

# The views of children and young people in out-of-home care in NSW

## Findings from the 2018 NSW Out-Of-Home Care (OOHC) and Residential Care Surveys

The 2018 NSW OOHC and Residential Care Surveys asked children and young people (8-17 years) about their views and experiences in foster care, relative/kinship care and residential care. Data from these two surveys were provided to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) to inform the National OOHC Survey.



Legend: ■ NSW OOHC Survey ■ NSW Residential Care Survey

### Key findings

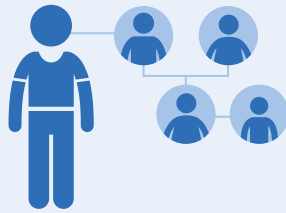
Having a significant adult who cares about them

98% 92%



Having knowledge of their family background

97% 92%



Feeling safe and secure

95% 78%



Feeling connected and close to family

94% 81%



### Community activity

around  
**7 in 10**

children and young people in **both surveys** received adequate support to participate in sporting, cultural or community activities



### Satisfaction with contact

around  
**3 in 4**

children and young people in **both surveys** were satisfied with one of more types of family contact

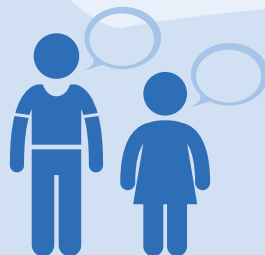


### Areas for improvement

Participation in decision making and feeling listened to

**1 in 4**  
and  
**2 in 4**

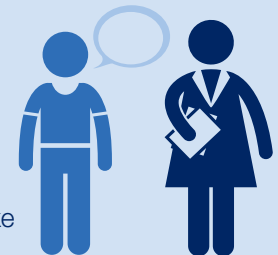
**don't** usually get to have a say and/or usually feel listened to



Leaving care planning (15-17 year olds)

around  
**3 in 10**  
and  
**6 in 10**

were **not** getting as much help as they needed to make decisions about their future



#### Notes:

- This infographic was produced by FACS Insights Analysis and Research, part of the NSW Department of Communities and Justice. Further publications and statistics can be found at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources).
- The aim of the surveys was to understand how children and young people are tracking against eight key indicators which map to a sub-set of the OOHC national standards: sense of security; participation; community activity; family connection; family contact; sense of community; significant person; and leaving care.
- More detailed analysis of the NSW survey results is available in the FACSIAR Report, The views and experiences of children and young people in out-of-home care in NSW.
- National results are available in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report, The views of children and young people in out-of-home care: overview of indicator results from second national survey, 2018.