



Long term foster care

This form of care is for children where serious neglect or abuse has occurred, or there is significant family breakdown and it is not possible for the child or young person to return to their own parents. Long term care may be needed until the young person reaches 18 years.

Who we are

Yuranha Walan has been operating in the Western NSW region since 2015. It was established to provide out-of-home care for Aboriginal children and young people who cannot remain at home due to abuse and/or neglect.

Yuranha Walan covers areas ranging from Mudgee to Cowra and across from Lithgow to Parkes.

Yuranha Walan's office is currently located at the following address:

Yuranha Walan

**160 Kite Street
Orange NSW**

Are you interested in becoming a foster carer?

Yuranha Walan is currently looking for Aboriginal people who are looking to care for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children who cannot live safely with their families.

Yuranha Walan carers are paid a tax free care allowance.

If you are interested in caring for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and would like to know more please contact us:

Phone: (02) 6393 6000

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Email: ywrecruitment@barnardos.org.au

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Aboriginal Foster Care



We believe every child deserves a safe and supportive home.



Helping Aboriginal children and young people

- Yuranha Walan believes that Aboriginal children are best raised by their own families however when they are unable to remain at home, they should maintain connections with their community and kin.
- Yuranha Walan places Aboriginal children and young people in care situations that support their individual identity and self esteem and that meet their social, emotional and behavioural needs.
- Yuranha Walan ensures that the child or young person's family or kinship group are involved in all aspects of work such as case planning, providing support, reviewing and monitoring case plans and planning for children or young people to exit care.

Yuranha Walan will also support children, young people and carers in kinship care arrangements. Kinship carers will also be required to undergo carer assessment to ensure the best possible placement for the child or young person.

Our carers

Yuranha Walan recruits, trains and supports Aboriginal carers, and case manages children and young people in out-of-home (foster) care.

Yuranha Walan also offers support to carers who have children or young persons in their care as a result of family kinship ties, and provides support for the care of these children.

All potential carers are assessed regardless of their relationship to the child or young person as the need for support and supervision are always based on the findings of the assessment.

Yuranha Walan ensures that only people best able to meet the individual needs of children and young people are recruited as authorised carers and that carers receive appropriate training and on-going support for their roles.

Yuranha Walan also provides carers with opportunities to participate in decisions such as case planning and ensures that carers' rights are respected.

What is out-of-home care?

Out-of-home care is also called foster care or kinship care. Children can enter the out-of-home care system when the Department of Family and Community Services has assessed that the child is 'at risk of significant harm' and unable to live safely at home. When this decision is made, the Department must take the matter to the Children's Court for a care order.

Types of out-of-home care

These descriptions are from a training guide for Aboriginal people applying to become foster carers in NSW, called 'Our Carers for Our Kids'.

Emergency, crisis or short-term placements happen when the Police or FACS believe a child or young person is at immediate and serious risk of harm. They may also be used during adjournments in Children's Court proceedings.

Respite care is a valuable form of foster care for regular planned periods of time to give families and carers a break while providing a positive experience for the child or young person.