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A Step Up for Our Kids - Snapshot Report

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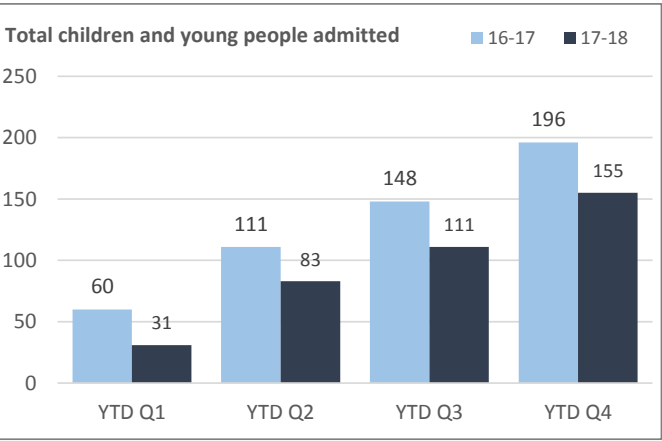
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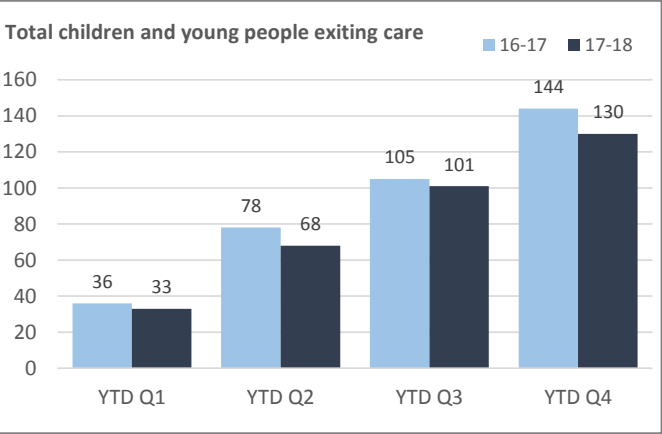
1. Number of children and young people entering care*

	YTD Q1 2016-17		YTD Q2 2016-17		YTD Q3 2016-17		YTD Q4 2016-17		YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18	
Total children and young people admitted	60	100%	111	100%	148	100%	196	100%	31	100%	83	100%	111	100%	155	100%
By Entry Type																
Returning client	6	10%	17	15%	30	20%	42	21%	8	26%	20	24%	36	32%	48	31%
New client	54	90%	94	85%	118	80%	154	79%	23	74%	63	76%	75	68%	107	69%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander																
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	19	32%	35	32%	44	30%	59	30%	10	32%	32	39%	35	32%	52	34%
Other Children	41	68%	76	68%	104	70%	137	70%	21	68%	51	61%	76	68%	103	66%
By Sex																
Female	39	65%	65	59%	82	55%	110	56%	17	55%	43	52%	57	51%	74	48%
Male	21	35%	46	41%	66	45%	86	44%	14	45%	40	48%	54	49%	81	52%



2. Number of children and young people exiting care*

	YTD Q1 2016-17		YTD Q2 2016-17		YTD Q3 2016-17		YTD Q4 2016-17		YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18	
Total children and young people exiting care	36	100%	78	100%	105	100%	144	100%	33	100%	68	100%	101	100%	130	100%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander																
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	7	19%	19	24%	26	25%	35	24%	5	15%	12	18%	17	17%	22	17%
Other Children	29	81%	59	76%	79	75%	109	76%	28	85%	56	82%	84	83%	108	83%
By Sex																
Female	20	56%	43	55%	56	53%	77	53%	17	52%	36	53%	51	50%	63	48%
Male	16	44%	35	45%	49	47%	67	47%	16	48%	32	47%	50	50%	67	52%



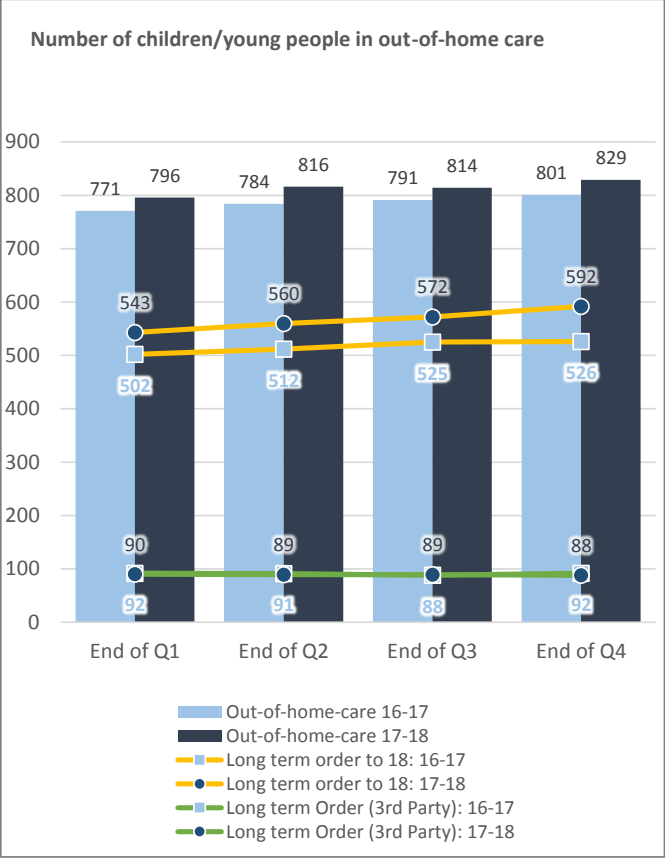
*‘Entering care’ is defined as admission to out of home care in the counting period for the first time or after exiting care more than 60 days prior to this admission (based on AIHW national counting rules). ‘Exiting care’ is defined as exiting out of home care in the counting period, with no return to out of home care within 60 days (based on AIHW national counting rules).

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3. Number of children and young people in out-of-home-care by order type (point in time figures)

	as at 30/09/16		as at 31/12/16		as at 31/03/17		as at 30/06/17		as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18	
Number of children/young people in out-of-home care	771	100%	784	100%	791	100%	801	100%	796	100%	816	100%	814	100%	829	100%
By Order Type																
Long term order (order to 18 years) ¹	502	65%	512	65%	525	66%	526	66%	543	68%	560	69%	572	70%	592	71%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	129	26%	130	25%	139	26%	141	27%	154	28%	162	29%	168	29%	177	30%
Other Children	373	74%	382	75%	386	74%	385	73%	389	72%	398	71%	404	71%	415	70%
Long term order (3rd party parental resp.) ²	92	12%	91	12%	88	11%	92	11%	90	11%	89	11%	89	11%	88	11%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	25	27%	24	26%	23	26%	25	27%	27	30%	27	30%	28	31%	28	32%
Other Children	67	73%	67	74%	65	74%	67	73%	63	70%	62	70%	61	69%	60	68%
Short term orders (<2 years order time) ³	79	10%	93	12%	100	13%	101	13%	97	12%	97	12%	90	11%	76	9%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	33	42%	36	39%	34	34%	26	26%	25	26%	29	30%	30	33%	27	36%
Other Children	46	58%	57	61%	66	66%	75	74%	72	74%	68	70%	60	67%	49	64%
Interim orders and Emergency Actions ^{4&6}	79	10%	66	8%	56	7%	62	8%	48	6%	50	6%	49	6%	63	8%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	23	29%	25	38%	17	30%	27	44%	22	46%	22	44%	18	37%	26	41%
Other Children	54	68%	41	62%	36	64%	35	56%	26	54%	28	56%	29	59%	36	57%
No Care and Protection orders ⁵	15	2%	15	2%	10	1%	10	1%	13	2%	15	2%	11	1%	9	1%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	1	7%	2	13%	2	20%	2	20%	2	15%	2	13%	2	18%	2	22%
Other Children	14	93%	13	87%	8	80%	8	80%	11	85%	13	87%	9	82%	7	78%
Voluntary care agreements	4	1%	7	1%	12	2%	10	1%	5	1%	5	1%	2	0%	1	0%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	0	0%	0	0%	5	42%	5	50%	1	20%	3	60%	0	0%	1	100%
Other Children	4	100%	7	100%	7	58%	5	50%	4	80%	2	40%	2	100%	0	0%



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4. Number of children and young people in out-of-home care by placement type (point in time figures)

	as at 30/09/16		as at 31/12/16		as at 31/03/17		as at 30/06/17		as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18	
Total children/young people in out-of-home care	771	100%	784	100%	791	100%	801	100%	796	100%	816	100%	814	100%	829	100%
By Placement Type *																
Foster Care	277	36%	287	37%	284	36%	282	35%	277	35%	274	34%	270	33%	280	34%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	75	27%	75	26%	74	26%	73	26%	76	27%	77	28%	74	27%	77	28%
Other Children	202	73%	212	74%	210	74%	209	74%	201	73%	197	72%	196	73%	203	73%
Kinship care	357	46%	367	47%	378	48%	385	48%	390	49%	417	51%	412	51%	419	51%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	101	28%	109	30%	114	30%	120	31%	119	31%	134	32%	133	32%	146	35%
Other Children	256	72%	258	70%	264	70%	265	69%	271	69%	283	68%	279	68%	273	65%
Kinship - EPR / FGC order* ^{7a}	54	7%	52	7%	52	7%	51	6%	51	6%	51	6%	51	6%	50	6%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	13	24%	12	23%	12	23%	11	22%	13	25%	13	25%	13	25%	12	24%
Other Children	41	76%	40	77%	40	77%	40	78%	38	75%	38	75%	38	75%	38	76%
Ex-Foster - EPR / FGC order ^{8a}	38	5%	38	5%	34	4%	38	5%	36	5%	36	4%	37	5%	36	4%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	12	32%	12	32%	11	32%	14	37%	14	39%	14	39%	15	41%	15	42%
Other Children	26	68%	26	68%	23	68%	24	63%	22	61%	22	61%	22	59%	21	58%
Residential	44	6%	39	5%	40	5%	43	5%	38	5%	36	4%	41	5%	40	5%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	12	27%	9	23%	9	23%	8	19%	8	21%	7	19%	11	27%	11	28%
Other Children	32	73%	30	77%	31	78%	35	81%	30	79%	29	81%	30	73%	29	73%
Other ⁹	1	0%	1	0%	3	0%	2	0%	4	1%	2	0%	3	0%	4	0%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other Children	1	100%	1	100%	3	100%	2	100%	3	75%	2	100%	3	100%	4	100%

*the total number of Children/Young Persons by placement type will not be equal to the grant total figure as each Child/Young Person could be in multiple placement during the reporting period.

^aEPR - Enduring Parental Responsibility, FGC - Family Group Conferencing

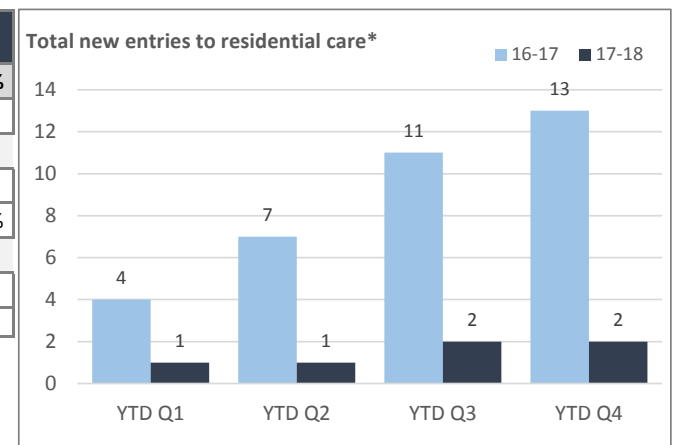
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5. Number of entries in residential care placements as a proportion of all admissions to care

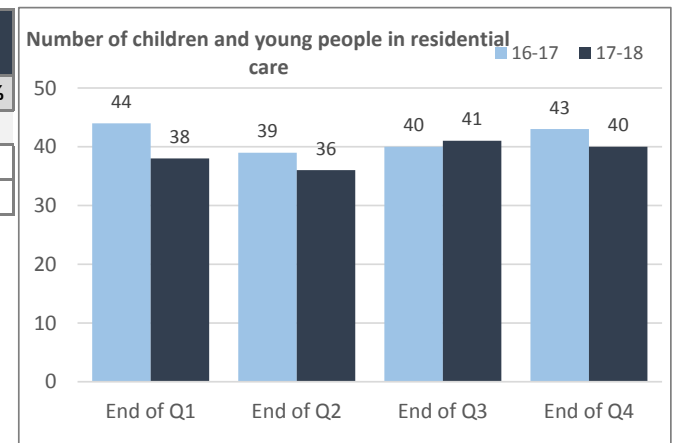
	YTD Q1 2016-17		YTD Q2 2016-17		YTD Q3 2016-17		YTD Q4 2016-17		YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18	
Total admitted child/young people in the period	60	100%	111	100%	148	100%	196	100%	31	100%	83	100%	111	100%	155	100%
Total new entries to residential care*	4	7%	7	6%	11	7%	13	7%	1	3%	1	1%	2	2%	2	1%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander																
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	3	75%	3	43%	3	27%	3	23%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other Children	1	25%	4	57%	8	73%	10	77%	1	100%	1	100%	2	100%	2	100%
By Sex																
Female	3	75%	3	43%	5	45%	6	46%	1	100%	1	100%	1	50%	1	50%
Male	1	25%	4	57%	6	55%	7	54%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%

*figures indicate child and young person who have not been in residential care previously



6. Number of children and young people in residential care by age - point in time

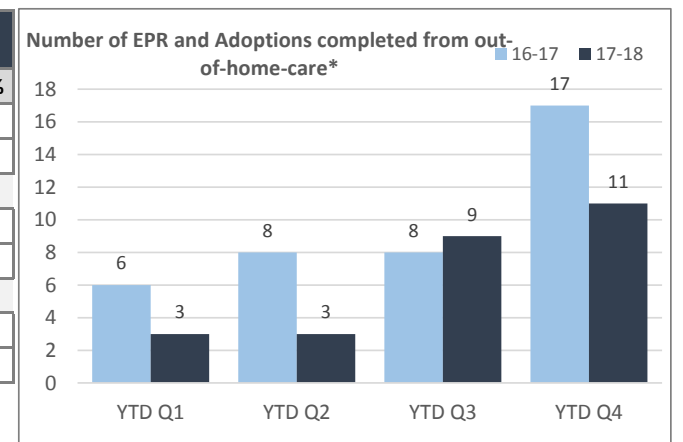
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Number of children and young people in residential care ¹⁰	44	100%	39	100%	40	100%	43	100%	38	100%	36	100%	41	100%	40	100%
By Age group ¹¹																
Under 12 years of age	14	32%	8	21%	9	23%	11	26%	9	24%	9	25%	10	24%	10	25%
12 years and above	30	68%	31	79%	31	78%	32	74%	29	76%	27	75%	31	76%	30	75%



7. Number of Enduring Parental Responsibility and adoption from out-of-home care complete

	YTD Q1 2016-17		YTD Q2 2016-17		YTD Q3 2016-17		YTD Q4 2016-17		YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18	
Number of EPR and Adoptions completed from out-of-home-care*	6	100%	8	100%	8	100%	17	100%	3	100%	3	100%	9	100%	11	100%
EPR's from out-of-home-care	3	50%	5	63%	5	63%	10	59%	2	67%	2	67%	7	78%	9	82%
Adoptions from out-of-home-care	3	50%	3	38%	3	38%	7	41%	1	33%	1	33%	2	22%	2	18%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander																
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	2	33%	2	25%	2	25%	5	29%	2	67%	2	67%	3	33%	4	36%
Other Children	4	67%	6	75%	6	75%	12	71%	1	33%	1	33%	6	67%	7	64%
By Sex																
Female	3	50%	4	50%	4	50%	10	59%	1	33%	1	33%	3	33%	4	36%
Male	3	50%	4	50%	4	50%	7	41%	2	67%	2	67%	6	67%	7	64%

*children and young people count based on orders starting in the corresponding reporting period.

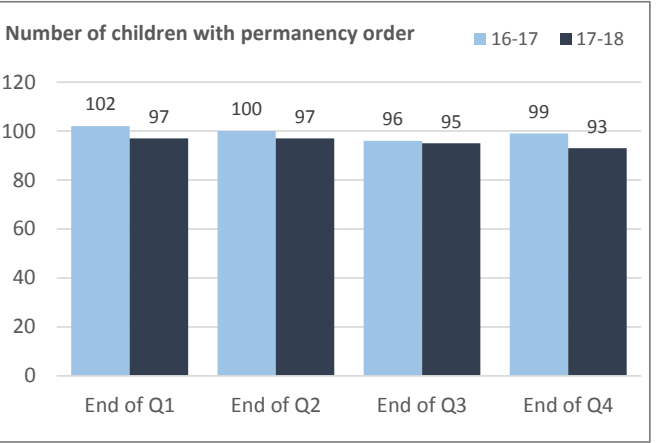


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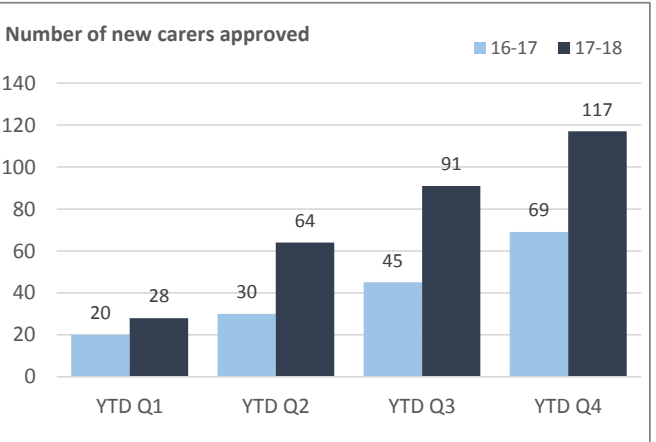
8. Number of children and young people in permanency placements (EPR and non Child Protection Order)

	as at 30/09/16		as at 31/12/16		as at 31/03/17		as at 30/06/17		as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18	
Number of children with permanency order¹²	102		100		96		99		97		97		95		93	
<i>Foster</i>	43	42%	43	43%	39	41%	43	43%	41	42%	41	42%	41	43%	40	43%
<i>Kinship</i>	59	58%	57	57%	57	59%	56	57%	56	58%	56	58%	54	57%	53	57%



9. Number of carers approved¹³, renewed or exiting in the period

	YTD Q1 2016-17		YTD Q2 2016-17		YTD Q3 2016-17		YTD Q4 2016-17		YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18	
Number of new carers approved	20	100%	30	100%	45	100%	69	100%	28	100%	64	100%	91	100%	117	100%
<i>Sponsored by ACT Together</i>	18	90%	24	80%	31	69%	43	62%	15	54%	33	52%	44	48%	50	43%
<i>Sponsored by CYPs</i>	2	10%	6	20%	14	31%	26	38%	13	46%	31	48%	47	52%	67	57%
Number of carers approval renewed	66	100%	136	100%	176	100%	220	100%	45	100%	73	100%	90	100%	114	100%
<i>Sponsored by ACT Together</i>	59	89%	126	93%	165	94%	204	93%	43	96%	69	95%	85	94%	105	92%
<i>Sponsored by CYPs</i>	7	11%	10	7%	11	6%	16	7%	2	4%	4	5%	5	6%	9	8%
Number of carers with full exit from care¹⁴	7	100%	20	100%	29	100%	35	100%	5	100%	8	100%	9	100%	12	100%
<i>Sponsored by ACT Together</i>	3	43%	7	35%	7	24%	8	23%	1	20%	2	25%	3	33%	4	33%
<i>Sponsored by CYPs</i>	4	57%	13	65%	22	76%	27	77%	4	80%	6	75%	6	67%	8	67%
Number of carers became inactive	6	100%	19	100%	28	100%	34	100%	5	100%	8	100%	9	100%	11	100%
<i>Sponsored by ACT Together</i>	2	33%	6	32%	6	21%	7	21%	1	20%	2	25%	3	33%	3	27%
<i>Sponsored by CYPs</i>	4	67%	13	68%	22	79%	27	79%	4	80%	6	75%	6	67%	8	73%



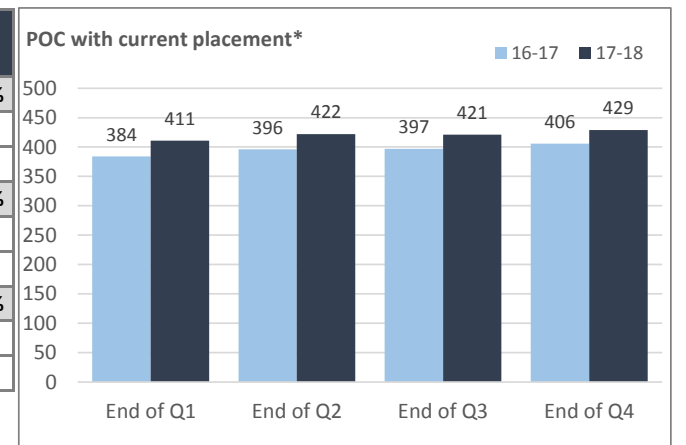
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10. Number of utilised¹⁵ carer households - Place of Care (POC)

	as at 30/09/16		as at 31/12/16		as at 31/03/17		as at 30/06/17		as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18	
POC with placements in last 2 years*	599	100%	611	100%	599	100%	601	100%	607	100%	614	100%	613	100%	607	100%
<i>Approved</i> ¹⁶	563	94%	572	94%	564	94%	565	94%	571	94%	583	95%	584	95%	572	94%
<i>Pending Approval</i> ¹⁷	98	16%	100	16%	95	16%	96	16%	95	16%	90	15%	54	9%	44	7%
POC with placement in last 12 months*	504	100%	511	100%	504	100%	499	100%	508	100%	522	100%	528	100%	529	100%
<i>Approved</i> ¹⁶	482	96%	493	96%	486	96%	477	96%	485	95%	496	95%	503	95%	500	95%
<i>Pending Approval</i> ¹⁷	81	16%	77	15%	41	8%	29	6%	23	5%	26	5%	27	5%	31	6%
POC with current placement*	384	100%	396	100%	397	100%	406	100%	411	100%	422	100%	421	100%	429	100%
<i>Approved</i> ¹⁶	375	98%	383	97%	383	96%	390	96%	395	96%	402	95%	402	95%	406	95%
<i>Pending Approval</i> ¹⁷	9	2%	13	3%	14	4%	16	4%	16	4%	20	5%	20	5%	24	6%

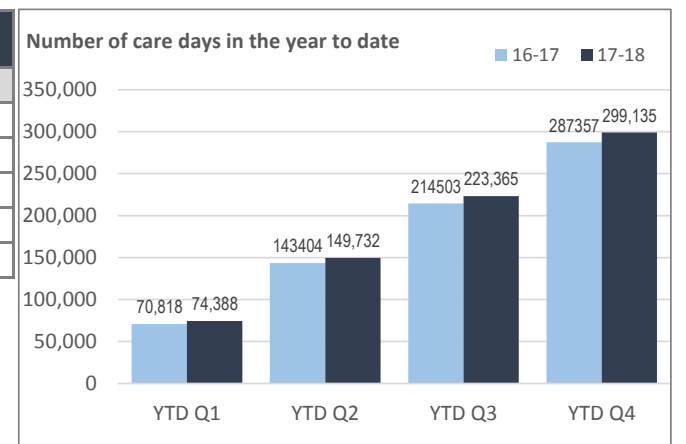
*Totals may not match as there could be approved and pending approval placements for the same carer household in the period



11. Placement days

	YTD Q1 2016-17		YTD Q2 2016-17		YTD Q3 2016-17		YTD Q4 2016-17		YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18	
Number of care days in the year to date ¹⁸	70818		143404		214503		287357		74388		149732		223365		299135	
<i>Foster</i>	25,274	35%	51,479	36%	76,915	36%	102,951	36%	25,106	34%	50,129	34%	74,273	33%	99,151	33%
<i>Kinship</i>	37,129	52%	74,938	52%	112,874	53%	151,510	53%	40,809	55%	83,073	55%	124,704	56%	167,395	56%
<i>Residential</i>	4,007	6%	7,963	6%	11,442	5%	15,141	5%	3,578	5%	6,964	5%	10,294	5%	13,975	5%
<i>Respite</i>	535	1%	1,260	1%	1,997	1%	2,760	1%	990	1%	1,862	1%	2,581	1%	3,292	1%
<i>Other*</i>	3,873	5%	7,764	5%	11,275	5%	14,995	5%	3,905	5%	7,704	5%	11,513	5%	15,322	5%

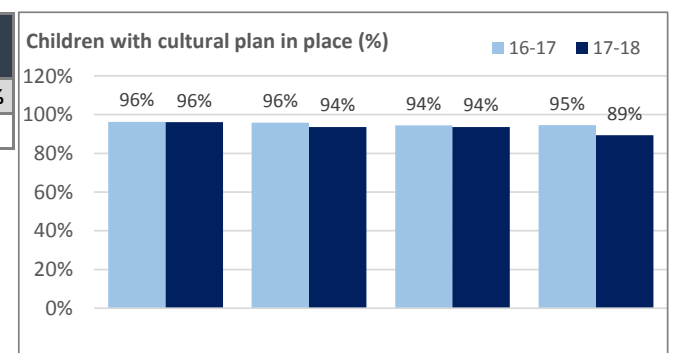
* *Other* refers to placements such as boarding school and semi-independent living arrangements



12. Out-of-home-care Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in-care of the Director-General with cultural plan in place

	as at 30/09/16		as at 31/12/16		as at 31/03/17		as at 30/06/17		as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18	
Total number of Children in-care	189	100%	194	100%	198	100%	202	100%	205	100%	219	100%	219	100%	235	100%
<i>Children with cultural plan</i> ¹⁸ <i>in place (%)</i> *	182	96%	186	96%	187	94%	191	95%	197	96%	205	94%	205	94%	210	89%

* Inclusive of children and young people being case managed by CYPS and ACT Together



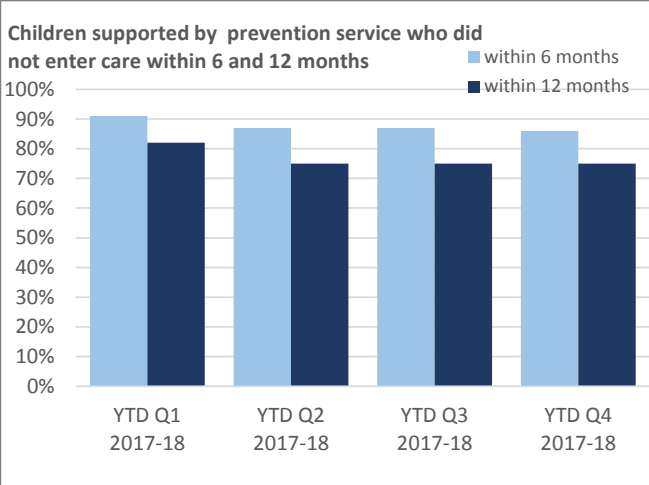
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13. Number of children supported through (A Step Up) prevention service and did not enter care within 6 and 12 months

	YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18	
All children and young people supported*	33	100%	52	100%	66	100%	79	100%
did not enter care within 6 months of support commencing	30	91%	45	87%	56	85%	68	86%
did not enter care within 12 months of support commencing	27	82%	39	75%	50	76%	59	75%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3	100%	9	100%	12	100%	19	100%
did not enter care within 6 months of support commencing	3	100%	6	67%	6	50%	13	68%
did not enter care within 12 months of support commencing	3	100%	4	44%	4	33%	8	42%

* Children and young people with consent provided in the previous year's equivalent year to date



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Notes

- 1. Long term order is a final order to 18 years of age and includes parental responsibility to Director-General and to other third parties
- 2. Long term order (Third party parental responsibility) includes orders with Family Group Conference Agreement (s390), Final CP order - Enduring Parental Responsibility (s464 2c/ s482) and s260 - Enduring Parental Responsibility (EPR)
- 3. Short terms orders are final order that are limited to 2 years or less
- 4. Interim order – order adjourned with conditions to reside and Parental Responsibility (PR) is usually transferred to the Director-General in whole or part.
- 5. No Care and Protection order – a small number of c/yp may be in out of home care with no ACT care and protection order. They may be on an interstate order, a Youth Justice order or no formal order and will usually require very short periods of care.
- 6. Emergency Actions last for not longer than 2 working days under section 410a of the Children and Young People act 2008
- 7. EPR - Enduring Parental Responsibility is a permanent care pathway for a child or young person who is on a care and protection order until the age of 18. FGC - Family Group Conferencing is an innovative form of dispute resolution where families are encouraged to take part in decision making to ensure safety and wellbeing of their children
- 8. The Ex-Foster – EPR order category includes the small number of paid adoptions from out of home care under section 108A of the *Adoption Act 1993*
- 9. Other includes Boarding School and any other paid arrangements such as supported accommodation in a flat, motel etc
- 10. Residential care is as defined in Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) counting rules: Where the placement is in a residential building whose purpose is to provide placements for children and where there are paid staff.
- 11. Age is calculated as at the last day of the year to date
- 12. Permanency Order is defined as Enduring Parental Responsibility order or Adoption order under 108A *Adoption Act 1993*
- 13. Number of carers approved is defined as the carer household that has at least one carer with all approvals in place
- 14. Number of carers exiting is defined as carers with Place of Care end dated or Place of Care approved changed to “Inactive”
- 15. Utilised Carer Household is defined as one or more carers at a given address with a child in paid overnight care
- 16. Approved carer is defined as recorded in CHYPS as a ‘Place of Care’, where all approval paperwork (Working with Vulnerable People, Australian Central Authority etc.) has been processed
- 17. Pending approval is defined as a carer who is still in the process of approval, but a child or young person has been placed in their care. For the ‘within time’ measures a carer is only counted as unapproved if they were unapproved for the entire placement(s) or are unapproved at the time of reporting
- 18. Number of days where a subsidy payment is made for a child or young person. Includes paid respite days as well as primary care payment.
- 19. Cultural plans for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are in-care of Director-General and are in out-of-home-care placement with active orders in ACT registration of interstate order (s666), Continuation of Residence Order, Final CP order - residence with PR (s464 - 2e/f or g), Interim Child Protection order - residence with PR (s433 - 2d/f), s207 Residence Order - Final, Transfer of Interstate Order to ACT or Voluntary Care Agreement (s397) as on reporting date.