

# Kinship Alliance Australia & Grandcarers SA: Theory of Change

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A Theory of Change (ToC) is a logical, clear story about the change you want to create, why this change is needed and how you intend to go about creating it.

**A ToC will help you understand the cause and effect pathways between a project's:**

- foundational activities
- outputs, intermediate outcomes
- end of project/program outcomes
- broader goals

# The Challenge(s)

Children living in informal kinship care are limited in their future outcomes and opportunities.

Carers' wellbeing and futures are limited through the demand of caring without proper support

Informal kinship carers and children growing-up and living in poverty and disadvantage

Informal kinship carers are unsupported and ignored by governments

Government policy act as barriers to recognition and support of informal kinship carers.

Legal system and current legislation act as barriers to informal kinship carers becoming guardians

Lack of statistics and understanding of impacts and issues facing informal kinship carers

People and governments don't understand the difference between formal and informal kinship carers

Government's don't officially recognise informal kinship carers as carers

# Broad Goals

All children have access to supports necessary to develop and live their best life, regardless of who their formal and informal carers are

Governments provide access to informal kinship carers the same benefits and supports available to formal kinship carers

Governments create access to simple legal solutions for guardianship orders that reduce cost/ time/ stress to carers, children and families.

Greater awareness throughout the Australian community of the existence and vital role that informal kinship carers play.

Governments and society formally and informally recognise the role and impact of informal kinship carers ...

Reduced numbers of children in child protection systems across Australia

**Broad Goal:**

**All children have access to supports necessary to develop and live their best life, regardless of who their formal and informal carers are**

**Outcomes:**

Reduced numbers of children in child protection systems across Australia

Children in informal kinship care and carers experience greater wellbeing

Establishment of specialised support services for informal kinship carers and children to support positive care environments

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Greater awareness throughout the Australian community of the existence and vital role that informal kinship carers play

Creation of national member representative organisation invested in better outcomes for informal kinship carers

**Interim Outcomes:**

Secure medium and long-term funding

Greater and deeper relationships with other orgs, including with First Nations orgs, currently invested in better outcomes for informal kinship carers

Greater and deeper understanding of issues facing informal kinship carers and the potential for better supporting them

**Ongoing Activities:**

Establishment and ongoing management of national advocacy network

Develop and align on Mission, Purpose, expectations, and ways of working together

Reaffirm existing and developing commitment from current and new orgs nationally and across all states and territories

Ongoing grant applications (medium & long-term funding focussed)

Promote and deliver Kate Bundle speaking tour - focussed on the need and value for greater support for informal kinship Carers

Ongoing relationship building and lobbying with governments and philanthropy

Formulate and communicate easy/ quick wins for impact

Ongoing responses to government enquiries as they arise

Ongoing census review work

Promoting & continuing PFoG&KC

Working with media and social media to communicate issues, impacts and ambitions

Leverage Kate Bundle speaking tour to develop relationships with key media people and promote key issues

Elevating the voice of lived experience to illustrate the challenges and barriers

**Key inputs:**

Time & resources from Grandcarers SA (CEO + admin)

Time & resources from Dr. M. Kiraly - expert consultant (pro bono) and advocate