

MEDIA ALERT

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The logo for CREATE Foundation, featuring the word 'create' in a stylized, rounded font with a blue-to-purple gradient, and the word 'FOUNDATION' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The logo is set against a dark purple circular background.

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for children and young
people in care

ANNOUNCING: LATEST INDEPENDENT SURVEY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S CARE EXPERIENCES

The latest independent survey of children and young people with an out-of-home care experience will be released on **Tuesday 25th May, 2021**.

For 20 years, CREATE Foundation has informed government and the child protection sector through independent consultations and research with children and young people with an out-of-home care experience (i.e., foster, kinship or residential care). The latest survey assesses children and young people's responses regarding their post-care experience as they exit the child protection system and transition to independence.

Learning about the experiences of children and young people growing up in care and transitioning is vital as a means of informing the sector about what is working and where improvements are most urgent.

May 25th, 2021, will see the launch of the highly anticipated report titled: *Transitioning to adulthood from out-of-home care: Independence or interdependence?*

This post-care survey was an extended version of the one first administered to care leavers in CREATE's 2009 Report Card. The survey focus was: demographic information, care experience, current study or employment, finances, accommodation, family contact, parenting (if relevant), health, youth justice involvement (if relevant), preparation for leaving care, and support since transitioning to independence. The survey concluded by giving them the opportunity to talk about their hopes for the future. The findings will be announced at the official launch.

SAVE THE DATE: Please mark your diaries to join our National Launch event and be the first to hear the results. Presenters include CREATE Chief Executive, **Ms Jacqui Reed**; Executive Director of Research and report author, **Dr Joseph McDowall**, sector and government representatives, as well as hearing powerful stories shared by CREATE's **young people** on their experiences, followed by a lively discussion around how the child protection sector can work together to improve the lives of children and young people in out-of-home care. Register to attend the live virtual event here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GOIVqdITSX-aCNVrp_Wszg

CREATE Foundation is the national consumer body representing the voices of children and young people with an out-of-home care experience (including kinship care, foster care and residential care). CREATE develops policy and research to report on and advocate for a better care system. For more information please visit www.create.org.au

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