?

The process of becoming a carer involves a number of steps and can take approximately 4 months or even longer as we work with you to make sure you have all the information and support you need to start your care journey with Wungening.

What are foster care information sessions?

Information sessions are an opportunity to hear from skilled Wungening workers about fostering, and for you to have your questions answered. An experienced foster carer will be invited to the session but may not always be available. Information sessions are offered in our Wungening Community Hubs.

What is preparation training?

Preparation training consists of 19 hours of training covering a wide range of topics to prepare applicants to work with children who have experienced significant trauma. You will receive a comprehensive resource package.

Do I and my partner have to attend all the preparation training?

Preparation training is compulsory for you and your partner in order to be approved as foster carers. This means that no child can be placed in your care until both of you have completed the training.

Are there any ongoing learning and development opportunities?

Carers are expected to engage in ongoing learning. Wungening provides regular opportunities for foster carers to engage in cultural learning and activities and engage with other Foster Carers.

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.

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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