

# SHARED LIVES

## INFORMATION SHEET

**Shared Lives is a training package for potential general foster carers. It supersedes the 2011 edition of Shared Stories, Shared Lives.**

Shared Lives has been developed after extensive consultation as a joint ACWA / FACS project.

### FAQs

#### Q What do I need to do to use the new carer training package?

**Lead** trainers must attend Shared Lives training prior to using the new package. There are 2 types of training available:

- **one day** Familiarisation — for people who are experienced at presenting training to carers
- **three day** Developing Training Skills course for new or less experienced trainers, or for people wanting to refresh their skills

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#### Q Is there a 'Train the trainer' available?

Yes, ACWA can endorse trainers to conduct the one-day Familiarisation within their own agency. ACWA will endorse trainers who:

- have attending training run by ACWA
- used the new Shared Lives to conduct training (at least 3 times)
- can demonstrate their skills in using the new Shared Lives (by providing ACWA with a video of them conducting a small segment of the training)

For more details please contact Louise or Jo at ACWA.

#### Q Can this package be used for relative/kinship carers?

A version of Shared Lives designed for training mixed groups of general foster carers alongside relative/kinship carers (or 1:1 with relative/kinship carers) is expected to be available early 2018.

#### Q How much does it cost?

Complete package \$300  
(includes hard copy Leaders Guide, Workbooks *and* USB)  
USB only \$200  
Leaders Guide (hard copy only) \$100

