

# What young people in out-of-home care would like you to know about self-placing:



Be kind, patient, compassionate, person-centred, empathetic, curious, non-judgemental & trauma-informed.



Give young people information about all the possible resources, services and support they are entitled to - especially after-hours services.

Be respectful of young people's belongings - it might be all they have.



Stress your availability to young people. Be transparent about the future and provide stability where possible.



Advocate for the needs of young people with Child Safety and other services, and provide guidance where possible.



Support young people to have a safety plan in case their placement doesn't work out. This could involve using other services, or making a safe word.



Support young people to secure their future by providing resources - eg. Centrelink support, housing application, drivers' licence, updated resume etc.



Don't make promises you can't keep about staying in touch when you leave. This is how young people lose trust in workers.



Understand AOD and other typically "naughty" behaviours as mechanisms for survival, and encourage harm minimisation approaches.

## MOST IMPORTANTLY:

*"Feed the kids."*

Ensure young people have access to the basics - transport, food, a phone, and a place to stay.