

## HELPFUL NUMBERS:



DCP Children's Abuse Report  
Line: 13 14 78

Connecting Foster & Kinship  
Carers SA: 1800 732 272

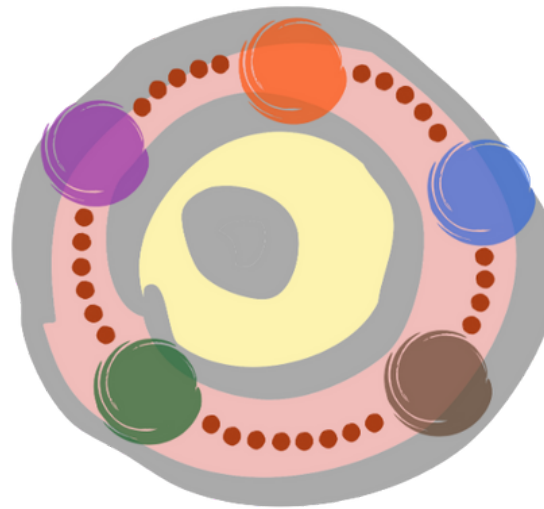
Office of the Guardian:  
08 8226 8570

DCP Crisis Care (after hours):  
13 16 11

Lutheran Care After Hours  
Support: 1800 772 867

Create Foundation:  
1800 655 105

*We do not walk behind and  
push, we don't walk in front and  
demand, we walk at your pace,  
alongside you on your journey.*



The KWy Kinship Carer Program is  
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## WHO WE ARE...

KWY is a leading South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation and Not-for-Profit, delivering services and providing knowledge to Aboriginal families and communities.

We offer many types of advocacy, interventions and support mechanisms to reduce violence against Aboriginal women and children.

KWY works in a holistic, culturally appropriate and trauma-informed manner.

### **KWY aims to:**

- Keep women & children safe
- Empower and strengthen families and community
- Draw on culture to promote healing and build resilience
- Provide an Aboriginal, trauma-informed approach
- Keep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children connected to their culture.

## WHAT IS KINSHIP CARE?

Children and young people who come into care due to child protection concerns can sometimes be placed with foster carers who are strangers. This experience can be traumatic for children as they may lose contact with their families.

Kinship Care provides children with the opportunity to live with members of their family, kinship group or Community members with whom they have a relationship.

Kinship Care is the preferred care option for children as it supports the requirements set out in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Placement Principle. The Principle aims to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children remain connected to their culture.

For more information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Placement Principle, please see [www.supportingcarers.snaicc.org.au/rights-of-the-child/child-placement-principle](http://www.supportingcarers.snaicc.org.au/rights-of-the-child/child-placement-principle)

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

### **Culturally Safe Carer Assessments**

To be able to provide care for a child, you must undergo an assessment to ensure you can meet their care and safety needs.

KWY uses the Winangay Carer Assessment Tool for assessments. Winangay's focus is on your strengths and how you will support children to be connected to their culture.

An assessment process takes up to 8 weeks and includes at least 3 home visits by a KWY assessment worker.

### **High Quality Support**

As a carer, you will have a support worker who will walk along side you to navigate the child protection system and make sure you have the knowledge, tools and skills you need.

Your support worker can advocate for your needs and help you over come any issues you may face.

### **Training**

You will have access to training to help you in caring for children who have experienced trauma, grief and loss.

