

Everyone's path to TAFE or uni is different.

Raising Expectations is here to help care leavers find theirs.

Raising Expectations supports young people in care and care leavers to access and succeed at TAFE and university. It is a collaboration between the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare, Federation University Australia, La Trobe University and Swinburne University of Technology. The Victorian Department of Education and Training is the program's funding partner.

How does it work?

Each Raising Expectations' partner university understands the unique needs of care leaver students and offers tailored support to assist them to access TAFE or university and connect to the support and services they need to succeed in their chosen area of training or study.

Each partner university offers financial, academic and personal supports.

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Welfare raises awareness of care leaver needs, collaborating with and connecting to services and supports across sectors and improving the knowledge and skills of professionals and carers who support young people in care and care leavers about the support available for care leavers.

800+ fee-free TAFE courses for care leavers

A Victorian Government initiative, the Skills First Youth Access Initiative gives eligible care leavers aged 24 and under access to over 800 TAFE courses without paying tuition fees.

To find out more about accessing TAFE, contact us or visit the Skills First Youth Access Initiative [website](#).

Getting Started

-  Visit our website: the [Supporters](#) page is a great place for teachers, workers, careers practitioners and carers to get information.
-  Visit the website with your young person: the [Students](#) page covers lots of FAQs.
-  Connect with a university: visit our [University Partners](#) page for more information on what they each offer.
-  Send us a message via the [Chat](#) function or call/text 0407 702 975 to connect with us directly.