



Foster Care Assessments

Department of Communities is conducting a review and update of the Foster Carer Assessment Manual, in partnership with the sector. The aim of this review and update is to streamline the assessment process.

The vision is that the Foster Carer Assessment Manual will be used by both Communities and Out of Home Care (OOHC) Providers.

What are the benefits?

Department of Communities is committed to improving the systems and processes that support people who are interested in becoming a Foster Carer in Western Australia.

A key priority in reviewing and updating the Foster Carer Assessment Manual, is to create an assessment process for prospective carers that is simple, consistent, timely and culturally safe.

Who will be responsible for conducting carer assessments?

Foster Carer Assessments will continue to be undertaken by both Communities and OOHC Providers. The goal is that there is consistency, and a commitment from the providers and Communities, to conduct assessments in the same way using the one assessment process.

When will the changes be implemented?

Department of Communities continue to work in partnership with the sector to review and update the Foster Carer Assessment Manual. Further updates will be provided on expected implementation timelines.

Foster Carer Assessment Panel

The panel has been confirmed and will comprise of:

- Representative from Foster Carer Association WA (FCAWA)
- Senior Practice Development Officer (SPDO) from Department of Communities
- Aboriginal Practice Leader (APL) from Department of Communities

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