

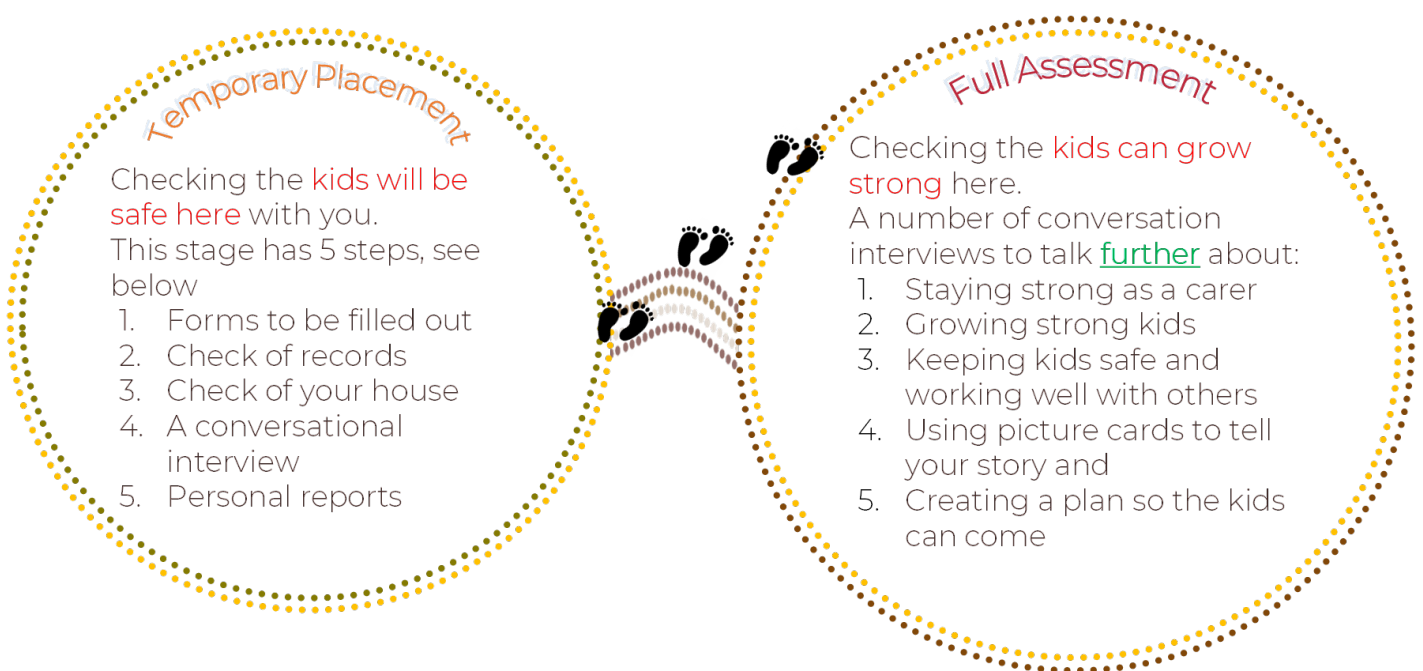
How do I become a Kinship Carer?

If a child is in the care of the Department for Child Protection and someone in their family would like to raise them, they can apply to become a kinship carer.

To become a kinship carer, they will need to complete a number of assessments. These assessments are to make sure that kids would be **safe** living with them and that they can meet their **needs** and help the kids to grow **strong**.

There are 2 parts to the assessment kinship carers need to complete to be approved to have kids live with them.

- **Temporary Care Assessment:** **Checking kids will be safe** living with them called a Temporary Placement
- **Full assessment:** **Checking kids can grow strong** living with them called Full Assessment



The Temporary Care assessment involves talking to the kids then doing a series of checks on the possible carer and their home to make sure it is a safe place according to government requirements to raise kids. It includes checking the criminal and other records of anyone 18 years or older living in the house. A worker will then check the house is safe. They will also yarn with the possible carer about how they will manage if kids come and how they will keep the kids safe and meet their needs. To confirm what they find they will want to talk to some people in the community that can honestly tell them about how the carer raises kids. The next page explains Temporary Care Assessment process in more detail. Once all the checks have been done and the worker feel the kids will be safe they will talk to the carer

about Full Assessment and the yarning interviews on growing strong kids. **Workers need to complete a special accreditation process to complete the Full Assessment, so a new assessor may complete the Full Assessment with them.**



Temporary Placement Assessment

Checking the **Kids will be Safe** here with you.

(Wherever possible to be completed within 2 weeks)

Temporary Placement Assessment means stepping through 5 step.

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Initial Step: Kids SAFE Participation Interview



Step 1a. Fill our Forms and give consent for checks

Step 1b. CRES – Child Related Employment Screening Information



Step 2. Home Safety Check



Step 3. Kids Safe Interview with Carers



Step 4. Personal Reports



Step 5. Safety Information

