

ABOUT

The Pyjama Foundation



What is The Pyjama Foundation?

The Pyjama Foundation supports the dreams of children living in out-of-home care. Whether they grow up to study or work, The Pyjama Foundation is here to help them reach their potential by assisting them with their learning, and providing consistent support and positivity.

Through the Love of Learning Program, volunteers called 'Pyjama Angels' are recruited, screened, trained and then matched with a child in care (aged 0-18 years and beyond) and spend time with them in their homes once a week, focusing on learning-based activities and games.



Why do children in care need our help?

Due to trauma they have suffered prior to entering the out-of-home care system, many of these children fall into the lowest educational pool in Australia, creating obstacles for learning.

The impact on children at risk, or in care, is severe and long-term. These children have lower educational attainment, lower employment prospects, higher criminal and arrest rates, and higher rates of teen pregnancy.¹

The Pyjama Foundation is working to change their story and encourage them to believe in their dreams and reach their full potential.

¹ Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2017

The Statistics

48,000+

Children are currently in out-of-home care in Australia

75%

of children in care are below the average reading level at age 7

42%

of children in care will experience 5 or more foster care relocations in their lifetimes

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The Love of Learning Program was developed by The Pyjama Foundation to empower children in care with learning, life skills, and confidence to change the direction of their lives. This program is the only service of its kind supporting children in care with evidence-based literacy and numeracy support in the out-of-school environment in Australia.

When they visit, volunteers focus on learning-based activities, such as reading books, playing educational games, and helping with homework. Most importantly, Pyjama Angels help to give the child they volunteer with confidence, fun, and valuable one-on-one time.

This program has proven to be an effective solution, as it supports children in care to form and sustain healthy adult attachments, relationships, gain improved educational success, and increase their confidence and love of learning.

The Results

Currently, there are more than 1,100+ children receiving mentoring from The Pyjama Foundation every week. 90% of foster carers with children involved in the Love of Learning program have seen the child's literacy skills improve.

- Providing 100,000 hours of volunteer support to children in care. If you equated this number to private tutoring it would equate to \$3.7 million dollars.
- Our volunteers are reading 100,000+ books to our communities lowest educational pool every year.
- Over 84% of our volunteers believe the most positive change since mentoring has been the child's ability to concentrate on a task or activity, and the child's general positive attitude towards learning.



"Jane is a very creative person who has introduced our child to reading, cooking, and the arts with enthusiasm and passion - something that we could never have done.

Jane's thoughtfulness and kindness shines through. She has been such a good role model for our child."

-Foster Carer

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