



FCAV - Strategic Focus 2019 - 2021

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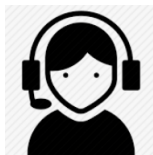
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.
We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Who we are: The Foster Care Association of Victoria (FCAV) is the peak body for Victorian foster carers. We provide information, support and advocacy for all Victorian foster families. We are committed to helping foster carers and delivering better outcomes for them and the children and young people in their care.

The FCAV Board has recently completed a strategic review, looking at what we should focus on to best support our Members over the next few years. The coming period is likely to be a period of change, with more children coming into care, an ongoing need for foster and community-based care, an increasing focus on professional foster care as an alternative to more traditional models of residential care, and shifts in how the child and family service system that carers rely on operates.

Our commitment: We will continue to support Foster Carers to look after the children and young people within their care, to help them navigate the care system, to advocate on their behalf and to collaborate with them and others to ensure that the foster care and broader care system evolve in a positive and sustainable way that improves the lives of children and young people and supports those providing care

Our Strategic Focus: Over the next three years 2019/20 – 2021/22 we are committed to ...



Continuing to support Foster Carers ... through our Newsletter, Helpline, the provision of individual advice and advocacy support and by providing access to training and peer support opportunities

Carer Census



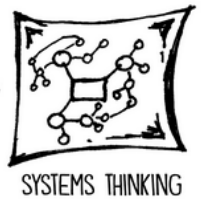
Building the evidence base needed to influence Government to engage in research... including conducting Carer Census every three years, gathering Carer feedback and conducting research into issues impacting Carer's and their ability to look after the children and young people in their care

Advocating for Carers and helping their Voice to be heard ... speaking out on the issues impacting Carers, making sure their views are listened to by CSO and ACCO Agencies and Government in what is shaping up to be a period of reform



Carer Voices

Collaborating ... and working systemically to help the care system evolve in a positive, culturally safe and sustainable way, **guiding** and responding to new models of professional and community-based foster care, and **driving change** to ensure that all Foster Carers get the support they need



SYSTEMS THINKING

Engaging with the Boarder Community, raising the profile of what carers do and education ... to build a better understanding of the role that Carers play and how the community can support them



Community support

Ensuring we can continue to provide quality support to our Members ... by making sure we have the team and resources needed to deliver our services well

