

## Media Release

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## Call to Arms for Foster Carers across the New England

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Foundations Care is this week sending a call to arms for potential foster carers in Guyra and surrounds in response to an increase in children and young people in the region requiring out-of-home care.

There are limited options for many children and young people in the area because of a lack of foster carers; this can sometimes result in siblings being separated or local children being moved out of area.

"We've seen an increase of children entering out of home care across the New England region, and are desperate for carers who can provide a child or children with a safe and stable home", said Anna Cooper Service Manager Foundations Care.

"We pride ourselves on the support we provide, not only to the children in care, but also to our Foster Carers. We value and recognise the important role Foster Carers play to ensure the best possible outcomes for our most vulnerable children. You can make a difference to the life of a child or young person in need"

"Foster Carers are Ordinary People doing Extraordinary things" said Anna Cooper

We welcome Foster Carers come from all walks of life, including but not limited to single carers, married carers, same sex carers, childless carers, carers of all ages, cultural backgrounds and varied levels of experience.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer please contact us via email <a href="mailto:receptionarmidale@foundcare.org.au">receptionarmidale@foundcare.org.au</a> phone 1300 395 005 or visit www.foundcarekids.org.au

Foundations Care is an organisation that truly understand the reality of foster care and what is needed to make the experience a rewarding one for both the foster child and the foster family. We recruit, train and support foster carers for children who can no longer live at home because their family is unable to look after them or they may be at risk of harm.

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