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“In-House” Foster Carers

Expression of Interest (EOI) for full time “In-House” Foster Carers

CASPA provides care to children and young people who have experienced trauma and are in Out-Of-Home-Care across the Northern Rivers and Mid-north Coast.

CASPA is seeking expressions of interest from external community members (**either couples or individuals willing to share a residence**) who are willing and able take on a role as Full Time “In-House Foster Carers”. As a foster carer, this challenging and rewarding role would see you provide a safe and supportive home environment for children and young people who have experienced trauma.

CASPA is looking for either a couple or two individuals who would be happy to share care at a residence. To be successful you will need to be available to provide care on a 24/7 basis and be willing to commit for at least 12 months. Support from CASPA would be provided in the form of a House Leader (to oversee the house, administrative tasks and support workers), 5 afternoons per week of support from a Therapeutic Care Worker and respite (outside the house) one weekend a month. It would be expected that the carers retain some form of alternative accommodation for themselves while they have respite.

In return, we would offer your accommodation at the house rent free, cover all of the costs of utilities, cover all costs for the children, provide you with access to a fully maintained vehicle and fuel card, and a generous tax-free paid carer allowance per carer for each child for the dates that you have that child in your care. For the respite weekends, we would need the carers to stay elsewhere as the young people and the vehicle remain in the house. We will also offer ongoing access to education and training in providing therapeutic care, casework support, 24 hour on-call assistance and mentoring support on a weekly basis. Foster Carers work as integral members of a child or young person’s care team and will receive regular and structured support and professional development from CASPA.

Specifically, we need two ‘In-house’ foster carers who will provide 24/7 care in a house that is set up by CASPA for a sibling group of three children aged 4 to 12 years old in the Lismore/Casino area. Live in carers will need to have a range of skills that includes consistent and supportive responses to outbursts (which CASPA will support), as well as strong nurturing and emotionally supportive approaches. It is CASPA’s goal to keep these children together and offer a stable placement that supports the needs of the children.

CASPA is growing its pool of specialist ‘in-house’ foster carers in both the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast and that other placement types are available. Interested people should contact our foster care team and register their interest in becoming a carer.

If chosen for this role, each person would then need to undertake the full Step by Step foster carer assessment, and obtain a NSW Working with Children Check, National Police Check, and Community Services Check and once approved you would receive full foster carer authorisation.

For more information about being an “In-house” foster carer please contact **Angela Bontea** CASPA’s Manager Casework on **(02) 6627 3744** or by email at cwm@caspa.asn.au