

# All about permanency

## Information for children



### FACS and your caseworker want you to know that...

We are working to make things better for you

We want you to have a home where you are safe

We want you to know about your culture

We will provide services to help and support you

### What does 'permanency' mean?

'Permanency' means living in the same home and getting help and care from the same people. Every child should feel safe and that they belong to their family and community. Every child should have the services they need to help them grow.

### Every child should be able to:



- Go to the same school



- Keep the same friends



- Know their family and be able to talk to them



- Learn about their culture

### Children have also told us that permanency means:

Staying in one place

Being loved and happy

Being a part of something

Being somewhere safe for as long as you want to be there

### Safety is important

Living in a safe home is important. When things are not safe at home we think children and young people are the most important people to look after. The law in Australia says this, too.

If home isn't safe for you, we have to find somewhere that is. If your home is not safe, FACS and your caseworker will work with you to make changes so you:



- feel safe and wanted



- see a doctor if you are sick



- have enough food to eat



- go to school every day



- have clean clothes every day



- stay connected to the people who are special to you

## How FACS is helping you

If your home isn't safe:

- We will ask you what you think is the best way we can help you.
- We will try and help Mum and Dad make home safe for you.
- We will work to find somewhere safe for you to live as soon as possible.

There are different ways to get to 'permanency'. You might be with your family or a special person called a carer. Your caseworker will help your carer to give you a safe home.

Culture is an important part of who you are. Culture can mean special activities and food, the language you speak, and celebrations. Your caseworker and your carer will make sure you stay connected to your family and culture.



Your voice is important. You, and what you want, matter. You have the right to have a say in your care and your future.

### Talk to your caseworker

If you are worried about anything, tell your caseworker. You can always ask your caseworker for advice or help. Your caseworker can answer questions about permanency, help you with school, and arrange for you to talk to or visit your family. Caseworkers can talk to you about your future.



My name is

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My caseworker is

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My plan for a safe and caring home is

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