

**Please note:**

To preserve the anonymity of survey respondents, information that could identify individual children or young people has been removed from this Appendix. Personal names have been replaced with asterisks (\*\*\*\*). Other identifying information, such as the names of places or services, has been replaced with generic terms.

Where more than three respondents made the same response, the number of those who made that response is noted in brackets. For example, if 200 children responded “Not really,” then that comment is recorded as: Not really (200 responses).

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## Do you feel safe here?

### Young people

#### (Questionnaire 1, Question 21)

##### *“Yes” responses with comments*

- No (8 responses).
- Cool.
- My carer is doing a great job looking after me.
- I feel that my foster parents are very wary of my health.
- They're great.
- Because the carer looks after me.
- I have been here all my life, my parents care about me.
- Because my carers treat me like their daughter. They treat me better than my mum.
- No one harrasses me here. No one annoys me here. I don't get bullied, don't get pushed and shoved.
- Depends who is here - when there are aggressive or angry residents - don't always feel safe - we tell the nurses but they often laugh it off.
- They always look after me and I can talk to them.
- Sometimes the external doors left unlocked.
- It's a safe place.
- Because my Mum and Dad are so caring.
- Yes, really safe.
- I feel safe with the carer, but don't feel safe living in this street because it is too close to old foster carer.
- Very.
- It's alright. Better than staying with my Mum.
- Besides having fights with other kids, it's been OK.
- Staff are 'really nice and easy to talk to.'
- I feel safe because it's home.
- Good strong environment.
- Good place.
- I like it here.
- It's fun.
- I love my current placement and feel safer than I did when I was with my Mum.
- My carers are lovely.
- I like it here, most carer's don't care as much as \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\*.
- They take care of me.
- I like being here because I don't like having my leg broken anymore.
- I feel very safe here because I know nothing is going to happen to me.
- Live with grandparents. (2 responses)
- I love my foster carers 'cause they treat me like I'm a part of their family.
- I love living here.
- I want to go home.
- They don't drink, don't hit me.
- This household is good and friendly, everyone gets along if everyone respects each other.
- I feel very safe at home.
- It's my Nan and Pop - they are cool.
- This family is a very caring home.
- My foster family is one of the very best I have ever lived with.
- I love it here.
- I love it - I'm a lot happier and \*\*\*\*\* is the best.
- Because my carers make sure that I am happy.
- I don't know.
- Lots of them fed every day. Doors locked at night. Because \*\*\*\*\* has gone.
- Auntie \*\*\*\*\* (his carer) is just the best, I love her cooking. I don't know who I'd be with if Auntie \*\*\*\*\* didn't step in.
- \*\*\*\*\* is a great carer, I have food provided and a home to live in. She is very lenient.
- Plenty of other people who look out for me.
- No drugs or alcohol. Calm environment.
- Cause they don't drink, have parties or get angry.
- Well every foster home has their ups and downs cause you don't know them all that well but I feel safe here they feel like my real parents.
- It alright but it's a bit boring really, but I really like going with the youth worker. THEY ROCK.
- I feel safe here because of my dad. He does not know where I am.
- It's good here.
- And it is also fun here.
- Definitely
- I love my carers with all my heart and never wanna leave here ever.
- I love it at my placement. She is a mum to me and I love her and I respect her home.
- It's fun here.

- We feel more safe than when we lived with Mum.
- I never want to leave this family.
- Cause I'm with my family.
- This is my home and I feel safe.
- Around parents.
- Normal family.
- Yes, I got guardianship last [month cited] and I couldn't be happier.
- I feel really, really, really safe here. I don't even feel uncomfortable. !!!!
- No strangers here.
- I know no one will be bashing anyone, screaming, or battles and stuff going on in the group.
- I really like here but I would like to go back home.
- If I do the wrong thing I go to my room.
- It's great.
- I'm with my grandparents.
- I like living here it has helped me greatly thank you.
- It is better than the other places - it has things that others don't
- She really looks after us.
- Sometimes, not all the time.
- I like it here - I am safe here I get to do many different activities and I get pocket money.
- I feel safe but I've got a lot of people coming in and out and I don't call it home, I'm still meeting them all.
- I feel safe here and I know everyone at school and around town.
- Always.
- They look after me so well as if I were one of their own children and that's how I feel.
- Treated well, plenty food, loved, given a bed and clothes.
- They're really nice.
- I love this place because they love me just like I was their own.
- Living here in this environment with these people makes me feel safe.
- Apart from spiders and bugs.
- Of course.
- Great.
- I'm safe and everything is real good.
- Relatively.
- Dad has good things that keep us safe.
- I like it here. I feel protected here.
- I like it here because it's fun, I feel free and I can walk around the yard and be safe, they are the best parents I've ever had.
- They're an awesome, loving and safe family.
- Because she is my grandma and my mum and aunty trusted her, so I can too.
- I am helped with my work and she takes care of me.
- Because I have lived here practically all my life.
- They love us like we are their own kids.
- Mum and Dad (carers) will protect me. I feel loved, cared about and wanted.
- I have a warm bed and I get every meal everyday. They love me, and care about me.
- Very safe. She is like a mother and grandmother to me.
- I love my family.
- It's crap.
- This is the best house in the world, and I love my mum and dad.
- They keep the house locked at night.
- Two lovely people (carers).
- I don't feel safe when I get yelled at.
- My carer is a custodial supervisor so I feel safe.
- All the time.
- Yes I love this house.
- I feel safe here because it is a caring family.
- I feel safe because I have Nanny (carer).
- Sometimes I feel safe sometimes I feel like I don't belong here.
- Hell yes.
- It's a safe place.
- I'm almost 16 so I can do a lot of things myself.
- I love it here.
- \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* are very caring carers.
- Grandad only lets some people in the house.
- Grandparents look after her.
- It's good.
- All people are loving and caring.
- Got hit.
- Most of the time except when my brother comes to stay.
- I feel safe and comfortable but I would like to go home.
- I feel safe here because you can talk to someone about your problems and they keep you safe every night.

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### *“No” responses with comments*

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- Problems with other tenant.
- Don't feel safe in [Brisbane location].
- Not really.
- Would rather be living with dad.
- I always get hit when I am bad sometimes.
- Carer can be mean - yelling.
- Sometimes. There has been some D.V.
- It's f\*\*king bullshit the adults are f\*\*kwits and the rules are stupid.
- Well I am a 15 year old, and I expected to be treated my own age. I want my own space, and my own normal life.
- Because when the carers go home we don't know who's coming and we wish to know.
- I'm sometimes scared if people laugh at me. Sometimes I start crying I walk away because I am not happy.
- Other residents issues (not directed at me).

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### *Provided comments only*

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- Sometimes (3 responses).
- Sometimes potential fear of things happening like break-ins.
- Depends on the carer.
- Kind of - because I am scared at night because of noises.
- Maybe.
- Kind of - more yes than no.
- Not too sure.
- Sometimes I feel safe, this doesn't feel like home.
- Sort of. No one hurts me but I want to go back and be with my brother and sister.

## **Children**

### **(Questionnaire 2, Question 21)**

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### *“Yes” responses with comments*

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- Always.
- Feel very safe here because \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* love me.
- Like living here 'cause carer lives here too and keeps her safe.
- She knows her carers are here to look after her and to keep her safe.
- Sometimes any when I come back.
- My aunty and uncle buy me things let me do things and love me they play games with me.
- More than any other place totally love this place.
- Like living here. (2 responses)
- Not always.
- I don't like it at \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\*'s when they pull my pants down and smack my bottom \*\*\*\*\*.
- Because I love \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* carers.
- My carers keep us safe. They keep us safe at the shops by holding our hands.
- Because we don't live in the city. No one is dangerous in this house.
- Treated equal.
- My carers are very nice.
- I love it here.
- Worry that Mum and Dad might come to get me.
- Because my grandma looks after me and takes care of me.
- Sort of sometimes when I feel sick I don't go to the doctors.
- This is a safe house.
- Feel good here.
- Staying with carer makes him safe.
- Aunty \*\*\*\*\* house.
- No one is going to jump in and kill me for no reason because that would be so weird.
- It is the best placement.
- Because I know this is a safety house.
- Because she looks after me well.
- Because people look after me well.
- It's fun.
- I just want you to know I am safe here.
- Yeah I really like it here.
- Because carer will never stop loving me.
- I observed that the child is very comfortable with her carer, physically and verbally.
- Things are pretty good.

- It's fun.
- I want to stay here until next year, then I want to go to my family in [rural/remote location].
- Keep dry from the rain (raining while on today's visit).
- \*\*\*\*\* looks after me.
- I know they can look after me.
- Because carer looks after me.
- I'm not scared.
- We have a fire alarm.
- They look after us.
- Because I do something that I'm told sometimes.
- Most of time they protect me.
- Pop looks after us. He makes sure we don't get hurt.
- Because I don't get bossed around \*\*\*\*\* isn't allowed to hurt me.
- I just feel safe.
- And I get lots of hugs.
- Because \*\*\*\*\* is a really good carer.
- Sort of, \*\*\*\*\* mum exboyfriend threatened to shoot at the house.
- Sort of sometimes.
- Because carer (Mum) looks after me.
- Safe in the yard and house.
- Watch TV and play with \*\*\*\*\*.
- It's fun.
- I get growled at when I am not doing anything wrong. Everybody growls at me.
- Get lots of food and clothes.
- I used to get hit in my room at my house so I came here.
- Don't know and just feel safe.
- Some kids tease me.
- Trampoline.
- "Sort of" scared of \*\*\*\*\*.
- Pretty good, they're helping us with stuff.
- Because there is locks on the doors for when strangers come.
- Definitely.
- Except when a robber came in to the house.
- I feel loved here, but I fight with my sisters.
- She's always nice to me, but sometimes she yells at me.
- Triple yes!! "It's the best house in the world."
- When \*\*\*\*\* is gone, I'll be really safe, \*\*\*\*\* is really strong.
- Want to live with his mum.
- I don't get hurt and I am loved.

- If we stay out the back no-one can take us and that's really safe.
- Not at my Mum's but \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* (carers) are good.
- Love to leave with grandmother.
- Sometimes.
- Because \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* are here to look after me. I don't go near the cane.
- \*\*\*\*\* is a responsible carer, as she has cared for us for 8 bright happy years.
- But don't want my parents to know my address.
- If strangers come I lock the doors.
- I do.

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#### *"No" responses with comments*

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- I don't know.
- At night I get scared of ghosts.
- Very happy.
- An older child in care (ie. intellectually disabled has been asking my brother to touch).
- Because a child (boy) in care aged 16 with an intellectual disability, has been asking my brother to touch his penis.
- I think the other boys might hurt me.
- Because I want to live with Mum and Dad. They can take me to many places.

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#### *Provided comments only*

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- Sort of sometimes when I feel sick I don't go to the doctors.
- Sort of, \*\*\*\*\*'s mum exboyfriend threatened to shoot at the house.
- Sort of sometimes.
- "Sort of" scared of \*\*\*\*\*.

## Does your carer understand you?

### Young people

#### (Questionnaire 1, Question 22)

##### *“Yes” responses with comments*

- Sometimes (12 responses).
- Most of the time (8 responses).
- No (8 responses).
- She does sometimes.
- I can talk to her.
- She listens to me.
- They listen to me.
- My mum tells me she loves me and give me big smoochy kisses.
- They understand me lots, they listen to me.
- My Nan had three teenage daughters, so she understands.
- Well, she gives eye contact. No eye contact is rude.
- Some do some don't.
- I can talk to them about anything.
- Tries her best to.
- Only when I speak clearly.
- Pretty much.
- She's great.
- YP stated all team at facility were helpful and he received help with school work and his special interests.
- My carer understands me when I'm upset or depressed.
- Sometimes - they are elderly and unwell.
- A lot.
- But I feel that one of the three carers doesn't understand me. He's too old to understand young fellas.
- Kind of.
- Very much.
- She listens.
- Half the time.
- Yes Mum understands me all the time.
- Well I can always tell someone in my care whether it's my foster parents or one of the older ones I always have someone to tell.
- She is cool.
- Easy to talk to.
- They understand things I go through and they understand why I take medication.
- Sometimes.
- They don't really listen to what I have to say.
- YP indicated she 'loves Mum and Dad' referring to foster parents - they are easy to talk to.
- I think they understand.
- Most of the time but they are a bit old.
- Sort of.
- My carer makes a great effort to understand me and one that not many others have made.
- But she doesn't always let me go to places I want to go to.
- Sometime Nan doesn't let me go places I want.
- She listens to my problems and stuff - she helps me sort out things.
- Well he knows be better than I know myself - I've known him since I was 5 years old. I always wanted to live here.
- She listens to us.
- Maybe sometimes I don't feel like it though.
- Because they make see things more clearly.
- They listen to everything I say unless they're on toilet or phone.
- A few. Have 4 carers at the moment.
- Most times.
- They are very calm I see they get cranky if you push the wrong button like anyone else.
- Nil.
- She understands me when I get in trouble - she listens to what I like understand I'm scared of the dark because of my Dad.
- Everyone of the workers treat me with respect & make sure I'm safe.
- Not always though.
- Whenever I need them even if I don't they still listen to me.
- She always listens to me and provides for me.
- My carer is the best.
- I don't know.
- Sometimes - but Dad and brother mumble and I can't understand them.
- They act like they do but I don't know if they do.
- Carer crossed out and Parents written instead. I have lived here for 14 years, obviously they would!
- She understands me a lot and I love her very much she is like my real mother. I love her so much!!!
- Aunty can talk to me. She will help me even if she knows I'm not telling the truth. She understands my Mum because her Mum did the same stuff.
- Sometimes doesn't because I talk fast.

- They know how to help me and that's great.
- Not sure.
- A lot.
- Sometimes, sometimes not.
- Sometimes, sometimes not. I find it hard to explain things.
- She is a good carer and I love Nanna and I trust her more than I trust anyone else.
- "Sometimes they get confused."
- She understand me well. And I know I can go to her for help.
- Always.
- Some of them.
- Not always.
- Yes because she listens to you.
- Because I have been here so long.
- She helps me a lot.
- They know my entire life and I feel they do understand me.
- Yes I can speak freely.
- \*\*\*\*\* my foster mother is very easy to talk to and I tell her everything. The others are great as well I am just closer to \*\*\*\*\*.
- Pretty much.
- I don't really tell them because I know.
- Heaps.
- She understands everything.
- She is lucky to have me.
- 3 carers. 2 out of 3 do.
- Except 1 worker.
- Yeah - gets me what I want.
- Sometimes they don't.
- They understand me very strongly.
- Always discuss issues/problems - understand me, give me advice.
- She is nice and loveable and funny.
- We get along like a house on fire.
- We talk to each other.
- I don't know.
- In some ways.
- She always understands me. She loves me.
- They are always here for me.
- Sometimes.
- She understands when I talk about problems.
- Yes they give me time to talk to them about stuff.
- She understands how I feel and she know my wants and needs.
- Very supportive.

- We get listened to a lot.
- Better than anyone else.
- Definitely she helps me with my school work and she's the best!
- Sometimes but sometimes they don't.
- When I say something to them about something otherwise they don't know.

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#### *"No" responses with comments*

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- Some do some don't.
- Doesn't understand feelings.
- One only carer knows about ASD.
- I don't talk to them much.
- Since other kids came, carer takes their side.
- Sometimes but not really.
- Sometimes.
- Nan doesn't let me do things with my mates.
- Not really - she doesn't know how to deal with someone like me.
- I think that they can't understand because they haven't experienced it and just refer me to a textbook.
- Not sure. (2 responses)
- I've got about 7-8 so I don't talk to them because I'd have to say it all over again to the others!
- They don't listen.
- They won't listen.
- Well some times I don't like to talk to my carer because they never support me on my well being, like what I need.
- Don't know. (2 responses)
- Not listened to. They don't understand why I do the things I do.
- Different generations - doesn't understand the teenage needs.
- Doesn't understand the concept of 'teenage years'!
- Sometimes but not all the time.

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#### *Provided comments only*

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- Sometimes (14 responses).
- Don't know (3 responses).
- Sometimes they say they do - but I don't think they do.
- Sometimes. When they agree - will talk over me and act as if my opinion doesn't matter if they don't agree with me.
- Half and half.
- I don't know.
- Not sure of this.

- Sometimes we have disagreements but every family has disagreements so yeah.
- NA - young person living alone in independent living.
- I don't know.
- Most of the time.
- With some things not all.
- I don't know.
- Not really, sometimes.
- Most of the time carer understands, but at times, feels like she doesn't.
- Sometimes. Because sometimes I'm naughty and she (they) doesn't understand why I'm the way I am.
- Sometimes because she is from another generation, and that was different.
- Sometimes. They forget we are growing older, and should get more privileges. We still get the "safety lecture" when going out.
- As much as she can, she tries hard.
- Not sure.

## What is the best thing about living here?

### Young people

(Questionnaire 1, Question 33)

### Support from carers

- Everything (20 responses).
- All the support and love from everyone and how we are all classed as a family.
- Treat fairly. Clean place.
- Well we get to see our mum and \*\*\*\*\* is a very nice person.
- My foster parents.
- No red paste (Chilli). No soap in your mouth. The rules are fair, very fair.
- Everyone is nice to me.
- I get treated with respect. My carer is so nice. I am safe.
- You don't get hit!
- Good mum and dad. Good presents.
- I get treated like the carers daughter, I have a brother and a great backyard. They give us a trampoline.
- Playing with the others and sharing stuff. Good food my favourite is spaghetti bolognaise. I have plenty of clothes to wear.
- Everything - nothing bad.
- Like being here - have not been away for 4 and a half years. Feels like a steady home - longest house I've lived in without moving - Nana is a good cook.
- I'm with my real family and they love me very much no matter how much crap I give them. They spoil me rotten.
- Getting treatment and help.
- I can talk to them, they understand and treat me well.
- I get cared about.
- The carers.
- Living with his carers he classes as Mum and Dad.
- Rewarded for being for me. Like strictness.
- Someone to love you.
- Everything. Because I'm allowed to do anything around here.
- Everything is alright.
- Parents house is yucky and here is clean. Carer listens to me. It's better here.
- Having fun, playing pool, building stuff - model toys.
- \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* - female carers nickname.

- Everything.
- They love me and they are nice.
- I get to have a break from looking after my sister.
- It is safe, I have food and a loving Mum and Dad.
- Feeling safe. Knowing carer cares about me.
- Mowing the lawn. The food is good. Like the carers.
- Pets and family.
- The trust that is in the house, also the independence that we have.
- \*\*\*\*\*.
- You get looked after properly and fed and you get a lot done for you.
- Fed well, treated well, cared well.
- I have got someone to listen to me. Someone that cares for me. And someone to look up to.
- Having my sisters here to play with, living with my Mum and Dad (foster parents), how they care for me and support me.
- Do what I want. Get what I want. Like what I get. Love my Nonny and Poppy.
- Get own room. Like carers.
- Talk to other people about problems.
- Everything good.
- I get to go good places with friends and family.
- Being with my sister. Going on group outings like shopping to spend pocket money. Pocket money. Food. Staff are good.
- Staff are 'good and give us nice food and special treats, bus trips, drama on Friday nights.'
- That there's enough room for everyone and that there is a caring and loving family living with me.
- Having a family who cares for me.
- Part of a big family.
- The best thing is living with family and going to a great school with lots of friends.
- I have a home, food, clothes and grandparents that love me.
- YP states that there are lots of activities to do with the family.
- For birthdays and Xmas we got a lot of stuff and good clothes.
- They care about us a lot.
- Feel safe.
- I am living with family and I feel more secure and happy.
- That they know what we like and she understands us pretty well.
- The cooking is great and I get to spend \*\*\*\*\*'s money when she gives it to me.
- They look after you very well. They feed you - everything.
- Get a lot of nice things but you have to behave for it.
- That we have a good Mum and Dad and we get real food.
- \*\*\*\*\* is very nice.
- Clean and when carer's family visits, their kids receive same discipline.
- They look after me.
- Feels safe, feels like home.
- Food is great and lot of clothes.
- Nice clothes and good food.
- Good carers; good is great; good allowance; pretty fair discipline; carers let you have space away from the other kids; Xbox.
- Getting cared about. Being listened to. Being fed.
- It's a nice house and air conditioned. Getting looked after, being fed.
- That I'm always safe.
- Everything is good here.
- Everything the love that you get by living in the house.
- That I'm loved.
- My family loves me.
- I am friends with everyone and I am equal as everyone else is.
- Don't get sworn at.
- Good carer.
- I get treated the same way everyone else does. We all get pocket money. We go to some places.
- We have lots of things to do and play with.
- We have lots of movies. They don't hit us. We have a Playstation.
- Lots of food, lots of things to play with.
- Having a big family that loves you and cares for you.
- Sometimes can stay up late. Part of family.
- My pet, can ring Dad when I want to, got nice room and clothes.
- Really nice home, carers 'Mum and Dad' are great, other kids are nice. Got my own room. Can have pets here.
- Mum and Dad.' Having my own room. Mum is my best friend. Can have friends over.
- Carers, pool, friends who live close, learning to rollerblade and bedroom is really pretty.
- Loving parents.

- That Auntie treats right and give treats.
- Sometimes I get heaps of things - staying for Xmas.
- It is great I have the support of a great family and my life is happy.
- Well we have a great foster mum also we have communication, eye contact and trust and love. Nothing.
- Safe.
- Best for me to be here. Regular meals.
- Good. Play. Go out to fun places.
- The food. Everything. The animals. Lots of room.
- Friendly people.
- Everything is good.
- You get a lot of fresh air, I am with my sister, \*\*\*\*\* my carer really cares for us and gets us things.
- It is a nice and friendly place to live.
- Just like being here.
- Being safe and being happy. Everything is really good here.
- We get to do a lot of things.
- We have a roof over our head. We like the nice food.
- We've got a roof over our heads. We've got beds, food in our bodies, we got clothes, we got presents and we went to [overseas location].
- They understand me and care very much about what I need and want and always treat me with great respect.
- Get food, roof over my head.
- That I have a lot of things I don't get at Mum's.
- \*\*\*\*\* gets us cool presents - bike - my Mum never sent us a present - I got a new bike - I get heaps of stuff.
- Do anything I want within reason. He trusts me.
- Get treated fairly - I get what other kids get.
- People caring about me. \*\*\*\*\* cares about what I did today. More responsibilities for ourselves.
- You get to places you've never been before.
- They are nice all the time.
- Having someone to care for her and listen.
- She doesn't feed me junk food she only give me healthy food. I get nice clothes and animals.
- Lots of things.
- She's a good cook, cleaner and she (the carer) teaches me stuff and helps me learn.
- Always being treated fairly and equally, always being loved and cared for, feeling like a part of the family, having everything and more than I need.
- I get treated nicely. It's fun (most of the time).
- Stability. Carers.
- Not sure - love in the family.
- Really nice place to live in and if I'm good I get what I want.
- My foster parents love me.
- Like being with carer, getting on well with carer.
- Nan and Grandpa are always nice. They treat me with respect. They don't yell. My little sister is fun to play with.
- A big loving family and a Mum I can give lots of hugs.
- I am respected here.
- I feel safe & I can do things without feeling uncomfortable.
- I like it here.
- A good family that cares about me.
- Feels more at home than anywhere else.
- I got friends around the block and I have lived here all my life. "Actually".
- I get treated with respect & I get listened to. I've made a friend in here who has similar issues as me.
- I'm alive.
- Get a lot of stuff. Go place with friends (I'm lucky).
- Well it cool here you can do anything here I love my parents. I love my family.
- I'm with family.
- I get treated better than when I was at my other
- Carers & other kids. Special Room & things music.
- Carers, other young people, my room & DVD's.
- Living with my family.
- That I'm respected and loved like their own daughter and will always care for me.
- I'm not afraid to come home and she respects me with love and it feels like home and I am so happy here.
- Generally everything.
- I feel cared for here. I feel safe. I fee like I belong here. I like being together with my sisters.
- I feel safe. I happy I'm with my grandparents & not a foster family. I like the swimming pool.
- My mum, dad care for me and love me very much. I am special to this family and they treat me like their own child and include me in everything.
- We get a lot of fun and everyone is treated fairly.

- I'm with my family
- Being with my family and able to do thing with them.
- I like all the things here.
- Being cared for instead of being on the streets or with parents that fight.
- They are really nice people
- That we get treated well.
- My freedom.
- I get an X Box in my room, and a TV. I am part of the family and I'm happy.
- That \*\*\*\*\* looks after us.
- This is home.
- That I'm treated like their own daughter and like a sister. They love me like their own.
- My mum taking me to sport and playing PS2 and going swimming in the pool.
- Being able to have a bit of freedom.
- My carers.
- I'm with family.
- Because it's family.
- I get whatever I want when I ask for it and I get taken care of the way that I should.
- I'm loved, I have a good education, I have been brought up so well words can't explain, I get fed really well as I love to eat (haha).
- Well I am very very happy here and I love my whole family I love everything here and I think everything I have is very nice and I am very grateful.
- The carers are very helpful it's a nice place.
- She doesn't treat me like my mum.
- \*\*\*\*\* loves us!
- Good things.
- Mum and Dad because they treat me so good. They treat me with respect
- I have freedom - not too much and not too little.
- It's family.
- We get a variety of food - good food, pretty healthy, correct weight and my carers loving me.
- That I'm with my carers and my sister.
- It's family.
- Clothes like everyone else. Treated well. Like cleaning up house.
- It's all good I guess.
- They are my family.
- Mum and Dad.
- Probably the carers they are really nice.
- The carers.
- I'm close to my brothers. My carer is more understanding than previous carers.
- The safety.
- The freedom to do things my way and be treated well.
- I still get to visit any relatives everyone is treated fair.
- They are my family.
- I am a part of this family, feels like my own family.
- It feels like my family.
- Looked after well
- Going on holidays.
- Going camping on holidays.
- Playstation, my own room downstairs, having Foxtel, animals, living with nice people who love me.
- The house is clean and I get treated well and get lots of things. We go to places and get pocket money. \*\*\*\*\* and Grandad are nice.
- You get to have things that other carers don't give you like Xbox and things and going to Dreamworld.
- We get to go out places and we get to stay up on weekends.
- My parents understand me. If I have a problem at school I can come home and we talk about it. They talk through my problem of being on medication. They were kid to bring me into the family.
- I get fed well.
- Nanie buys us stuff.
- It's like family.
- I'm close to my Mum. Everyone here is really nice at this house.
- Learn ballet and violin. Other kids. Carers buy us good stuff. Nice clothes.
- Mum and Dad i.e. foster carers. Nice room, good food, Phantom comics, drum set, going to scouts and squash.
- I feel happy and very safe and I love here as there is lots things to do.
- It's fun and I'm happy here.
- A lot of friends and carer takes good care of me.
- "Mum and Dad care for me and love me" (about carers).
- Everything, having my dog.
- My foster mum.
- That I am safe and great school.!
- Got a pool, Optus, someone who cares.
- Family.

- Freedom. Care that's given.
- Being able to go out with friends. Certain amount of freedom. Able to give her own view and opinion about things - listened to.
- Going to school. Having kids to play with. Not too many jobs. Not having to put up with my Mum and sister, Carer teaches me to look after myself.
- Treated with respect. Go to a good school.
- I feel loved and as if I belong and have been here since birth. I am treated so well I wouldn't want to have any other carer.
- It's safe.
- Good food, cared for.
- Holidays, school good, what they give me, the food, clothes, shoes.
- Foster carers ("Mum and Dad").
- Everything. My room, the food, she makes the best dinner, gives me good lunch for school.
- They're nice. They help me.
- Nana spoils me heaps and understands me.
- Sometimes I get what I want.
- That I am away from family.
- That we all get treated the same.
- We go on trips and go fishing; good friends living here and good family.
- Signing up for football, good Christmas presents, and everything else!
- Growing up with kids and also being old enough to make my own decisions. I'm respected like an adult.
- \*\*\*\*\* cooks nice food and \*\*\*\*\* buys me toys.
- Comfort. Knowing everybody's safe.
- Feed me. Clothe me. Helped me.
- We go out a lot and we have fun like go to the beach and do a lot of family activities.
- Carer's look after me and keep me safe.
- Carer's are great and treat us fairly.
- Carer's and family are nice to me.
- Feeling as though I am a valued part of this family and being equal.
- No smacking. Nice people. Lots of space. Desserts.
- I don't have to be like a Mum already (Nan does the cleaning and looks after little sister). I watch more TV and have Foxtel and Nickelodeon. I hardly have to do anything.
- Lots of space - hens are my favourite animals. Rumpus room, Mum and Dad, my brother and my twin sisters.
- Family. Everything. Life.
- I get loved and spoiled a lot.
- Better environment for me.
- Carer supports me.
- Love within the family.
- Going out with one of the carers.
- When a current carer is on shift.
- Everything.
- Mum and Dad. Lots of brothers and sisters and niece that are very caring!
- Everything. Mum and Dad and lots of brothers and sisters and niece that are very caring.
- Because they love me.
- I am loved and able to do things that I like. Also it is good, because my Carer and I talk a lot.
- A good shelter, and good things to do.
- Everything.
- Carers are really understanding. Comfort me when feeling down, especially with family issues.
- I have lived here forever, and I like it here.
- Being safe, living with \*\*\*\*\* (carer).
- The fact that I feel safe, and that I look to my carer as my mum.
- You get pizza.
- I've got nice parents.
- Everything.
- I get lots of presents.
- Get treated nicely most of the time.
- Allowed to do what I want. Sometimes gives me time to think.
- It's somewhere to stay.
- It's good.
- Feeling secure.
- Everything.
- I don't get junk food, I get treated healthy.
- We get loved equally. We get respected and looked after.
- That I get what I want and I've got a good life here.
- You get what you want. You get looked after and we get respect and I am always clean.
- Everything.
- I have foster brothers to play with. I can talk to my carers. I get free bus rides.
- Staying with my Mum and Dad (carers) and getting treated the way other people get treated.
- It feels like home. Greatest parents in the world couldn't be happier.
- That it is my family and I feel safe all the time. I don't have to be scared anymore.

- Good food. Family.
- We get treated well.
- I get help. People care for me, and we have each other.
- I am with my family (brother and sisters), plus my carers and their family.
- Being with my family (carer & siblings).
- They help you get back on your feet, and never put you down like other people do, and they help you get a job and places to stay.
- You can go out, but you have to be back at your carer 5:30pm on weekdays, and on the weekends 10:30pm, which is so good here. I wish I could live here for life.
- I get to go to the beach with my carer.
- Getting treated good.
- Everything. They are basically my parents. I love them more than anything.
- It is the coolest.
- Treated better here.
- It's better than being with my real family.
- They do lots and lots of stuff for us, and with us as well.
- The carers are very good people, they are understanding, and give you everything you basically need to grow up with.
- It's cool.
- She loves us, lets us watch the Simpsons.
- Going out doing fun things (doing fun things together).
- I have all I want.
- I feel family.
- Don't know but I like it here.
- When Nanny takes me out for a reward or something special.
- They are my parents to me.
- I love my home town and for once in my life I'm happy.
- I am loved, I get to have the pets I want, I love my parents...
- I have my own dog. They care about me.
- We get to go places all the time and we get to do a lot of things we want to.
- That \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* (carers) would never lie, never not treat us the same and they would never take us anywhere we don't want to go.
- Animals and foster carer.
- Carer is nice, she cares, can do whatever you like but have to ask.
- I had always lived with my Mum or the carer. To me she is my Mum.
- I live somewhere.
- Freedom to make own decisions while knowing the results if I make a bad decision.
- That I have a mother and a home.
- They're nice (carers).
- Spoilt and getting treated well.
- My Mum and school, beach.
- I get more things here than other houses.
- Swimming, going out, being spoilt.
- Living with my parents.
- I'm being heard and Auntie \*\*\*\*\* helps me, I have a lot of support.
- We go on a lot of holidays.
- It was a great place but most of the time I was getting into fights over clothes but other than that I had great fun!
- It is clean.
- I actually have a house to live in.

### Lifestyle

- Riding. Going to the skate park.
- The farm life
- All the horses and being able to have a go at everything.
- Minutes from the beaches.
- I'm allowed to watch whatever I want when my carer is not watching TV.
- The food. Going swimming.
- Having a dog. Going to the beach. Going to the pub. Going to other people's houses. Going to the shops and playing games.
- Close to the water.
- 5 acres of land.
- The acreage. Neighbours not too close.
- Big open space and big house and no one annoys you.
- Big house.
- Playing football.
- Close to school.
- Space to play in yard.
- It's quiet.
- Getting to go in the pool nearly every day.
- Animals. Swimming pool.
- Lots of space, like living in the bush.
- Other kids. Lots of space and things to do, nice staff. Going to beach with other kids.
- Trampolines, activities with other kids, don't live with my Mum anymore but YP indicated he enjoys seeing her on site.
- Close to school, close to shops.

- Lots of things to do on the property.
- Swimming in the pool, watching TV.
- Pool and games.
- Bike riding.
- Treated well, enjoy the lifestyle.
- The pool, lots of room.
- I get what I need. I go out a lot.
- Horse riding and lifestyle.
- Out in the bush, quiet, food.
- Playing cricket.
- Get to cook. Get to have own bedroom. Get my own stuff.
- The bush.
- The fresh air and good water.
- Have a pool and we're allowed to go for a swim.
- Lots of friends. Get to have BBQ's. Go to the park.
- No stress having responsibility, better lifestyle.
- Like playing here and with the chooks.
- I get freedom enough to do what I want (within reasonable restrictions).
- The yard and air conditioning.
- Freedom.
- Love swimming.
- Bush we are out in the bush with my own box track and a big yard.
- Going swimming, computer, music and youth worker rock. \*\*\*\*\* is the best ever.
- Pool, spa, sauna. Close to shops and friends.
- The pool is great cause it's really hot.
- I get my own freedom as long as I tell my carer where I am.
- My room, new clothes & toys. House is nice. Go to dancing & swimming.
- It's really fun & you get to do lots of stuff.
- I like the cattle, goats, horses, pigs & other animals. I really like the river.
- I get to have fun.
- We get pancakes & we see our Uncles. Lots of animals.
- That we have a really nice TV. and a puppy.
- You can do a lot of stuff. Swimming/playing music of my own/playing board games etc.
- Freedom, own room, having own money & job.
- Take part in sport, go to church. Enjoy yourself.
- Lots of room to run around and go fishing. Sometimes it floods & I don't have to go to school.
- I can go fishing.
- There are heaps of things I can do.
- Heaps of things to do.
- Country area, small area.
- Got lots of space and animals.
- Cricket; calves; \*\*\*\*\* the dog; all of the people; food; cordial; toys; Christmas; kind things as well; \*\*\*\*\* the cat and \*\*\*\*\* the cat.
- All the space & the horses.
- Living at beach.
- Kids are kind to me, I play games and the computer a lot. I play with the dogs.
- The beach.
- Beach nearby and more space to get around,
- The laziness.
- The TV and the back garden.
- Can do almost everything I like except if it's dangerous.
- I get to go for swims and get to meet new friends in the complex.
- We are right near the beach. The big space in the backyard.
- Acreage lots to do.
- The pool and garden.
- There's a lot of things to do 'cause we got an Xbox and Playstation and computer and 2 acres.
- Got heaps of friends here and it's close to the beach.
- Nothing really, the only thing is it's close to the beach!
- Plenty of room, can do whatever I want because I live on acreage.
- My room. Country.
- Lots of space in the yard. Lots of people to place cricket with.
- We've got 3 acres. We've got a spa and a ping-pong table and a deck and we can play cricket. We can skate-board.
- Basketball hoop. Cricket, football, tiggy. Lots of room to play. Playstation game.
- Going camping, swimming, movies.
- Play games - cricket. Swim in river.
- Get to play sport.
- Country living.
- Ride ponies. Own room. Good food.
- I can have fun.
- The fun stuff - when it's raining we play board games and things.
- We get to play on the Playstation and the trampoline.
- I live near the river and friends.

- There is so much to do.
- Lots to do. See friends.
- Riding the bikes and play with friends and sleeping at friend's places and going out places.
- Less pressure from home.
- The beach.

### Having possessions or luxuries

- The Playstation and get movies.
- They give me money, free space.
- Foxtel.
- We get to play our games on the computer.
- Pool, canal.
- I get to get pocket money - \$5 a week.
- Air conditioning.
- It's a big house, lots of fans. Get good food. 2 TV's.
- Air con.
- Get \$20 voucher for being good.
- The money.
- Buggies.
- Getting pocket money.
- I have my own room, TV, DVD, computer, double bed.
- Having Austar.
- Pocket money for chores.
- Get what I want.
- The pool.
- Computers.
- I get to talk on MSN to my friends.
- I get toys and clothes.
- Got a computer.
- My army.
- TV.
- Air conditioning.
- Because I get a little bit more spent on me because I am the only girl out of 2 boys.
- Pool.
- Pool - swimming.
- Work for \$25 a week put in my bank.
- Keeping me entertained it's better because I have an Xbox and computer to use. There is air conditioning.
- Watching videos.
- Getting stuff.
- I get most things.
- I get stuff - like CD's and clothes.
- Pool.
- Playstation.

- Play with good toys.
- Pool. Pets.
- The house.
- Good toys including bikes. Got to go on trips.
- A swimming pool.
- Got a big trampoline.
- Xbox, food, clothes (a lot), basketball.
- My TV and computer and the pool.
- I like the pool.
- All pretty good. Getting paid for the work I do.
- I have a pool and a motorbike and buggy.
- The guitars.
- The boat.
- I get what I want.
- Free internet.
- Pool, own room, food and toys.

### Having contact with friends

- I've got a lot of friends.
- Lots of friends that I've made here.
- Roof over my head. See my friends in this area.
- Because there is other kids here.
- Get to meet other kids in respite and know that she is not the only one in foster care.
- The best thing is living with family and going to a great school with lots of friends.
- Having other teenagers and being able to visit my Mum.
- Friends.
- Lots of children in nearby units.
- It's fun - kids to play with.
- Friend close by.
- Friends come over a lot.
- There are so many good things. When I feel bored I have friends next door to play with.
- Freedom - able to socialise with friends.
- Young people
- Friends.
- There is a girl in an adjoining house that I get on really well with.
- PS2, good good and good friends.
- All my friends live around me.
- Being able to visit my friends.
- \*\*\*\*\* my friend is the best thing.
- Have other people here that are my age.
- Close to friends.
- Little kids.
- I get to go to school and meet my friends.
- Making new friends. Pets. Pool.

- “Cool and deadly” - get along with kids.
- There’s lots of people to play with.
- There are lots of kids to play with.
- People to have fun with.
- With the friend of mine.
- People to play with and never feel lonely.
- School and friends.
- Dogs to plays with and other kids to play with.
- Got people I can play with. Have no little kids annoying me.
- Being with friends.
- I have a friend next-door who I’ve known for 10 years.
- Peers living in the area.
- When I’m bored, I can play with people down the street.

### Appreciates being placed in relative care

- Staying with my family.
- Living with Pop and Nan.
- With my brothers.
- With Grandma and Pop.
- I’m with my family.
- Live with grandparents and father. Own room. In care of grandparents. (2 responses)
- I get to live with relatives who understand me better than a foster carer. A good, clean and safe environment to grow up in with every facility needed available.
- My aunt.
- My Aunt & Uncle.
- That my mum is right next door and that I am with my own family.
- Living with my grandma. I don’t want to go back to my Mum.
- I’m living with family members.
- I’m with my sister.
- Living with my Nanna, being close to school and friends.
- I am with all my family (carers & siblings). Would like my littlest sister to be placed with us too.
- It’s with my family.
- I’m living with my grandparents.
- I get to be with my little sister and she is treated well.
- I get to be with Grandma.
- I am living with my aunty and uncle.

### Family life

- Being with family.
- The people.
- We get to play with \*\*\*\*\* (dog). We have Nan to look after us. We have an uncle to play hide from.
- The people - they respect each other
- All girls.
- No arguments, easy people to live with.
- Pool, living with other people.
- I have sister’s and we do stuff and yeah.
- I have people to do things with.
- Family and mates.
- Working with Dad around the yard and helping Mum in house.
- Have fun with the other kids - big family.
- More kids to play with. Good carer.
- It is a proper family environment.
- I can see my family, friends, and relatives.
- Having a family and having a life.
- With family.
- Family life.

### Opportunities

- All the horses and being able to have a go at everything.
- Getting them out and seeing new things.
- I get to do my favourite sport.
- It helps you learn the living skills for when you move out into your own place and it’s fun.
- Getting out more and having more fun.
- In a good private school.
- Stable home. Goes to church and meets new people. Goes to a good private school.
- More fun and do more things.
- You get to go on trips and do activities - experience things you have never done in your life.
- Meeting people.
- Being allowed to have piano lessons and friends over etc.
- I am given opportunities.
- Getting responsibilities, getting treated like an adult.
- That I’m going to a good school. And that I’m doing tennis for once.
- I like going to school to learn.
- I like going to school.

## Personal space

- Having my own personal space.
- I get more freedom than I used to - I get my own room.
- You get your own freedom. You're not in a family type thing - you're sort of independent.
- Is that I have a TV and my own room.
- Own room, privacy.
- Having the space to work more and have own things.
- Own room.
- Space.
- I don't know - good to have my own room.
- Because I have my own room.
- We get heaps of space.
- That I have my own space.

## Food

- Good food (3 responses).
- The food. Going swimming.
- Nan's cooking.
- Get to eat whatever.
- Nice food.
- Food.
- Food.
- Get good food.

## Pets

- Having a cute dog.
- I get to keep fish.
- Having my own cat.
- Pets and family.
- Likes the cats.
- My animals.
- The pets.
- My puppy.

## Home life

- That I have a roof over my head.
- Having my own room. Having responsibilities. Feed the birds. Cook occasionally. Clean my room.
- Roof over my head.
- I'm comfortable.
- Room, hobbies, another YP i.e. an infant, pets.
- Staff are nice. Food. Other kids. Lots of activities.

## Maintaining contact with biological family

- My visits. More with Mother and Father.
- I see my Mum, brothers and sister.

## Nothing

- Nothing (9 responses).
- There isn't.
- Nothing - having the internet.
- Nothing much.
- Nothing good.
- Isn't one.
- "Too dead up here." Would like to go back to [regional location].
- Nothing. I get sick of living in this place.

## Don't know

- Don't know (11 responses).
- I don't know (3 responses).
- I have no idea.
- Not sure. (2 responses)
- I can't think of anything at the moment.
- There really isn't one.
- Would not have a clue?
- I don't know - everything.

## Other

- Independent living.
- Happy because I found Christ.
- Having a break from school.
- Because before I came into care I was playing the role of my Mum to my 2 younger sisters (6 months old and 2 years) and living here has let me be a teenager.
- I don't have to do a lot of work.
- Going to other people in the family, going out to places.
- Not much places to go - find your way around here - don't get lost.
- I like Mum being here too.
- Don't have to share with my family.
- I have known my carer before I started to live with her.
- I get to sleep on the top bunk.
- Have my own unit. There is not unreasonable rules. Sick of moving placements really enjoying living here.
- There are a lot of good things but can't think of any right now.
- That I get different carers everyday and that I have friends down the road.
- My little bro \*\*\*\*\*.
- Sometimes it's a really happy environment.
- Communication skills that I have learnt here - I get to go to basketball and other activities.

- I can do whatever I want.
- Outings in the bus to McDonalds. Staff are good.
- I can sleep in.
- \*\*\*\*\* - a decent worker. She always smiles.
- I have a roof over my head, and I have a boyfriend who lives down the road, and I see him often.
- The workers.
- You don't have to pay the rent.
- Going out late night. Not a slave.
- No father.
- McDonalds's sometimes. Play.
- \*\*\*\*\* cooking.
- I can look after myself.

## Children

### (Questionnaire 2, Question 31)

#### Support from carers

- Everything (6 responses).
- Getting treated fairly.
- I get heaps of cuddles.
- Living with \*\*\*\*\*.
- Getting stuff. New clothes.
- \*\*\*\*\* is nice, fun, fair and cool.
- Family safe and care.
- Carer gives treats.
- \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* love me and care for us.
- I can play with plenty of toys, I got a remote control car for Christmas.
- Foster carer cooks some of my favourite foods like hot dogs, curried chicken and rice and fries and she will let me do stuff I listen to her.
- I am well looked after.
- Nanna loves and kisses me.
- Feels safe, can trust people.
- Mum is with me (carer).
- Animals and Nan and Pop and \*\*\*\*\* and the Playstation and the river. (2 responses)
- I'm happy.
- I love this house and my family.
- We have been taught about eating vegetables and fruit.
- Really like all the people at the placement.
- When mum gives me icecream and yoghurt.
- We've got a good life here instead of the children's shelter.
- Go for a swim, eat chocolate and ice cream Flake.
- People love and care for us.
- Me loving my carer.
- How much I am loved.
- Having a loving and caring family.
- We have a home.
- They're nicer to me than last carers.
- Happy at placement lots of things to do.
- The carers look after all their children and family and they let us do things but not naughty stuff.
- Cause he's just likes everyone.
- Spending time with \*\*\*\*\* (Carer).
- Carers talk to me a lot. Going out with carers.
- Love being with family.
- Being loved, my Grandma, getting spoilt, and big cat.

- We've got ducks and chickens and a Game Boy.
- Carer's cooking.
- Watch TV, treated properly.
- Protection.
- \*\*\*\*\* (carer) loves us and takes care of us and feeds us.
- They look after me.
- Carers give me nice food and nice clothes.
- Because I love \*\*\*\*\*and \*\*\*\*\*.
- \*\*\*\*\* gives us heaps of stuff, she's kind and she doesn't yell.
- Heaps of stuff.
- My carers.
- Mum love, videos.
- I've got my family to be with.
- Its good.
- Mum and Dad give us good food.
- Food, room, family.
- Living here, I like living here.
- Because I get treated well.
- There's a roof over my head.
- That we get recognised.
- Everybody is nice to me sometimes.
- My nanny.
- I love my Mum.
- Having a large backyard and lots of love, carer.
- Having clean house with a large background and love.
- My Mum is the best at playing pool. My Dad is the best at playing pool. I like the kitchen and food.
- To hug Mum and Dad when its bed time.
- Nice people.
- That we went to Sea World.
- I get a lot of help and support.
- I have other people to talk to. I feel safe here.
- My carer lets me play outdoors most of the day and I like it.
- I have a family who loves me.
- I feel safe and happy.
- Grandma or Grandad care about us. There's a pool.
- I have lots of toys and a special desk. I have Astar.
- Nan puts me in bed and I like going to the pool.
- That I have someone to take care of me.
- I get to do fun things here.
- Carer taking us places and loving us and being nice she doesn't smack.
- I have my own bed. I don't get hurt. Carer helps me.
- I usually get what I want like a soft drink when I'm out on a hot day or milkshake.
- A nice carer.
- A good place to be she looks after me.
- Everything is best, carer cooks good teas.
- Taking care of each other. \*\*\*\*\* wakes me up in the morning.
- I'm allowed to do what we want. Not bad things. Aunty is very kind.
- Going to the shop and buying stuff.
- Because I'm into my family.
- She has friends she gets spoilt. Carers love her.
- My foster carers.
- Toys, mum, uncle, nan where we live.
- I love this home get looked after well.
- We are all together always treated nicely.
- Hugging Nanny and Poppy.
- I am looked after.
- Mum, Dad, \*\*\*\*\* , \*\*\*\*\* , \*\*\*\*\* , they are my family.
- Everything. The dog, my TV, bunk beds.
- Going shopping and going to \*\*\*\*\*'s work.
- Because I love aunty \*\*\*\*\* .
- My carer 'cause shes really nice and she took us to Dreamworld yesterday.
- Holidays with carers our dog, my room, cubby.
- Male carers name, big dogs, pool, toys.
- Getting presents I like and helping uncle \*\*\*\*\* on the farm.
- Feeling safe and secure.
- Getting looked after by Nan and Pop and playing with friends down the road and my little sister.
- She takes me places.
- I can play, and carers are nice.
- I like everybody.
- \*\*\*\*\*'s just nice and Dad.
- That we are with people that love us.
- Look after me.
- \*\*\*\*\* .
- Too many good things.
- Can eat our favourite foods.
- Christmas is good here.
- Get treated well and fair get some things we want.
- Don't always have to have dessert if we're good we may get an ice block.
- That my carer looks after me.

- My pool and my family and my puppy too.
  - Get spoilt.
  - Going for holidays.
  - I have the toys, bikes and stuff. The holidays.
  - Being safe. Carer is nice.
  - The people and the wildlife.
  - Good food, go to school, have toys.
  - The people.
  - Toys, food, looking after Mum and Dad.
  - Comfortable, safe, and good.
  - They're good fun.
  - Getting treated well.
  - There's too much stuff to list.
  - Nice family.
  - Doing things with my Nan.
  - "Mum and Dad, and all my family."
  - It is good being happy.
  - Mum gives us nice clothes, bags - with heaps of zips.
  - \*\*\*\*\* is nice.
  - Playing with the kids and \*\*\*\*\*.
  - The carer is nice and cares for everyone.
  - Getting food and icecream.
  - \*\*\*\*\* gives me nice clothes.
  - Get to go to the beach.
  - I'm always safe and there is enough food, and I don't have to worry about being kicked out.
  - No fights. Nice and quiet. Feel safe.
  - Being listened to and loved.
  - Safety.
  - Coming to live with my carer, she is nice.
  - I have everything I need.
  - Talking to \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\*.
  - They treat everyone the same at home.
  - Big bed, 2 other children, my teddies, and \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* (Carers).
  - Good food, can visit other family.
  - Get treated well. Have friends over.
  - You get to play a lot, you get to play with your dolls.
  - Get the best icecream here. This is the best house I've lived in. I've learnt things.
  - Everything. Watching TV.
- Lifestyle**
- Going in the pool. Riding on my bike.
  - TV (Foxtel) and the dog, the pool, the games, the Sony Playstation.
  - Its fun and I play with the dog.
  - Playing with football in the back yard.
  - Play computer, puppy dogs, ride bike, play at friends house, ride skateboard.
  - I get lots of play time.
  - Pool.
  - Playing. Lots of places to play.
  - Playing around the property. Things to do.
  - Love own bike and toys, scooter, trampoline, radio, go to school.
  - Get to go in pool, Playstation, toys, water gun, Game Boy, stereo and headphones and walkee talkee. I get to go to comp.
  - Play games, Playstation, kids to play with, play with dogs.
  - Great front yard with flowers.
  - My chickens and animals.
  - Patting horses and feeding them.
  - Ride bikes, play with my friends, footy and bike riding.
  - Playing football.
  - Playing, eating, sleeping.
  - Get to swim.
  - Playing games like Dragon Ball Z and riding my bike.
  - Having animals, seven chickens, two dogs, cats, cows.
  - Live close to the river, hunting for turtle, fish, goanna and bushturkey.
  - The swimming pool and the lizards.
  - Playing. (2 responses)
  - Playing with toys and playing dress up and getting dressed myself.
  - Having a big yard.
  - Because there's heaps of room can climb the tree, run around yard.
  - Playing with the bike and ball and bird.
  - Going for a swim.
  - We ride our bikes and go bike riding. And I like playing with my toys.
  - Playing with the dogs and riding the motor bike.
  - Feed the kangaroos next door and play games.
  - The creek.
  - That we got to go swimming.
  - Lots of outside things and a pool.
  - There is a pool. We can ride around the block.
  - Going to the park, going swimming.
  - Cool swimming hole, going to school.
  - Good food, Nanna, good kids to play with.
  - Riding scooters and pool.
  - Big yard.

- Making things in the shed.
- I get to ride my bike and climb trees.
- Swimming in the pool.
- Going swimming.
- Going and playing in the pool.
- Bike track.
- Pool, swimming and the babies (carer's grandchildren).
- Animals. (2 responses)
- Big yard.
- Skiing.
- Close to the beach.
- Football in backyard.
- Footy in backyard.

### Having possessions or luxuries

- Water pistol and pool.
- Bikes and toy cars and motor bikes.
- All the toys in the toy box.
- The house.
- My bike.
- Bike (new one).
- Swimming pool.
- I like new DVD Shark Boy and Lava Girl.
- Have dress up clothes and toys.
- Get TV and DVD, room to myself, cool with air conditioner.
- Having a pool.
- There's a pool.
- Trampoline.
- I love swimming in our pool.
- Play on Nintendo.
- Get toys and go to Kmart.
- Treats and toys are given.
- Likes the swimming pool.
- Air con.
- Swimming in my pool.
- Having a Game Boy and Sky TV.
- Pool.
- Pool, pool table.
- My bike.
- My posters.
- We have a pool and air con.
- Going in pool.
- Having a Playstation and going on holidays and I get things that I need.
- TV in my room.
- Dog, computer, TV in room, DVD player in room, Nintendo/Playstation, chooks are mine.

- Getting toys especially Blockzones game.
- Toys.
- The pool. (2 responses)
- Playing Playstation, playing pool table.
- All my toys.
- Pool, spa, TV, computer and animals.
- Playstation 2.
- Computer, TV, food.
- My toys.
- Big TV, we get to watch cartoons and play Xbox.
- I get to play my Xbox.
- The swimming pool.
- Lots of toys.
- Playing tapes and CD's.
- Swimming pool.

### Having contact with friends

- Playing, having his brothers with him.
- It is fun. Have friends around to play.
- A lot of kids here to play with.
- Lots of kids live here.
- Lots of other children live in this house and we all play together.
- Lots of other kids to play with at this house.
- Playing with my sister.
- Have friends to come and play.
- Having lots of friends.
- Having lots of kids in my family.
- Get take away, get to play with the other kids.
- Friends come to visit.
- Other kids to play with.
- \*\*\*\*\* plays games with me.
- Well you meet new people and go to movies more often.
- I get to play with my friends, I can walk around the block.
- Nothing but I play with my friends.
- When my friends come over. We have more hiding spots than their house.
- Lots of children to play with.
- I have three other baby brothers and sisters.
- Living with the two boys.
- Living with two other boys.
- I have my friends close by and see my Grandma.
- Sleepovers with my friends.
- There are kids here.
- The best thing when I live here is that my bestest friend always will be there.
- Playing with my friends.

## Home life

- Making things, playing, talking to \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\*.
- Watching cartoons, sleeping, clean up the house.
- Play room is good.
- Play room has computers and Sony Playstation.
- Doing jobs and earning pocket money. (2 responses)
- Because it is safe and there is peace and quiet here I can play blocks with my sister.
- Playing here.
- I can help play with the baby. They're fun to play with.
- Cooking, shopping, little brothers and sisters.
- Living in this house (new house).
- Playing and helping \*\*\*\*\*.
- Playing. (2 responses)
- Play games and play.
- Pets and people.
- Playing games on the TV.

## Food

- Food (3 responses).
- We get fed good food.
- Food especially dessert.
- Chocolate.
- The food is yummy.
- Macaroni.
- I like the food.
- Chocolate.
- Eating.
- Nice food.
- The food.
- Having ice-cream.
- I get yummy food.

## Pets

- Animals.
- The fishes and the puppies and the kittens.
- The dogs.
- Lizard.
- Guinea pigs.
- I like having pets, and I have lots to play with.
- I like the kittens.
- There are cats here.
- I get to play with the dogs.
- I might get a bird.

## Personal space

- Have my own bedroom.
- Have my own room and it's safe here.

- My room.
- Having my own space.
- I have my own room.

## Appreciates being placed in relative care

- I'm with my sisters.
- Being and playing with my sisters.
- Being with my little brothers.
- I am with my aunty and uncle.

## Maintaining contact with biological family

- Seeing Dad all the time.
- Seeing Nan and Pop.
- Seeing my sister.
- I visit my mum.

## Opportunities

- Going on holidays.
- Get to help fix the car, get to help \*\*\*\*\*.
- Holidays, going away.
- Everything especially my trip to [Overseas location].

## Family life

- Got a pet and mum and dad and family.
- \*\*\*\*\* and Nanna.

## Nothing

- Nothing. (2 responses)
- Nothing is good here.

## Don't know

- I don't know (7 responses).
- Don't know (4 responses).
- Not sure.
- Can't think.
- I can't think of anything. (2 responses)

## Other

- Wearing \*\*\*\*\*'s shoes. I like having a cuddle at bedtime.
- I like it.
- Going to movies.
- \*\*\*\*\*.
- Sometimes we go outside and sit at the table.
- I like face paints.
- Seeing my friend from across the world.
- I can sleep on the couch.
- Verandah.
- The cat and eating cake.
- Watching TV.
- \*\*\*\*\*'s and Sugarworld.
- Eating ice cream and school.

- I know my way around the place, I know the people that live next door, I don't get lost.
- Get to sleep under fans.
- No kicking the walls.
- Playing on my trampoline.
- Playing on the trampoline.
- Watching Disney. Little Einstein is my favourite show.
- Lots of rules - the police think it's a good idea.
- Don't have to look after \*\*\*\*\* (brother) all of the time only some of the time.

## What would you most like to see improved or changed to make your placement better?

### Young people

(Questionnaire 1, Question 34)

### Home improvements

- Pool (7 responses).
- New rooms. (2 responses)
- A bigger house.
- Change my bedroom into living room.
- I want a big bedroom.
- Happy as it is but would like my room a bit bigger but I'm happy with it.
- A bigger yard, a big pool, cleaner gardens, a slippery slide for the pool.
- Make the walls more decorated. Have a wider screen TV - even bigger than the one we have.
- House with air con.
- Air con.
- The size of the house. Wish it was bigger. More of my own space.
- A bigger house, my own room.
- We're in a small house - 3 boys stuck in one room, us girls share a bedroom. We're getting the carport turned into a bedroom for us 2 girls.
- Way the house looks, no spiders outside.
- A bigger house with my own room. More privacy.
- Bigger bathroom or more bathrooms.
- I would like to see my room a bit bigger and more space as well.
- Get extensions done.
- The whole house - we are renovating.
- Have the renovations finished.
- Change the cracks in the wall.
- Have a better room. I get bored. I need an air conditioner. I get hot in there.
- More rooms.
- The jet skis gone. They are in my way when I play tiggly.
- A bigger house would be good, because we are all bigger now, and there isn't much space for everyone.
- Bigger backyard so I could really kick the ball around.
- More bedroom space.
- Yard could do with a bit of grass.

## Possessions or luxuries

- A new dog collar.
- More money.
- A quad bike to use for recreational and farm use.
- YP indicated he would like his own Playstation and games.
- Bigger TV.
- I'd like a trampoline in the backyard.
- Air conditioning.
- Allowance.
- Get a pool.
- Pool. Air-conditioning.
- Not enough TV's. (2 responses)
- Motorbike.
- Would like to get more pocket money.
- Nothing, just air conditioning.
- To get more toys.
- Bigger bed.
- I would like a swimming pool.
- Swimming pool.
- We are saving up for an inground pool.
- Having a phone.
- I would like a swimming pool. I would like a skateboard and ramps and a cricket pitch.
- I would like a car but Child Safety will not help.
- Swimming pool. Toys.
- A swimming pool or Playstation.

## Improved relationships within family

- Have one of my brothers start help and being a part of this family and not always trying to be hard to get along with.
- Fight with sister.
- Discipline of youngest child in care.
- For my Mum to get on with everyone.
- Don't want \*\*\*\*\* here and \*\*\*\*\* stop laughing so much.
- \*\*\*\*\* not be such a sped and not be such an asshole.
- Everyone get treated the same.
- Communication between everyone improve. Less tension between everyone.
- I would like one boy here to be a lot nicer.
- "\*\*\*\*\* not being nasty to me - he blames for things. I hate his music - well some of it, and he has it loud although he doesn't do it all the time" "It makes me embarrassed."
- Kids telling kids to shut up. Not being grounded for so long.
- Not so much yelling between the kids.

- \*\*\*\*\* to be nicer to me and his brother.
- That we get help for anger management and depression and healthy relationships.
- To have no problems with my family!!!
- Little sister to behave.
- Little children don't get so spoiled.
- At times, I get frustrated with my younger brother.
- More cooperation between young family members tidying up after us.
- Older foster brother to not annoy her.
- To be treated fairly like the other two girls.
- Sister's behaviour.

## Personal space

- Own room (14 responses).
- A new room. A PeeWee50.
- Sometimes wants a different bedroom.
- A cupboard.
- A tidier bedroom partner, more privacy.
- I would like to change my bedroom. And have another foster child same age as me. I'm turning 12.
- More room. Separate space for other people to be.
- A different room.

## Another child in placement

- Having another family member.
- At least one other guy around I am placed with three girls.
- A kid my own age.
- A child younger than me living with me.
- Someone my own age living here too.
- Have kids my age. To bring all my other stuff from home and not have the other kids touch it.
- Maybe another boy here.
- And have another foster child same age as me. I'm turning 12.
- More boys in care.
- Nothing. I like it how it is. I would like a playmate my age.
- Everything. I'm lonely here. I'd like someone my age to be here.
- Have a girl in care around my age living at out house.
- I would like some kids to stay here with me.

## Better peer relationships

- I don't get bashed up and I get treated well.
- Other kids kinder towards her.
- Stop getting yelled at by the other children.

- People not bashing me (another child). Carer stops them.
- Other kids fight with me sometimes.
- Sometimes other kids annoy me.
- Nothing - one or other children to quit whinging.
- No bullies.
- Other kids stop bossing me around.
- Other kids being nicer.

### More parental contact

- Spend more time with Mum and Dad.
- Seeing Mum more.
- Visit Mum more often.
- Seeing Mum and Dad a bit more.
- Stable visits with Mother that happen in a routine, same time all the time.
- I would like Mum to stay here. I would like my own bed and my own bedroom.
- I like to have mum at home. She works too much.
- Go home each weekend at least one day.
- I want to see my Mum more.
- That I can stay with my Mum more often.

### Reunification

- Happy with everything but would like to be with mum and dad.
- My mum living with me.
- Nothing other than live with my Mum. I want my brother always with me.
- I would rather move home.
- I would like to live with Dad not in a motel.
- I just want to get out of here - \*\*\*\*\*. I want to live back with my mother.
- Want to go home to Mum.
- To go home.
- Live with my Mum.
- Nothing - want to live at Mum's.
- Sometimes I want to go back to live with Dad.

### More contact with friends

- Being able to go out and see my mates more.
- Going out more with my friends.
- Have more kids come and stay.
- I want to go out with my friends more.
- To let me have friends and let me out and see them.
- Allowed to visit other young persons on the site. House rules.
- I would like to go to my friends' houses more often especially after school.

- I wish I could have more friends over.

### Self-improvement

- No - just my behaviour.
- Clean up a bit more - me - I should.
- Bit more discipline 'cause I'm getting a bit cheeky and arguing with girls.
- Me being good.
- That I not have a bad attitude.
- My rules, but I deserve them! (Long story).
- More therapy and making my life go better, becoming a psychologist.
- I would just get along with everybody a lot better and keep smiling.

### To be treated differently

- They should treat you like a person - some do - some don't - don't like being treated like textbook description of your illness.
- Less parental-care. Too much - worry too much.
- More trust.
- The treatment between me and my foster brother.
- Carer to stop picking on me about little things.
- The rules.
- Me getting treated like I'm supposed to be.
- That I could have my own phone and less rules and make them stop treating me like a kid.

### Pets

- Like a dog.
- Another pet.
- If I could keep one of the kittens and call it \*\*\*\*\*.
- A pet which is a kangaroo.
- New dog.
- A dog or Dodge Viper.
- Would like a dog (have had pets in the past).
- A pony.

### Carer to have guardianship

- The guardianship to be hurried up by DChS.
- I would like to grow up here and not have my family involved in my life.
- Having a good life I would like to stay here because they are like my parents.
- That I stay here 'till I'm 18 - the Dept. leave me alone - and the carers get guardianship.
- If this place was long term & I could stay for a couple of years.
- I want my carers to be able to have guardianship of me.
- Being adopted by my carer.

### More family contact

- More family contact.
- More visits with my family.
- See my family more often.
- My sister back.
- More family visits.
- To have my younger brother be able to speak to us or better live with us.
- To always go and sleep at my Mum's and see my little brother and sister.

### To live in a different location

- More ways of getting into town.
- I want to live in the country and not in the town.
- Don't like the area.
- Live closer to town. (2 responses)
- Move into town.
- Home is a bit far from town - have to drive for half an hour to get anywhere - have to get up early to get to school on time.

### More leisure activities

- More outings and entertainment.
- Like to go bike riding down street with adult.
- Not enough to do here.
- My TV hours. My Pop do more activities with me.
- Nothing to do, very small country town. Only other YP his age.
- More sporting activities.

### Change of carers

- Not to be here.
- Some of the carers to be less violent towards me; like to be able to go home; be able to get my shopping without complaints from workers; air conditioning - room is very hot.
- For me to get a real family. I don't wanna live like this.
- Get rid of a carer.
- New carers. More carers. The carers to be more organised.
- Different carers.

### Independence

- Prefer to live alone.
- Freedom. (2 responses)
- I would like to be out of the Dept's care. I want to just be a regular kid, and not have to ask them for anything.
- Doing my own things. Don't need carers all the time. Want my own house.

### Money or resources from Department

- The Department paying the carer more money.
- More money to finish my own granny flat from the DCHS.
- The pay payment for foster carers is poor, very poor. They do so much and get so little in return.
- Need some more furniture - CSO is in the process of organizing this.
- I want the Department to pay for the rent so we have more money for other stuff - but we still can afford the rent.

### Less children in placement

- Less boys at facility. Young person indicated sometimes 'the boys are annoying.'
- Less other children to be placed here.
- Less kids - sometimes can't cope with noise.
- Less kids.

### Support for carer

- I would like my carer to be happy and not so stressed.
- Carer under less stress.
- Happier environment. Payment to my carers.
- Payment to my carers.

### Support from carer

- Support from Uncle \*\*\*\*\* (carer). More support.
- Bit more respect from the carers.
- We get to spend more time with the carers.
- Carer being at home a bit more often.

### Action from Department.

- Some co-operation from the Dept. They still owe money for my school camp from last April.
- Have things done faster by the department.
- Care to stop taking young children.

### Order in household

- House not run properly - youth workers don't do washing.
- We get to spend more time with the carers. And things should be handled properly. And when people get in trouble the carer should stick to it 'cause then they think they can get away with it.
- Would like to be alone in a house with carer. Some house rules enforced.

### Nothing

- Nothing (243 responses).
- No (9 responses).
- Happy (6 responses)
- None (3 responses).
- I'm leaving here soon.

- I'm fine.
- It's fine.
- Everything is really good.
- I wouldn't want to change anything.
- All fine.
- Good how it is.
- Just the way it is.
- No I don't need to see any change.
- Don't think there's anything to be changed.
- No improvement necessary
- All perfect the way it is.
- No response - placement meets needs.
- Nothing needs to be changed (Mum says, fix the air con!!)
- Can't think of anything I'd want to change.
- I can't think of anything.
- Everything is very well.
- Everything here is just fine.
- I like the place the way it is - I love it.
- I like it the way it is.
- Everything good.
- It is all perfect.
- Nothing - except me having a motor bike.
- Don't need improvement.
- No it's fine. Everything's perfect.

### Don't know

- Don't know (26 responses).
- Not sure (6 responses).
- No response. (2 responses)
- Can't think of anything. (2 responses)
- Nothing.
- I don't know. I'd like a monster truck.

### Other

- My grades.
- For \*\*\*\*\* to be nice to me all the time.
- Bike fixed. Been broken for a while (carer told CV previously that he was getting a new bike for birthday).
- Someone that has a horse.
- Maybe having a choice of carers.
- More activities - only child in care with older carer.
- Would like to go to respite home more.
- That the foster kids get to be a part of all talks.
- Not being forced to play clarinet.
- Dirt.
- Don't clean so much and have more fun.

- More youth hours and days with youth workers because they rock.
- More take-away food.
- Everything.
- \*\*\*\*\* getting better and changing his act.
- More time to myself.
- Not have a carer with you when you visit your family or when you see friends.
- The fact that my carer respects that I like stay in my room.
- Nothing. Stop community visitors.
- Let the people grow a brain, get organised and stop speaking shit.
- Adults not to smoke.
- Only a wrestling ring.
- I wish I could read better, and know more maths.
- More time to sleep.
- Equal turns on the computer so that we all don't fight a lot.
- Now that I'm going back home I feel this isn't my permanent home.
- Everything.
- Sack \*\*\*\*\* (worker).
- Not get hit by \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\*.
- Different work instead of fruit picking. Working towards Apprenticeship in mechanics.
- Not having to answer stupid surveys.
- Lollies all day.
- By being happy all the time.
- To be rich.
- For her to go back to the way she used to be.
- Have school food.

## Do you have to do things, such as see people or go to meetings, or other things, that you don't want to do?

### Young people

(Questionnaire 1, Question 49)

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#### *"A lot" responses with comments*

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- I had to go to the counsellor or play therapist I did not want to do that.
- I don't want to see Mum but the Dept are making me.
- Doctors, counsellors.
- No. (2 responses)
- "Meetings - at the Department. I wish that could change."
- Don't want to go to Child Youth Mental Health.
- They say we have to.
- I never want to see my other mum and dad.
- Have to go to counselling.
- Counselling, appointments etc.

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#### *"A fair bit" responses with comments*

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- I had to visit my mother in order to go visit aunty at [regional location]. I had to attend anger management course.
- Not this admission - but in the past admissions CYMHS made me see a worker I didn't want to see over a few months.
- Previous CSO.
- Have to get permission to do everything.
- I did like going to them until I was sick of being disappointed.
- Talking to people.
- Music lesson.
- Counselling - had to go but didn't want to.
- I see anger management, counselling and CSO.
- At school I go to meetings.
- I felt forced to attend family counselling against my wishes. I was coerced to go to a course but refused.
- I have to see Nanna every time the Dept says I have to. I don't like seeing Nanna.
- Meetings. I hate meetings, I feel so awkward.
- If I say I don't want to see someone they say tough you have to.
- Like respite, and not seeing my family.
- Like respite too.
- Go to school.

- But it is the best for me.
- As you know, I'm happy. I don't want to see the CSO - I'm happy.
- Don't want to go to the Dept office and wait to go to other places, wait ages.
- Most of it's fun but not all.

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#### *"Not much" responses with comments*

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- I hate the Bible camps.
- If I have to go I do.
- I don't need or want to go to meetings.
- Don't really want CSO coming here.
- Make my own decisions.
- Department family meeting.
- I have never been to any meetings yet.
- I don't get made to do things that I don't want to do.
- I don't like phoning the Dept.
- Sometimes they don't want to go on family visits but the Dept makes me.
- I saw a Child Therapist for about 6 weeks.
- Meetings.
- Because I now stand up for myself and only do the things I want to do.
- Only thing don't want to do is see Mum.
- Doesn't want to see real Mum.
- I don't need it at all.
- Sometimes.
- It's annoying.
- No. (3 responses)
- CSO usually comes to me.
- Except for going to a solicitor & I missed school.
- When we have to go to court or the police station.
- If I don't want to see them I don't have to go.
- I used to I don't go now.
- I used to - not so much now.
- At aunt's I did but not here. They're not as religious here so we don't go to church as much.
- At school - when teachers ask you out of class because I'm targeted as a foster child.
- At school - when teachers and guidance officer ask you out of class I'm targeted as a foster child.
- Sometimes it depends on what things they are.
- Fun to see my Mum again.
- Seeing Mum during school sports wasn't very good. I had to go to the police station too - it was terrible.
- It doesn't bother me.

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### *“Not at all” responses with comments*

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- I don't go.
- I don't have to do any of that stuff.
- YP states that they have never attended meeting.
- But I want to.
- Carers don't make me do what I don't want to - meetings are OK.
- Except for going to school.
- No. (2 responses)
- My carer does it for me.
- Depends what they do. I can go to movies, skating or sleepovers. We treat aunty as mum.
- Never.
- Nanna always comes with me as I don't trust adult people.
- Given choice.
- I told them I don't want to and they listened.
- I do things eg. Meeting I like to be involved.
- The Department doesn't make us see our biological parents.
- The Department doesn't make me see my biological parents.
- If I don't want to, I don't have to.
- Nobody can make me do anything I don't want to.
- If I have a meeting and I don't want to I just say I don't want to go .
- I don't really do those things.
- I just don't do it.

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### *Provided comments only*

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- Sometimes (8 responses).
- Don't get that question.
- I've never been to a meeting before.
- Want to see my old carer.
- Only school.
- I don't do things I don't want to do.
- Yes - when we go to counselling, we have to go.
- Yes.
- I hate having to go to counselling - it's dumb - I hate the office.
- Sometimes I have to go and I don't want to.
- I've never been to a placement meeting - I like to have a say.
- I don't like attending the family meeting because I think that is up to the family to work out.
- I don't know.
- I don't mind.
- Don't know. (2 responses)

- No. Happy to have the meetings.
- No.
- Not sure.
- I had to have contact with my father and his family because the Department said so.

## Children

### (Questionnaire 2, Question 42)

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#### *“Yes” responses with comments*

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- Sometimes (3 responses).
- Sometimes I get bored.
- Shops scare the birds off.
- Sometimes Mum.
- Used to go to this place at [NGO service provider] sort of like counselling.
- I have to go everywhere.
- Mothers boyfriend \*\*\*\*\*. (2 responses)
- Counselling.
- Psychologists.
- Shopping he doesn't like it much.
- Sometimes I became bored during contact especially when we had to go to the department.
- Go to the dentist.
- To the Department.
- Don't want to visit Nana but have to because I have to look after my little sister.
- Doesn't like going to visits sometimes.
- Made to visit Mum when I didn't want to go.
- The dentist. Don't want to be with CSO on visits with Mum and Dad.
- Sometimes his Dad on phone.
- Don't want to go to grade four and five.
- Sometimes I want a break from seeing my grandmother.
- I don't like going to the doctors.
- My cousin.
- Just when we had to go and write a card to Dad at the Dept.
- Was taken by Dept and made write out a card for father.
- I had to go to mums on school days, I missed out on special things at school, making Xmas presents.
- To daycare.
- Like to go to access.
- Sometimes I don't want to go to access with parents.
- Like counselling.
- I had to go to Nanny and Poppy. See Mummy too much.
- I had to go and stay at \*\*\*\*\*'s (other carer) because I wanted to stay with my Nan.
- I have to clean up my room.
- My Dad is a bit mean to me.

- People I don't know.
- Especially respite.
- I don't like going to the Department meeting.
- Sometimes when I go to respite.
- Because it's boring.
- The Department.
- \*\*\*\*\*.
- Church every week, kid's club (with church).
- Shopping - it's boring.
- Sometimes I want to stay at home and play.
- I don't feel like going back to seeing my Dad.
- \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\*'s.
- Sometimes I have to go to peoples' places I don't want to.
- Visits with Mum at Park.
- Sometimes (CS).
- Just family stuff. Counselling.

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#### *“No” responses with comments*

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- I go to things.
- The carer listens to me if I don't want to see my family.
- Everything's OK except I hate \*\*\*\*\* to death.
- Very happy in current placement.
- Get more help with things.
- I don't like to clean my room but granny makes me.
- Have to go to the park on Sunday when I don't want to.
- When I went to see dad it upset me and my carer made sure I didn't have to go again.
- Visits with Mum.
- I don't know.
- We mostly stay home.
- This is my home, I've lived here most of my life.
- Not all the time.

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#### *Provided comments only*

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- Don't know (16 responses).
- I don't understand the question.
- Not super don't want to do counselling.
- Pass on this question.
- If I don't want to see people I don't think I should have to, but sometimes I have to.
- Sometimes.
- I want to go everywhere
- Mmm nowhere.
- Maybe.

## Young children

### (Questionnaire 3, Question 24)

#### *"Yes" responses with comments*

- Child was made to attend visits that were not in the child's best interest. Dept pushed too fast and this affected the child's physical and emotional state.
- Has been forced into family contact, crying and screaming.
- Because of his age he would rather play than go - this would be age appropriate.
- Sometimes.
- Sometimes to visitations, but we make him go.
- Every time they have contact with mother they seem to go very distant for a time after. (2 responses)
- Starting to show signs of distress following contact with mum, including diarrhoea.
- I feel seeing parent is upsetting for him. Has started to self harm himself ie. Hits head on walls.
- He would prefer not to go on family visits.
- Contact with maternal grandmother & mother.
- Cries when entering or seeing Dept of Families building.
- Sometimes gets very upset when he has a 2 hour visit.
- Hated day care. DChS wanted the social interaction.
- Family visits.
- Parents. (2 responses)
- Doesn't want to see mother, comments made to CV.
- Hospital appointments. Sometimes visits with mum.
- Sometimes respite or events but has to go for own good.
- Go with the people for reunification who ever turns up on the day.
- Occasionally the child is unhappy about contact visits.
- Made to see family that she doesn't want to.
- A visit with dad - first ever meeting in a high security jail. Dad now out of jail, no contact whatever. Just that one unnecessary visit.
- A jail with her father 12 months ago - in high security - first time she had seen her dad. Dad now out & no contact at all.
- Sent to \*\*\*\*\* in school holidays, did not want to go (play up) last year. No more.
- Speech therapy.
- Not people, but was absolutely traumatised by being picked up by people he didn't know - CSO seemed not to care - is fine now.
- The natural mother's "boyfriend" is present at contact visits, and this upsets the child "I don't like...". Child does not enjoy the 4 hours driving for contact visits - gets car sick and very tired.
- Where serious child abuse has been involved, and the child still has to see the perpetrator.
- Lengthy travel for visits makes tired child - not happy to go to day care as ordered.
- Did not want to continue family visits when we knew she was being sexually molested and abused, but the Dept said they had to continue visits.
- Had to visit family when didn't want to go, as she came home abused again and sexually molested as well - the department threatened us to continue visits.
- Dislikes visiting parent when grandparent interferes.
- She has voiced her concern that she fears the foster carer who has her siblings, because of seeing their ideas of discipline. However, the Dept. still wants her to go out to their house, even when they have heard of her fears.
- Every family visit - currently 7 per month - is too many. They scream hysterically when collected, and are clingy when returned.
- This (child?) has at the moment been stalked by the psychologist at \*\*\*\*\* - CSO (will) not believe me.
- A counsellor.
- At 8 months, child at times is unsettled during/ after access visits.
- Hates doctors - has seen many, and been in hospital very ill.
- Mother's boyfriend, who all the children dislike, and state they don't want to see their mum if he is there.
- Hospital visits, but they are necessary.
- As above mentioned I guess.
- Has fortnightly visits with natural mother, and doesn't want to go but has to.
- He does not want to see the Community Visitor.
- Access visits frequently - child very stressed, separation anxiety.
- Doesn't like contact - does not sleep, agitated, clingy, and sometimes 'sickly'.
- Parental contact - he gets visibly upset about going in Dept car.

- Parents contact. I get bitten and kicked when placing this child in the Department car to go to visit his parents.
- In the end, they did not like access visits, but DChS required them to go.
- Child is forced to see mother and father.
- Does not want to see other siblings sometimes.
- Family access is very hard for her.
- Doesn't like visits with mother. Comes home stressed and agitated.
- This child has been taken to contact visits with a relative unknown to him for 2 years. The child was clearly uncomfortable and upset. I would have thought including the carer for initial visits would have helped.
- The child has been taken to family contact screaming and crying the whole way, and verbalising that she did not want to go.
- She still cries and clings to me [date] when she is to go on a visit with their grandmother and aunt. I had been taking them to visit, but gran and aunt wanted to see her without me. Her crying and clinging was not taken into account when they decided to send her on visits without me. At 2, I believe she should be taken to visit not sent if she is still crying. It's supposed to be for her benefit.
- He has settled now, but for a time was upset about seeing his father.
- She is too small to say but regresses in behaviour frequently.

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#### *"No" responses with comments*

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- I do not force him to do anything he doesn't want to, I encourage others not to force him as well.
- She doesn't mind seeing her sisters
- Child visit sibling and preschool and dancing school.
- Took a long time to get the Medicare card & current CSO was most active in getting the card.
- Although preferred to stay with us, rather than go to respite, but once there is okay.
- Visits she is not keen on.
- She can say if she does not want to, and this is respected.
- I like to see my Aunty.
- If by first experience child displays inappropriate behaviour after visit, then review will be made.
- \*\*\*\*\* can not speak and I make decisions for her with help from registered nurse.

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#### *"Not applicable as child is too young" responses with comments*

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- We had different opinions in regards to safety with parent.
- Not old enough.
- Too many disabilities.
- Child very attached to carers.
- Still manage to have nightmare after visit with parent.
- Some contact sessions difficult for her.
- Ums and ahs a lot about visits.
- However, this child has a negative reaction to supervised contact with family.
- Not applicable as child is too young/disability
- Child care 2 days per week from 12 months of age inappropriate.

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#### *Provided comments only*

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- Yes. Sit at the department for hours waiting for contact, when no one would show up.
- We usually work something out.
- Intellectually impaired.
- Yes, when child has been sick - CSO did not care.
- Child has had no contact
- Seem to have enjoyed everything. (2 responses)
- Gets very upset and/or angry after visits where natural mother is, even though presently non-existent.
- Too young.
- \*\*\*\*\* can not speak I make decisions for her, and with help from registered nurse.