



TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE

MONTH NOVEMBER
2018

ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE...
JOURNEY TO SUCCESS

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Each year, more than 500 young people leave the Queensland child protection system to live independently. Help and support for these young people often comes from family, carers and community members, as well as government and nongovernment service providers.

However, a number of young people make this transition to adulthood without the support of family or a wider support network...

Transition to Independence Month is coordinated by G-Force, a sector-wide working party made up of government and non-government organisations including: Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services; CREATE Foundation; Foster Care Queensland; PeakCare; Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak; Department of Housing and Public Works; Life Without Barriers and Office of the Public Guardian.

The work of G-Force is grounded in the opinions of young people with an out-of-home-care experience, including the CREATE Foundation Young Consultants participating directly and indirectly within the group. G-Force seeks to support those working with young people in out-of-home-care by sharing practical information, advice and useful resources. The group also provides stakeholders with an opportunity to provide feedback about systemic changes that could lead to improved outcomes for young people in out-of-home care.

T2i MONTH RESOURCES

G-Force has developed a number of resources to support organisations across Queensland to celebrate T2i Month. These will be made available on the CREATE Foundation website www.createyourfuture.org.au/leaving-care/t2i-month-queensland/. Hashtag #t2imonth has been developed for child protection workers to celebrate the strengths they see in young people, that they wish for young people to see in themselves. Keep an eye out for a poster with more information on being involved in this initiative.

T2i MONTH LAUNCH

In 2018, T2i Month will be launched in Cairns on Thursday November. For more information about the launch, email andrew.foley@create.org.au or kim.noonan@csyw.qld.gov.au



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GET INVOLVED!

During November, sector leaders and child protection practitioners across Queensland are asked to raise awareness of the significance of young people exiting care and transitioning to independence. This includes sharing the key messages of T2i Month through events in local communities, professional development events within organisations or fun activities with young people to address challenges and identify opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN T2i MONTH INCLUDE:

- talking to young people about Next Step After Care and how they can access support www.nextstepaftercare.com.au
- hearing from local young people about how they view transition to independence, and how we can assist them to live independently
- organising your own local event for young people to celebrate their achievements in becoming independent
- coordinating an art exhibition featuring works from young people
- holding a fun group activity with young people (paddle boarding, go-karting) where you talk about the challenges and opportunities of transitioning to independence
- organising a T2i Month expo where local service providers, including Next Step After Care, showcase how they can provide assistance to young people

Make sure you log your planned events with CREATE Foundation by emailing andrew.foley@create.org.au

For further information, please call Andrew Foley at CREATE Foundation on 3317 6020.

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