

July 2017

Dear Colleague,

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Regional Events Funding for Foster Care Week 10-16 September 2017

This year *Foster Care Week* will run from 10 - 16 September.

The aims of *Foster Care Week* are to:

- Acknowledge and celebrate the work of foster carers across NSW
- Raise awareness in local communities of the value of foster care, foster care agencies and need for more carers
- Attract new foster carers

ACWA is encouraging agencies and regional groups located outside the Sydney metropolitan area to be a part of *Foster Care Week 2017* by holding joint events in their local community.

To encourage collaboration between foster care agencies and groups, ACWA will be providing grants of up to \$1,000 in support of regional joint initiatives. In the past, some agencies have also sought the support of local businesses through donations and services, and this is again encouraged.

This year, there will be more emphasis on promoting *Foster Care Week* as a vehicle for foster carer recruitment, and all grant recipients will be asked to provide a regional Media Liaison contact who will be responsible for sourcing carer stories and liaising closely with Fostering NSW to attract media coverage of the week's activities.

Organisers have often included with their events an information stall or similar promotional activity that is well publicised in the local media. This helps to raise the profile of carers, creating a fertile ground for carer recruitment and potentially attracting new carers.

Applications for funding will be assessed on the following criteria:

- The event meets the aims of the week.
- The activity is for carers and children in a regional, rural or remote area.
- The event demonstrates collaboration between agencies within the region.
- There is a demonstrated ability to source other funds if needed.
- There is a commitment to raising the profile of *Foster Care Week* through support for the Fostering NSW campaign messaging.
- The application is submitted by a non-government organisation (e.g. an incorporated association) that is also an ACWA member.

Grants will be allocated as per previous FACS regional boundaries.

Any questions about the grants or your application can be directed to the Fostering NSW team. To apply, please fill out the attached form and return it by **Wednesday 16th August 2017** at **5.00pm**.

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Thank you for being a part of Foster Care Week in NSW.