

# Kinship Care Week

2-6 September 2024

#FamilyCaringForFamily

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This year's Kinship Care Week runs from 2-6 September, with a program of events, webinars and resources for carers, their families and the workers who support them. Resources gathered on the Kinship Care Network website include sessions on self-care for carers and their families, and ..

Whether you represent an organisation, charity, or professional service, or if you're an individual whose life has been affected by kinship care, we are incredibly grateful if you would consider using the suggested social media posts below to highlight Kinship Care Week and raise awareness of the incredible work of family caring for family.

## Links

- Kinship Care - Network <https://www.cfecfw.asn.au/kinship-care-network/>
- Carer Kafe - <https://carerkafe.org.au/>
- Kinship Carers Victoria - <https://kinshipcarersvictoria.org/>

## Social Media

Follow, retweet, watch our videos and join the conversation

- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/CentreForExcellenceInChildAndFamilyWelfare/>
- **LinkedIn** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cfecfw/>
- **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/@CFECFW/>

Our Hashtags for the week are **#KinshipCareWeek2024** and **#FamiliesCaringForFamily**

## About Kinship Care Week

Kinship Care Week 2024 celebrates the wonderful work of families caring for families in Victoria, helping them connect with each other and with carer support groups in their communities.

Kinship Carers are incredibly important in the lives of children and young people who are unable to live with their parents. Kinship Care ensures ongoing connections to family, culture and community, and a sense of belonging when they are unable to live with their parents.

Some key facts about Kinship Carers\*

- Kinship care is when a child who can't live with their parents is placed in a relative or family friend's home.
- Kinship care is the fastest-growing form of out-of-home care in Victoria. At 30 June 2023 there were 5200 children in Kinship Care placements.
- 79 percent of all children in OOHC in Victoria live with a kinship carer.
- Kinship carers are typically female (94%), in their mid-50s (avg 54), are grandparents or great-grandparents (59%), and live on lower incomes (40% <\$40,000 household income).
- 96 percent of kinship carers are on the lowest level of carer allowance, compared to 32% of foster carers.

\*Source: VAGO Kinship Care, June 2022 ([link](#)) and AIHW, Child protection Australia 2022–23 ([link](#))

## Social Media Posts

### Video

[https://youtu.be/0C-GxaV\\_CR4](https://youtu.be/0C-GxaV_CR4)



### Kinship Care Week 2024





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## Data tiles



#KinshipCareWeek2024 is an opportunity to highlight the amazing work that kinship carers do to provide loving and stable homes for children when they need it most.

- At the end of June 2023 over 24000 children in **Australia** were in Kinship Care placements, making up 60 percent of total home-based care provided across all states and territories.
- At the end of June 2023 over 5000 children in **Victoria** were in Kinship Care placements, making up 79 percent of total home-based care provided in our state.
- At the end of June 2023 over 500 children in **Tasmania** were in Kinship Care placements, making up 47 percent of total home-based care provided in our state.

Join us in celebrating the incredible role kinship carers play in our community.

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## Carer Quotes



This #KinshipCareWeek2024 we celebrate the everyday heroes of #FamilyCaringForFamily. Kinship Carers from across Victoria have shared the challenges they experience caring for child and young people in their lives.

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