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| Service Stream | Families and Young People Services | Category | Foster and Kinship Care |
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Where a prospective Foster or Kinship Carer makes contact with a MC Foster and Kinship Care program for the first time, they must be made aware of their rights in relation to privacy.

The following statement must be shared with the prospective carer and within the enquiry record workers must make a note of their consent for personal information collection.

This note may be made in the MC Carer Enquiry Record; otherwise a note must be made on the alternate, Departmentally-approved enquiry record.

In order to progress this enquiry, I must make you aware of the following:

- You are providing consent to participate in this interview for the purposes of further exploring your capacity to become an approved foster carer.
- You consent to this record informing MC in any future application to become a foster carer.
- You acknowledge that you consent to the recording of personal and sensitive information for the purpose of gathering sufficient enquiry information. Your information will be stored on MC systems and shared within the MC Foster Care Service, being made available to relevant workers only and used only for the purposes of your enquiry, or potential application, to become a foster carer.
- You acknowledge that information shared during this interview may be shared with the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (the government agency responsible for overseeing foster and kinship care in Queensland).
- You acknowledge that under the *Children's Court Rules 2016* and the *Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016*, the Department is required to provide relevant information to the Director of Child Protection Litigation (DCPL) in relation to child protection proceedings, and the DCPL has a duty to disclose documents relevant to the proceeding to each other party. Therefore, information provided to the Department which is relevant to current or future court proceedings may be provided to the parties, including the parents. This may include applications for future child protection orders for children already in your care as an approved foster or kinship carer, such as long-term Child Protection Orders.
- You are able to receive a copy of the MC Privacy Policy at your request. This policy is also available on the Mercy Community website – www.mercycommunity.org.au.
- You acknowledge that the consent you provide today will also apply to future interactions and records in relation to your enquiry or eventual application to become a foster carer and, if approved, your time as a foster carer with MC.

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