



## EARLY CHILDHOOD IN FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARE



The University of Melbourne, Department of Social Work and The Berry Street Childhood Institute are conducting a national study called *Early Childhood in Foster and Kinship Care*.

This study will collect important new information that government and non-government agencies can use to support the good development of foster and kinship care children during early childhood and ensure they start school healthy and eager to learn.

People over the age of 18 who are the main carers of a foster or kinship care child who has yet to start full-time school are invited to take part in a 30 minute survey.

The survey is about young foster and kinship care children. Specifically, the study is about their participation in early learning and care programs, informal learning and wellbeing.

The survey can be completed online or on paper. The survey can also be completed as a telephone interview. Participants who have difficulties with English can complete a telephone interview in their preferred language.

Participants can choose to enter a draw to win one of 10 \$50 gift vouchers.

If you want to know more about the *Early Childhood in Foster and Kinship Care* study or if you wish to complete the survey please visit the project website at: [www.fosterandkinship.com.au](http://www.fosterandkinship.com.au) or contact the Principal Researcher, Dr Sarah Wise on (03) 903 55371 or via email at [sarah.wise@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:sarah.wise@unimelb.edu.au). The password to enter the online survey is **nurture**.



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