

Fact sheet

Transferring to an ACCO: What will stay the same? What will you gain?

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The core elements of your role as carer and the supports for the child remain **stable** after transferring to an ACCO.



What will stay the same?



Carer placement

The child or young person stays with you. Transition to an ACCO does NOT mean changing carer households.



Daily routine

The child's day-to-day care, routines and supports remain in place unless changes are required for the child's best interests.



Family contact

The child's rights to contact with siblings, family and friends' remains unchanged.



Training and support

ACCOs may provide support differently to your current agency, but you will continue to receive guidance, training and resources to help you in your caring role.



Raising issues

Your ability to raise issues, participate in case-planning and advocate for the child stays the same.



What will you gain?

Culturally grounded care



You and the child or young person will be supported by people who understand the importance of culture, kinship and identity. Cultural planning and connection will be woven through everyday care.

More connection with community



You will have more opportunities for children and young people to engage with community activities, strengthen their connections to Elders and other kids, and build their sense of community and culture.

Lived experience and community connection



Caseworkers and teams who have lived experience as Aboriginal children and young people bring a deep understanding of your challenges and offer practical and culturally safe guidance.

Strong sense of cultural community and belonging



Children and young people in ACCO care are supported to learn about their family, mob, Country and culture, which helps them to feel proud of who they are and have a greater sense of belonging.

Contact us

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You can also check out the webpages below which include useful information and resources.

ACWA Aboriginal OOHCTransition Hub and Resources: <https://www.acwa.asn.au/aboriginal-out-of-home-care-transition/>

AbSec Website: <https://absec.org.au/our-sector/>