

Your life, your rights

Are you a young person in out of home care?

You have rights!

You have the right to receive the care that is necessary for your wellbeing, to be listened to and to have a say in decisions that are made about you.

Your Voice – Children's Out of Home Care Advocacy Service

Your Voice is a free, independent legal service for young people in out of home care

There might be lots of different things going on for you. We are committed to listening to you and helping you find solutions to problems you are facing.

We are committed to ensuring that you are at the centre of decisions that are being made about you. We will work with you to help you understand your rights and advocate for your needs.

We have lawyers and a wellbeing team which includes an Aboriginal Field Officer.

We are independent and separate from DCJ.

We work for you, not for DCJ or your caseworker

You can talk to us about what is going on for you. We can explore with you how we might be able to assist. Some of the things we can help with include:

- arrangements for spending time with family including siblings and kin
- planning for when you turn 18 or leave care
- problems in your accommodation or placement
- making and/or following up with complaints
- issues with school
- connecting with cultural identity, community and country
- discussing choices which are available to you
- helping you understand your entitlements, including Centrelink and the NDIS, and
- supporting you if you are a young parent.

You can contact us yourself, or ask your worker to make a referral to our team.

Call us on (02) 9068 1789 or email us at YourVoiceAdvocacyService@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

