



In-Home Care *Outcomes Report*

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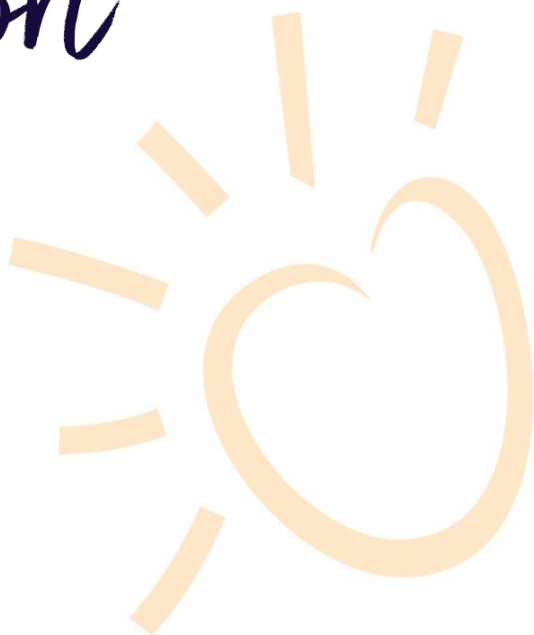


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OzChild's In-Home Care Outcomes Framework



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 July and 30 September 2025, were considered in scope. This includes CYP who commenced a program prior to 1 July 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 July to 30 September 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
	Literacy and Numeracy Benchmarks	Foster Care - Vic, Circle Program, Kinship Care: Case Contracting

* 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 3 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, Q3 2025

	ACT	Qld	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	21	35	36
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	44	103	195
Total	65	138*	231

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in OzChild Foster Care IHC programs, Q3 2025

	ACT	Qld	Vic
No. of Carers	80	113**	364
No. of Households	46	73**	232

* 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.

87% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

13% experienced either two or three placements.

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

1 young person who turned 18 and aged out of care in the quarter remained in Foster Care at program closure.



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.

3 of the 11 CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

0 of the 11 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 Q3. 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.

95% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

5% experienced two placements.

Foster Care - Vic



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

80% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

12% experienced two placements.

8% 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.

2 young people who turned 18 and aged out of care in the quarter transitioned to independent living at program closure.



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.

13% of the 69 CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

4% of the 69 CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed.*



Learning and Education

64% of CYP attending mainstream school achieved national numeracy benchmarks. ^

61% of CYP attending mainstream school achieved national literacy benchmarks.^

* Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q3. 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.

^ Data is collated annually and reflects CYP who are active in August. Staff provided the most recent data for each CYP attending mainstream school, representing their benchmark achievement



The Circle Program *Outcomes*

Demographics Snapshot

Number of CYP active in OzChild Circle Programs, Q3 2025

	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	5
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	18
Total	23

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in OzChild Circle Programs, Q3 2025

	Vic
No. of Carers	34
No. of Households	22



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

59% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

23% experienced two placements.

18% experienced three or more placements.

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

1 young person who turned 18 and aged out of care in the quarter remained in Foster Care at program closure.



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.

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

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



Learning and Education

56% of CYP attending mainstream school achieved national numeracy benchmarks. ^

56% of CYP attending mainstream school achieved national literacy benchmarks.^

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Lead Tenant *Outcomes*

Demographics Snapshot

Number of CYP active in Lead Teant Program, Q3 2025

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

Number of active Lead Tenant Mentor households in the Lead Tenant Program, Q3 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.

1 young person who turned 18 and aged out of care in the quarter 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.

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

**Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q3. 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, Q3 2025

	NSW	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	1	1
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	5	2
Total	6	3

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in OzChild TFCO – A programs, Q3 2025

	NSW	Vic
No. of Carers	17	13
No. of Households	11	8



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 in the quarter, one was CYP reunified and living with their parents, and the other transitioned to their Foster Care 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.

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.*

^ Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q3. 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.

1 of the three CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement. The remaining two CYP either had two or five placements.

Please note: No graduations or closures occurred in Quarter 3; therefore, no program outcomes are available.



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.

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

**Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q3. 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, Q3 2025

	NSW	Qld	Vic
No. of First Nations CYP	3	7	2
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	5	15	5
Total	8	22	7

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in OzChild TFCO – C programs, Q3 2025

	NSW	Qld	Vic
No. of Carers	22	73	19
No. of Households	15	41	14



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

75% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

26% experienced two or three placements.

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

2 CYP graduated in the quarter, both transitioning back to their Foster Care placement.



Safety

Safe and Secure

The proportion of families with improvements to family safety.

One family had the NCFAS completed at both intake and closure. At both points, the family showed 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. No change from intake.

The one family who had the NCFAS completed demonstrated very 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 improved from a moderate challenge rating at intake.



Wellbeing



Mental Health

The proportion of CYP with improved emotional and behavioural development.

The one CYP who had the NCFAS completed received high 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 was an improvement from the moderate challenge rating, indicating challenges in these areas, recorded at intake.



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 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.*

The proportion of CYP with improved physical health.

The one CYP who had the NCFAS completed demonstrated high ratings for their **physical health**, including no health issues impacting normal development or daily activities, completion of required check-ups and immunisations, and appropriate management of illness and injuries. No change from intake.

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

The one family who had the NCFAS completed demonstrated very high ratings for **social and community life**, including relationships with others, engagement with services, cultural and spiritual connections, and proactive use of support. This was an improvement from the high rating reported at intake.

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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.

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

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



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).

- 1** CYP graduated, and they transitioned to Foster Care at the end of the program.



Wellbeing

Mental Health

The proportion of CYP with improved emotional and behavioural development.

The one CYP who graduated showed no change on the SDQ, with a 'Very high' Total Difficulties rating and a 'Very low' Prosocial rating 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.

0

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

1

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%

school attendance was demonstrated for the one CYP graduating TFCO at program closure.

** Includes only CYP due for annual or six-monthly health, development, or dental checks in Q3. 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, Q3 2025

	Kinship Care: Case Contracting	Kinship Care: First Supports
No. of Non-First Nations CYP	145	162

Number of active and on hold carers and carer households in
OzChild Kinship programs, Q3 2025

	Kinship Care: Case Contracting	Kinship Care: First Supports
No. of Carers	137	153
No. of Households	107	125

Kinship Care: Case Contracting Vic



Permanency



Stability

The proportion of CYP in stable placements.

91% of CYP experienced placement stability, remaining in a single placement.

7% experienced two placements.

2% 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.

5% of the 62 CYP eligible for their annual physical and developmental health check this quarter had it completed.*

11% of the 62 CYP eligible for their annual dental check this quarter had it completed*



Learning and Education

60% of CYP attending mainstream school achieved national numeracy benchmarks. ^

57% of CYP attending mainstream school achieved national literacy benchmarks.^

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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.

6 CYP were reunified with their birth families.



Wellbeing



Mental Health

The proportion of CYP with improved emotional and behavioural development.

17% 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 — down from 83% at intake.

33% 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 56% at intake.



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