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Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services

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FOSTERING SAFETY AND STABILITY FOR CHILDREN

People are being encouraged to shine a light on the life-changing work of foster and kinship carers by nominating them for a Carer Recognition Award to mark the start of Foster and Kinship Care Week.

Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services Alister Henskens said more than 18,000 carers across NSW have opened their hearts and homes providing safety and stability to vulnerable children and young people.

“Foster and kinship carers provide vulnerable children with a solid foundation on which they can grow and thrive,” Mr Henskens said.

“During the pandemic, they’ve stepped up and taken on extra challenges like remote learning, and the Carer Recognition Awards are an opportunity to celebrate their extraordinary contribution and to say thank you.”

The NSW Government is strengthening support for foster and kinship carers, prospective adoptive parents and guardians through [My Forever Family NSW](#), which provides information, education, training and support to carers.

My Forever Family NSW is also leading a renewed recruitment drive to recruit new adoptive parents, guardians and foster carers.

“We need more people to open their homes and hearts to children in out-of-home care either in a permanent or part-time way,” Mr Henskens said.

“The support you give now can last a lifetime and I encourage anyone who is up for a rewarding and life-changing experience to consider becoming a carer.”

To find out more about the Carer Recognition Awards and for more information about becoming a foster carer, visit <https://www.myforeverfamily.org.au/>.

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