

CARER ADVISORY GROUPS

Do you...

- Have an interest in improving the kinship and foster caring experience for children and carers?
- Have an understanding about some of the challenges carers face in your area?
- Like to promote caring to the broader community?

***.....If this sounds like you then you may be interested in joining a
Carer Advisory Group***

What are Carer Advisory Groups?

Carer Advisory Groups are being developed to bring together foster carers, kinship carers, community service organisations, peak bodies and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to help create a stronger home-based-care system in your division and across Victoria.

What will Carer Advisory Groups do?

Carer Advisory Groups will provide kinship and foster carers with the opportunity to participate in consultation and comment on topics or issues to help inform decisions that impact on carers and children and young people in care; to help improve the caring experience.

How will Carer Advisory Groups work?

Carer Advisory Groups have been established in each of the four DHHS divisions; north, south, east and west. The groups meet at least four times a year and are co-chaired by a carer. There are approximately 20 members in each Carer Advisory Group and membership to the Carer Advisory Group is for a period of up to 18 months.

How are Carer Advisory Group members selected?

An expression of interest application is the precursor to be considered for membership. The application is an opportunity to demonstrate your interest in carer issues, and what you think you can bring to the Carer Advisory Group. If there are a greater number of carers interested in participating in the Carer Advisory Groups than the desired numbers, applications will be considered by a team consisting of Foster Association of Victoria, Department of Health and Human Services and an independent person.

If you have any questions regarding Carer Advisory Groups or about the application process please contact:

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