

# CREATE Foundation

## Report Card 2011 – What's the Plan?

An information session for  
Youth Support Coordinators



**Creating Opportunities for Children & Young People in Care**

## CREATE Background

- Established in 1993 with offices in each capital city in all States/Territories
- Work zone by zone
- Only organisation of its kind in Australia
- Engaging with children and young people aged between 0–25 who are or have been in out of home care
- Supports youth participation through all levels of the organisation
- Connect, empower, change



## Mission



“Creating a better life for  
children and young people  
in care”

*“CREATE gives me a voice. I can say what I do and don't like about my care experiences and I can say how I want to change things in my life”*

*[Kelly, 16 years]*



## Vision

“All children and young people with a care experience have the opportunity to reach their full potential”



## CREATE Program's

The CREATE Foundation exists to improve opportunities for children and young people in care across Australia. CREATE runs services and programs to:



## CONNECT Programs

**Connect** children and young people to each other through:

- clubCREATE
- CREATE Newsletter
- CREATE Website

[www.create.org.au](http://www.create.org.au)

- Leaving Care website

[www.createyourfuture.org.au](http://www.createyourfuture.org.au)

- Special Events



*“The first time I received a letter from CREATE I felt really important”*

[Bree, 10 years]

## EMPOWER Programs

*Empower* and resource children and young people in care through:

- Show me the Ropes
- Young Consultants Training



*“It was great fun and it’s better to be out of the house! I was surprised of a few things I did because it was out of my comfort zone!”*

*[Show Me The Ropes participant, 15 years]*

## CHANGE Programs

*Change* the care system from the inside out through the participation of children and young people through:

- Be.Heard
- Young Consultants
- Research
- Policy Advice
- National Youth Advisory Council and State Youth Advisory Group



*"I can think of the time I had in care differently because I understand the department more"*

*[Young Consultant, 20 years]*

## *What's the Plan? Campaign*

- AIM
  - Increase the percentage of YP 15-17 years who have a Transition from Care plan and thus, a successful TFC
- Currently, only 35% of YP have a TFC Plan
- Poorer life outcomes for YP leaving care compared to those YP without a care experience
  - ie. Increased rates of homelessness, mental illness and detention, lower rates of employment



## *What's the Plan? Campaign*

- National mail out to YP 15-17 yrs
  - Calenders
  - Wallet Cards
- National *What's the Plan?* Survey
- National Publications
  - Transitioning from Care Report Card - 2008
  - Transitioning from Care Report Card: Tracking Progress – 2009
  - TBA - Transitioning from Care Report Card 2011



## *What's the Plan?* Campaign

- Benefits to YP
  - Having a voice
  - Contributing to National change to benefit YP leaving care
  - Raising awareness of TFC Plans
  - Chance to win an iPhone 4 and vouchers
- How can you help?
  - Speak to your YP about the importance of *What's the Plan?* Campaign
  - Ask if they have a TFC Plan
  - Help them to complete the *What's the Plan?* Survey



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