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Enhanced Care Opportunities (ECO) A new kind of foster care

“When my husband and I met Ben and Jared, we could tell they needed some help to get back on track.

The brothers had a rough time with their family and could only see them every few months. They had no one to fill the vital role of a parent at a very important time in their lives.

We had trained as Enhanced Care Opportunities (ECO) foster carers and we wanted to help. ECO foster care is a type of professionalised foster care which provides extra support to young people in need.

Caring for these special young people isn’t always easy, but ECO foster care gives you lots of assistance.

I was given professional training which helps me catch problems early and stay calm. The reimbursements were higher than expected which meant that I could reduce my hours at work to focus on Ben and Jared.

We have daily phone calls with our case manager, which is a great opportunity to debrief and share our thoughts about whatever has been going on. And we have regular visits from a team of highly qualified specialists as well.”

We have skills coaches and educational specialists coming out to spend time with the young people to work on achieving their goals.

We have a youth and family therapist who provides individual and family counselling to their family as well. It’s a great team effort.

“We have come a long way in a short time”

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Call us on **03 9293 8500** or email
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To learn more about changing a life through ECO foster care.

Ben and Jared

Ben and Jared didn't live with us immediately. We got to know each other over a series of dinners, then we started doing the school run as well.

They have now been with us for more than six months and the difference has been amazing. They love playing with our pets and take the dogs for walks every day.

Ben's skills coach helped build up his confidence on public transport, and he now walks home by himself and is saving towards a new computer. When he finishes school he wants to be a police officer, and he's doing work experience with the local police station once a week.

Jared doesn't have many friends, but he's getting more confident every day. When he had his birthday recently, Ben invited his friends over too and they had a great day together.

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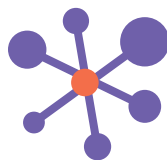
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