



# who we are

CREATE Foundation is the national peak consumer body for children and young people with an out-of-home care experience. We represent the voices of over 40,000 children and young people currently in care, and those who have transitioned from care up to the age of 25.

Our vision is that all children and young people with a care experience reach their full potential.

Our mission is to create a better life for children and young people in care.

To do this we;

- **Connect** children and young people to each other, CREATE and their community **to**
- **Empower** young people to build self-confidence, self-esteem and skills that enable them to have a voice and be heard **to**
- **Change** the care system, in consultation with children and young people, through advocacy to improve policies, practices and services, and increase community awareness.



"I just wanted to let you know how relevant your service is for children in care. Like our little one, most children don't receive mail, birthday cards or special parcels in the mail... You give a child, and families like ours, a sense of connection and value."

Denise, kinship carer

## benefits of joining clubCREATE

By signing up the kids in your care to clubCREATE you are giving them access to endless opportunities to be heard and make a difference.

Our programs are free for children, young people and carers to attend. We have various activities that are held during school holidays, weekends and after school so kids in your care will be kept connected and entertained. Even if you live in a rural area you will still be connected to CREATE through our magazines, birthday cards and various other programs. Children, young people and carers have the choice of connecting with as much or as little as they want!

Children and young people have heaps of fun in a safe and positive environment and develop lifelong friendships with other kids and with CREATE. As a carer you will receive ongoing support from CREATE in helping the kids in your care reach their full potential.

# what we do

## CONNECT

**clubCREATE** is the gateway to CREATE programs and services and is available nationally to children and young people aged 0 to 25 who are in care or have a care experience. It's free to join and by signing up our members receive:



A **Welcome Pack** including a membership card and other great merchandise



An **Entering Care Kit** containing a backpack, book and toy for members entering care for the first time



A **birthday card** to help members feel valued on their special day



**Bimonthly clubCREATE magazines** full of inspiring stories, fun activities and competitions



Access to **FREE** events!

**Connection Events** are run throughout the year and are a great place for children, young people and carers to connect with each other in a fun environment and meet the CREATE team in their state or territory. These events include camps, workshops, parties and excursions to amusements parks. For carers, it's the perfect way to meet other carers and develop a strong support network. Events are free and held during the school holidays, on weekends and after school.



## EMPOWER

**Speak Up** is a training program for young people aged 14 to 25 who want to become a CREATE Young Consultant. These workshops are free and equip kids with the skills they need to ensure their voice is heard so they can make a difference to the care system.

**Youth Advisory Groups** are groups of children and young people aged 12 to 25 who meet regularly, usually at a fun activity like bowling, to discuss issues they are facing within the care system. They can also provide input into resource development, programs and general government or organisational policy.

"Thanks for giving [the child in my care] the opportunity to go to the circus workshop even though he was nervous about heights. He gave everything his best shot. He faced a few of his fears and he's proud of it."

Karen, Carer

"[Doing Speak Up and being involved with CREATE] brings closure. I never felt like I could speak up or like I was being listened to before. But now everyone's listening and people are really taking something away from our stories."

Kayla, clubCREATE member

## CHANGE

**Advocacy and Consultation** opportunities are given to young people so that they can have a say about the decisions that impact the child protection system in Australia. Our Young Consultants have used their stories and experiences to represent CREATE and other young people in care at local, state or national events and forums.



# how to join?

It's easy!



Simply go to our website  
**www.create.org.au**



or contact your nearest state  
or territory office on  
**1800 655 105** to get a  
membership form.

CREATE Foundation respects your privacy. We will only use the information that you provide us to provide our services to you and the children in your care. You can withdraw your membership at any time. For further information about how we collect, use and disclose your personal information, please refer to our Privacy Policy, available online.

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1800 655 105 is a free-call number that young people in care and their carers can use. However, there may be fees charged if calling from a mobile.

