

FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA POSITION:

From time to time, FCAV receives inquiries from people who have been in care and are now seeking their records, family members, foster carers and personal history. If you have had a care experience, or are supporting someone in this situation, the contacts below may be of assistance.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Family Information Network and Discovery (FIND)

Level 20

570 Bourke Street

Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Tel: (03) 8608 5700 or

Local call: 1300 769 926

<https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/family-information-networks-and-discovery-find>

For people who spent time in care, you can apply to FIND for records where your time in care ended up to 31 December 1989. If your time in care ended after this date (1 January 1990 onwards), please apply to the Freedom of Information Unit at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Freedom of Information Team

Department of Health and Human Services

GPO Box 4057

Melbourne, Victoria 3001

Tel: (03) 9096 8449

Toll Free: 1300 650 172

<https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/freedom-information-making-request-0>

VANISH

1st Floor, 50 Howard Street

North Melbourne, Victoria 3051

Tel: (03) 9328 8611

Toll Free: 1300 VANISH (1300 826 474)

Email: info@vanish.org.au

<http://vanish.org.au>

CREATE FOUNDATION

325-327 Queensberry Street
North Melbourne, Victoria 3051
Tel: 1800 655 105
<http://create.org.au>

OPEN PLACE

Open Place provides support and advocacy for people who identify as Forgotten Australians.

Suite 1/8 Bromham Place
Richmond VIC 3121
Tel: 1800 16 11 09
<http://www.openplace.org.au/>

CARE LEAVERS ASSOCIATION NETWORK (CLAN)

CLAN is a support and advocacy services for people who grew up in Australian orphanages, children's homes, foster care and other institutions. CLAN is based in NSW however offers services to people in Victoria.

CLAN
463 Chapel Road
Bankstown, NSW 2200
Tel: 1800 008 774
<http://www.clan.org.au/>