

Permanent
Care and
Adoptive
Families



MEMBERSHIP

We welcome everyone to join us

Every child who cannot live permanently with their birth parents deserves to thrive in a strong, stable, and permanent family.

JOIN TODAY

"I felt heard and supported for the first time in 17 years as a kinship carer."

"Love the way you provide practical help and support. It is nice to know that I have a wall of support and there are no cracks. You are all AWESOME!"

"Meeting with this peer support group is like my own form of self care."

"Thank you for your kind and encouraging words, funding support and mental support. You have allowed us to concentrate on keeping everyone happy and well."

"Such a helpful and pro active organisation. Everyone I have spoken with has been easy to talk to and sympathetic to the complex situations many families find themselves in."

"This service is very important to me and others needing these services. Thanks for being patient with my computer illiteracy too!"

Members of PCA Families

Advising and supporting families today, advocating for tomorrow
PCA Families is the leading not for profit member based organisation offering financial and other supports for families formed by permanent care, kinship care or adoption. Offering you access to trauma informed advice, support and services informed by research and lived experience.



Join PCA Families now to access:

Expert Advice and Support

- Parenting children who have traumatic early life experiences and disrupted attachment can bring its own challenges and can often require a parenting response that is not always inborn.
- Access to trauma informed and lived experience is invaluable in guiding you on your parenting journey.
- We offer access to professional staff Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm on our helpline, offering information, advice and support.
- Many of our staff also have lived experience.



Flexible Funding

- Flexible funding is available to support ongoing care and respite needs of eligible families where other sources of funding have been exhausted or don't exist. Offering a source of funding for therapeutic, educational, medical and other needs that support children to thrive in strong, stable families.



Peer Support

- Peer support offers members an opportunity to share with other parents and carers the unique experiences of parenting children where families are formed by adoption, permanent or kinship care.

Advocacy and Representation

- Be part of our collective voice to influence decision makers awareness and understanding of the issues and solutions for our families, and to drive reform of public policy and services, including social investment initiatives.

Communication and Education

- Find out about training and development programs, grants and other resources, key policy and regulatory matters, our Youtube recordings and more in our Communication Updates.

Better Futures and Home Stretch Funding and Support

- Better Futures support programs for young people on a permanent care order who are 15 years and 9 months to get the support to enter university, get employment or otherwise assist them as they get older with information, advice and funding.
- Home Stretch allowance is available to support young people between 18 and 21 years of age to remain living with you or to move to other housing like private rental.

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FAMILIES
NOW >>>**

Stability is key for children to recover from trauma and disruption. Stability has the potential to minimise negative life outcomes (poor mental health, underperformance at school, difficulty in building meaningful relationships, and time spent in the youth justice system). The earlier children find themselves in a permanent arrangement, the more likely they are to effectively heal and start the recovery journey.