

Fund Informal* Grandparent Carers

Keep families together

Grandcarers
SA



Grandparent carers play a vital role in keeping children out of the overburdened Foster Care and Child Protection systems.

Grandparent carers ensure children remain connected to their families and heritage, enabling them to lead fulfilling lives.

Grandparent carers need financial support as they are living below the poverty line and receive no carer allowances to cover the cost of raising children.

* Informal grandparent carers are full-time carers without statutory recognition.



It's time to call on the State Government to recognise and support the essential role of grandparent carers in building stronger, more secure futures for our children.

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THE CHALLENGES

FOR OUR **1300** REGISTERED GRANDPARENT CARERS
SUPPORTING **2000** CHILDREN

66%

Live below the poverty line
(Australia-wide)

51%

Have children in their care
under 12 years of age

50%

Have experienced food insecurity

30%

Have children in their care with mental health issues

25%

Have had to access charitable support

23%

Have had to access their super

15%

Had to return to work after retirement

INFORMAL GRANDPARENT CARERS IN SA:

Are more likely to be:

- female
- single
- caring for 2 or more children
- have an average age of 65.

Suffer negative health impacts including:

- grief
- loss
- trauma
- shame.

Struggle to:

- subsist on a pension
- find paid work
- secure a regular income.



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