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Foster Carers open their hearts and their homes to children and young people who are unable to live at home with their own families because of abuse or neglect. More Foster Carers are needed throughout Central Queensland.

Almost anyone who wants to make a difference in a child's life, can become a Foster Carer. Foster Carers come from all walks of life. The main criteria is that you can provide a safe and caring home for a young person. It is a special job that needs people with a generous heart.

AnglicareCQ will provide the training and support you need.

If you or somebody you know could open their heart and their home for a child in need, please contact the AnglicareCQ Foster Care Team. You just need to be you and have the passion to make a difference in a child's life.

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