



In-Home Care *Outcomes Report*

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1 April – 30 June, 2025

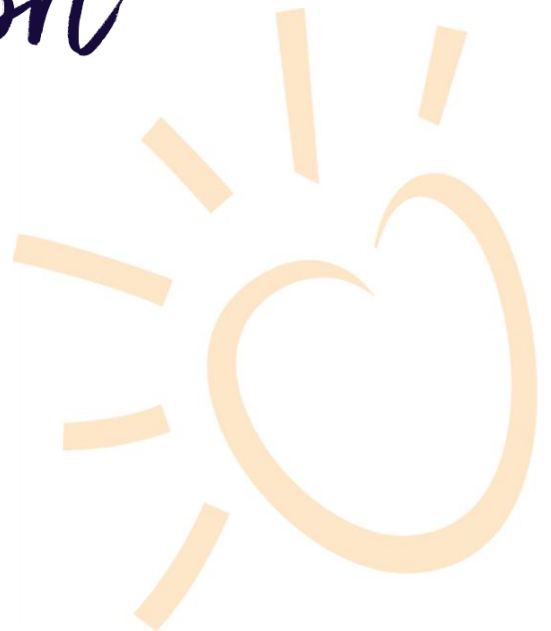


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OzChild's In-Home Care Outcomes Framework



Outcomes Framework

Stability
Children and young people are in stable placements

Safe and Secure
Children and young people feel safe and secure

Mental Health
Children and young people are supported to improve their emotional, behavioural, and psychological wellbeing

Physical Health
Children and young people are supported with their physical health needs

Learning and Education
Children and young people are engaged in and achieving in education and training

Connection
Children and young people are supported to safely and appropriately maintain connection with family

Culture and Identity
Children and young people are supported to develop their identity, safely and appropriately, through contact with their culture and communities and have their life history recorded as they grow up

Participation and Empowerment
Children and young people feel empowered and participate in decisions impacting their lives

Community and Support
Children and young people are socially engaged and have a strong support network

Leaving Care
Children and young people are supported appropriately when transitioning from care

Carers
Carers are respected and receive relevant ongoing training, development and support, in order to provide quality care

Scope of Reporting

Programs

The programs in scope are as follows:

- Foster Care - ACT, Qld, and Vic
- Circle Program – Vic
- Treatment Foster Care Oregon – Adolescent (TFCO-A) – NSW and Vic
- Treatment Foster Care Oregon – Children (TFCO-C) – NSW, Qld, and Vic
- Lead Tenant – Vic
- Kinship Care: Case Contracting – Vic
- Kinship Care: First Supports – Vic

Review Period

CYP who were active in the programs listed above at any point between 1 April and 30 June 2025, were considered in scope. This includes CYP who commenced a program prior to 1 April 2025 but remained active at some point during the review period. For our caregivers, the same criteria applied - caregivers were included if they were active in the listed programs at any point during the same timeframe.



Methodology

This report presents data from the OzChild In-Home Care (IHC) programs in scope, covering the period from **1 April to 30 June 2025**.

The data selection and reporting process involved the following key steps:

Data Sourcing

- Data was obtained from validated tools and measures specifically chosen to assess each program's outcomes. Since different programs have distinct goals, they utilise different tools tailored to their needs.
- The data comprises of quantitative measures (such as assessments and outputs).

Inclusion Criteria

- Data was included if it met all the following conditions:
 - Related to individuals active in IHC programs in scope during the reporting period.
 - Derived from tools scheduled for use within the quarter.
 - Complete and available for analysis.

Data Availability

- Most data will be included in each quarterly report; however, slight variations may occur from quarter to quarter due to factors such as the timing of tool administration.
- Additionally, some data is collected annually or biannually, which may affect its inclusion in quarterly reports.

Methodology

Quantitative Data Overview

Data Type	Tool/Output	Applicable Programs
Validated Outcomes Tool	North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS)	TFCO – A, TFCO – C and Kinship Care: First Supports (strength ratings at intake and closure are reported to show change; baseline and challenge ratings are not included)*^
	Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)	All programs (except Lead Tenant) (Reported only for placements closed in the quarter, showing change from intake to closure)
Output	Placement data	All programs
	Reunification data	Kinship Care: First Supports
	Permanency data	All programs
	Program Graduation data	TFCO – A, TFCO – C
	Health & Development and Dental Assessment data	All programs (except Kinship Care: First Supports)
	School Attendance	TFCO – A, TFCO – C

*For this quarter, both TFCO – A and TFCO – C did not have any data available for the NCFAS.

^ The NCFAS is completed for Kinship First Supports cases that are active for 40 to 110 hours.

Key Considerations

Overall

The aim of the IHC Quarter 2 Outcomes Report is to assess how effectively OzChild’s IHC programs are achieving the three primary outcome domains outlined in the IHC Outcomes Framework.

This report presents an overview of progress across each program and state (where applicable) enabling comparisons between programs that use the same outcome tools and outputs, while also highlighting individual-level progress.

Changes to Outcomes Processes

Several changes to outcome measurement and reporting were introduced this year, including the rollout of new tools, a shift to quarterly reporting, and the removal of data deadlines in favour of ongoing data input. As staff continue to adapt to these updated practices, data entry and tool completion may have been affected—impacting overall data completeness and quality.

Progress on Output Measurements and Tools in Family Journey

Some tools and outputs in the Family Journey system are still being developed, with full functionality and integration expected in upcoming quarters. This includes outputs for Learning, Education, and Connection. Leaving Care Planning is already functional, but a year of data input is required before accurate reporting can begin.

Work is also underway to enable full use of the PWI-SC tool in the TFCO-A and TFCO-C programs, as system limitations affected implementation this quarter. The Progressive Achievement Test (PAT), used in both TFCO programs, is under review with the team to ensure accurate recording in the Family Journey system.



Foster Care *Outcomes*

Demographics Snapshot

Number of CYP active in OzChild Foster Care IHC programs, Q2 2025

	ACT	Qld	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	20	52	40
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	43	110	218
Total	63	162*	258

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in OzChild Foster Care IHC programs, Q2 2025

	ACT	Qld	Vic
No. of Carers	73	115**	389
No. of Households	40	74**	245

* The number of CYP in Foster Care – Qld includes those in both Kinship and Foster Care placements.

** The number of carers in Foster Care – QLD includes those providing both Kinship Care and Foster Care.

Foster Care - ACT



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

92% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

8% experienced two placements.



Wellbeing



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

1 of the four CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

0 of the four CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*

** Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*

Foster Care - Qld



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

92% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

8% experienced two placements.



Wellbeing



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

0 of the 36 CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

0 of the 36 CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*

**Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*

Foster Care - Vic



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

77% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

12% experienced two placements.

10% experienced three or more placements.

The proportion of CYP placed in permanent care arrangements.

1 CYP was placed on a Permanent Care Order.

The proportion of young people (over 18 years old) moved to suitable housing at program closure.

1/1 The young person who turned 18 and aged out of care transitioned to living with kith or kin at program closure.



Wellbeing



Mental Health

The proportion of CYP who are supported with their mental health needs.

2 CYP exiting Foster Care has both intake and closure SDQs completed. Both maintained 'Close to Average' Total Difficulties risk ratings. One CYP also maintained a 'Close to Average' Prosocial risk rating, while the other declined from 'Close to Average' to 'Low'.



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

19% of the 78 CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

21% of the 78 CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*

** Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*



The Circle Program *Outcomes*

Demographics Snapshot

Number of CYP active in OzChild Circle Programs, Q2 2025

	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	8
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	15
Total	23

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in OzChild Circle Programs, Q2 2025

	Vic
No. of Carers	34
No. of Households	23



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

62% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

19% experienced two placements.

19% experienced three or more placements.



Wellbeing



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

4 of the seven CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

1 of the seven CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*

**Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*



Lead Tenant *Outcomes*

Demographics Snapshot

Number of CYP active in Lead Teant Program, Q2 2025

	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	0
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	5
Total	5

Number of active Lead Tenant Mentor households in the Lead Tenant Program, Q1 2025

	Vic
No. of Mentors	4



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

100% of young people experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

The proportion of young people (over 18 years old) moved to suitable housing at program closure.

2/2 The two young people who turned 18 and aged out of care transitioned to independent living at program closure.



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

0 of the three young people eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

1 of the three young people eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*

^ Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.



Treatment Foster Care Oregon – Adolescent (TFCO-A) *Outcomes*

Demographics Snapshot

Number of CYP active in OzChild TFCO –A programs, Q2 2025

	NSW	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	0	1
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	5	4
Total	5	5

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in OzChild TFCO – A programs, Q2 2025

	NSW	Vic
No. of Carers	16	16
No. of Households	10	10



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

100% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

In this quarter, no CYP were due for their annual health or dental check.

Please note: No graduations or closures occurred in Quarter 2; therefore, no program outcomes are available.

[^] Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

40% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

60% experienced two placements.

Number of graduates who are in lower-level exit placements (reunification, foster care, kinship care).

2 CYP graduated, and they were living with kith or kin at the end of the program.



Wellbeing



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

0 of the two CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

0 of the two CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*



Learning and Education

The proportion of CYP attending school.

100% both CYP graduating TFCO-A demonstrated 100% school attendance at program closure.

**Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*



Treatment Foster Care Oregon – Child (TFCO-C) *Outcomes*

Demographics Snapshot

Number of CYP active in OzChild TFCO –C programs, Q2 2025

	NSW	Qld	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	2	6	3
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	5	14	7
Total	7	20	10

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in OzChild TFCO – C programs, Q2 2025

	NSW	Qld	Vic
No. of Carers	19	61	19
No. of Households	13	34	14



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

86% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

14% experienced two placements.



Wellbeing



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

The one CYP who was eligible for both their annual physical and developmental health check and their annual dental check this quarter did not have either completed.*

Please note: No graduations or closures occurred in Quarter 2; therefore, no program outcomes are available.

**Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

90% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

5% experienced two placements.

5% experienced three placements.

Number of graduates who are in lower-level exit placements (reunification, foster care, kinship care).

1 CYP graduated, and they were living with their parents at the end of the program.



Wellbeing



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

0 of the five CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

0 of the five CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*



Learning and Education

The proportion of CYP attending school.

81% school attendance was demonstrated at program closure by the one CYP graduating TFCO-C, a decline from 98% at intake.

**Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

100% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

Number of graduates who are in lower-level exit placements (reunification, foster care, kinship care).

2 CYP graduated, and both were living in Foster Care at the end of the program.



Wellbeing



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

100% (2/2) of CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

50% (1/2) of CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*



Learning and Education

The proportion of CYP attending school.

100% school attendance was demonstrated at program closure by both CYP graduating TFCO-C, both improvements from either 65% or 92% at intake.

** Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q2. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*



Kinship Care *Outcomes*

Demographics Snapshot

Number of CYP active in OzChild Kinship programs, Q2 2025

	Kinship Care: Case Contracting	Kinship Care: First Supports
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	151	158

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in
OzChild Kinship programs, Q2 2025

	Kinship Care: Case Contracting	Kinship Care: First Supports
No. of Carers	134	149
No. of Households	104	123

Kinship Care: Case Contracting Vic



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

90% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

8% experienced two placements.

2% experienced three or more placements.



Wellbeing



Mental Health

The proportion of CYP with improved emotional and behavioural development.

- 1** CYP exiting the program had both an intake and closure SDQ completed. At closure, they had a 'Close to Average' Total Difficulties risk rating—an improvement from the 'Very High' risk rating at intake. Their Prosocial risk rating remained 'Close to Average' at both intake and closure



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP who have received their annual health check for physical and developmental needs, and the proportion who have received their annual dental check.

7% of the 54 CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

15% of the 54 CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed*

**Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q1. Those not yet due were excluded. Data reflects activity within the quarter only and excludes general health or dental visits. All CYP remain scheduled within statutory timeframes.*

Kinship First Supports



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

97% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

3% experienced two placements.

The proportion of CYP reunified to their birth family.

5 CYP were reunified with their birth families.

90% of families were assessed as having strong housing stability at closure, up from 75% at intake.



Safety

Safe and Secure

The proportion of families with improvements to family safety.

70% of families demonstrated high ratings in family functioning, including bonding with children, communication, expectations of children, mutual support, relationships between parent caregivers, routines and rituals, recreation, and play activities. This was an improvement from 50% at intake.

85% of families demonstrated high ratings in family safety, including the absence of domestic violence between caregivers, family conflict, physical or emotional abuse of children, neglect of children, and presence of weapons. This was an improvement from 40% at intake.



Wellbeing



Mental Health

The proportion of CYP with improved emotional and behavioural development.

50% of CYP exiting the program with an intake and closure SDQ completed recorded a 'Close to Average' Total Difficulties risk rating at the end of their placement — up from 25% at intake.

50% of CYP exiting the program with an intake and closure SDQ completed recorded a 'Close to Average' Prosocial risk rating at the end of their placement. This was down from 71% at intake.

80% of CYP demonstrated strength ratings for their wellbeing, including their behaviour, school performance, relationships with caregivers, siblings, and peers, as well as in cooperation and motivation to remain in the family. This improved from intake, where 40% had a strength rating.



Physical Health

The proportion of CYP with improved physical health.

95% of CYP received high ratings for their physical health, including no health issues impacting normal development or participating in everyday life, receiving required check ups and immunisations, and illness and injuries are dealt with appropriately. This is up from 90% at intake.



Culture and Identity

The proportion of CYP who feel connected with their culture and community in which they live.

90% of families received high ratings for social and community life, including relationships with others, engagement with services, cultural and spiritual connections, and proactive use of support. Up from 60% at intake.



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