



About CREATE's programs

In Australia, there are over 34,000 kids in care mainly due to abuse or neglect from their own families. In many cases, the outcomes for these young Australians isn't bright:

- 35% are homeless in the first year of leaving care
- 46% of boys are involved in the juvenile justice system
- 35% complete Year 12 (national average = 53.7%)
- 29% are unemployed (national average = 9.7%)
- 28% are already parents themselves

CREATE is often witness to a cycle. In a lot of instances young people in care can become young parents themselves and due to lack of support and guidance their own children can often also be placed in care. CREATE Foundation aims to stop this cycle and change these outcomes by creating a better life for children and young people in care.

CREATE facilitate many programs to help children and young people in care to get the skills and support necessary to reach their full potential.

Our **CONNECTIONS** programs break down the isolation and barriers that many children feel after they have gone into care. We connect children to each other and the community so they feel less isolated and more supported.

Having a voice that is heard and respected is a fundamental right for any child or young person that can sometimes be overlooked. CREATE is the voice of the most voiceless in society and our **EMPOWERMENT** programs build self-confidence and self-esteem to enable children and young people to have a voice that is heard.

CREATE tirelessly advocates on behalf of children and young people, especially those who are transitioning from care. We advocate to **CHANGE** and improve the care system in consultation with children and young people to improve policies, practices and services and create community awareness.

If you would like any further information about the CREATE Foundation or the programs and services we provide please contact (02) 9267 1999.