



KEY FACTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUT OF HOME CARE

DID YOU KNOW?

YOU HAVE RIGHTS

THE GOVERNMENT
CAN DO THINGS TO
KEEP YOU SAFE

CHILD SAFETY
SERVICES CAN HELP
YOU TO BE, STAY
AND FEEL SAFE

COURTS CAN
DECIDE HOW TO
KEEP YOU SAFE

YOU CAN ALWAYS
SPEAK UP

THIS INCLUDES:

- a safe and stable living environment
- meeting your care and cultural needs
- staying in touch with family and community
- being involved in decisions about your life
- receiving medical care and going to school
- when you're older, being supported to find a job and a house to live in

THIS INCLUDES:

- helping parents to keep you safe
- asking other people to help your family
- investigating worries about your safety
- finding a place for you to stay if it's not safe at home

THIS INCLUDES:

- living in a safe home
- living with people who care for you
- always having someone you can talk to

THIS INCLUDES:

- protecting your rights and your parents' rights
- making Child Protection Orders
- speaking to you and other people to make decisions about your safety

THIS INCLUDES:

If you don't agree about who you should live with, or how much contact you have with your family speaking to any of the following people about your concerns

- your Child Safety Officer
- your Community Visitor
- your Child Advocate
- Legal Aid New South Wales
- Youth Advocacy Centre or the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal

YOU CAN GET HELP

Contact the Community Services Child Protection Helpline to report a child or young person suspected to be at risk of significant harm on **13 21 11** (24 hours/7 days) or, where risks are not imminent, you can eReport via the online Mandatory Reporter Guide.



Legal Aid New South Wales **1300 888 529**

New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal **1300 006 228**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services NSW **1800 765 767**

