**Better Futures Eligibility**

Information for workers

An Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander young person living in:

* foster care,
* kinship care

or

* residential care

And on a:

* Family Reunification Order,
* Care by Secretary Order,
* Long-term Care Order or
* Permanent Care Order

**Will receive a Better Futures Referral at 15 years and 9 months.**

About Better Futures

* Working together towards young people's **goals for independence.**
* Better Futures provide support and guidance that can flex up and down according to need until you turn 21.
* Better Futures also has **Flexible Funding**

**Home Stretch Funding**
Home Stretch support and funding can begin after:

* The Order finishes
* Targeted Care Package (TCP) funding has ended

If you are on a

* Family Reunification Order,
* Care by Secretary Order

OR

* Long-term Care Order

You are eligible for Home Stretch support and funding **from 16 – 21.**

If you are on a

* Permanent Care Order

You are eligible for Home Stretch support and funding **from 18 – 21.**

**Please note:**

* Young people on interim accommodation orders and family preservation orders are NOT ELIGIBLE for Better Futures.
* If the young person moves to another region, their Better Futures and Home Stretch support and funding moves with them.
* A young person may not be eligible for ongoing Home Stretch funding if they choose to return to their family of origin.

Project partners

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