



Young and 'care-full': the hidden group of young kinship carers in Australia



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Aims of the *Young & 'Care-Full'* Research Project



- To identify young kinship carers in Australia and explore their characteristics and support needs.
- To identify opportunities to better support young kinship carers and children in their care.
- To alert policymakers and community to the findings.



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Support Line**

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Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri
11:00 am—3:00 pm
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(Lower Mainland) or
1-855-474-9777
(toll-free across BC)

Email
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Community First HEH youthfirst Hampshire County Council

**Grandparents
who care for Grandchildren !
Find a Support Group near you...**

Following our survey into the types of support needed by Grandparents caring for their Grandchildren, these support groups will provide you with

- an opportunity to share thoughts and experiences with other grandparents
- access to advice and guidance from professionals (including a specialist family solicitor, a representative from Citizens Advice, a Social Worker, and Liam Moloney from Community First HEH)

All groups are from 11am to 1pm

- Bordon Youth Club—January 14th
- Alton Community Centre—January 21st
- Waterlooille Community Centre—February 4th
- Hewitt's @ Emsworth—February 16th
- Bordon Youth Club—March 4th
- Waterlooille Community Centre—March 18th



For more information or to register your interest in attending please contact:

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grandchildren, you're not alone.
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Research methods

Census analysis re demographic characteristics of young carers

36 interviews with carers, 10 with young people

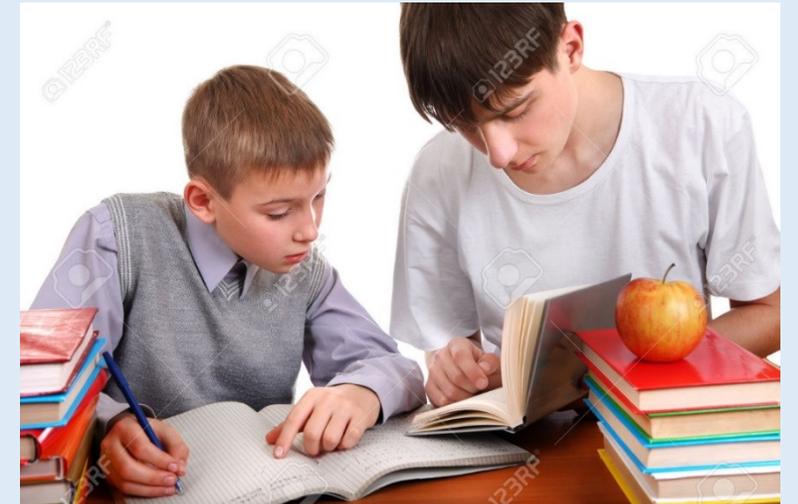
Development and evaluation of a pilot support service

Publicity, knowledge dissemination & advocacy

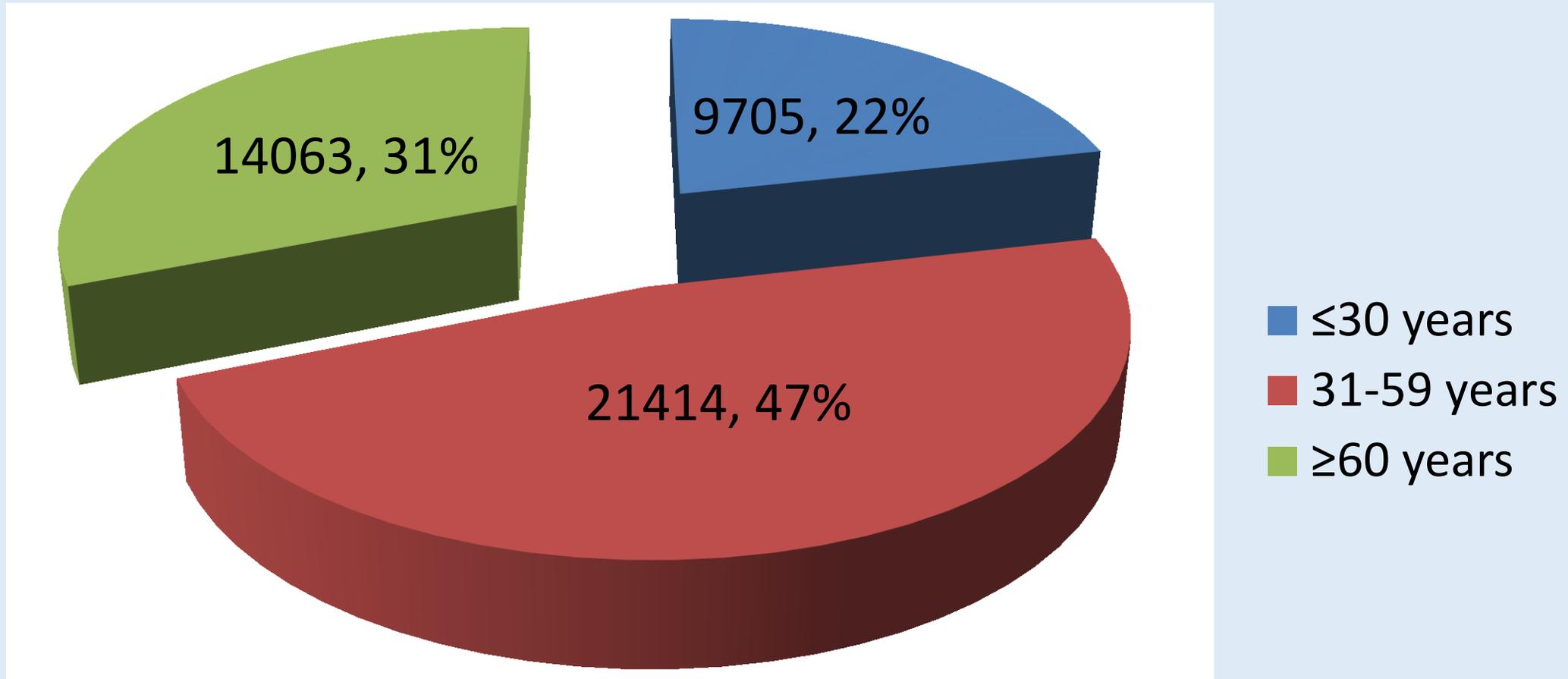
Funding

2014-5: Seeding grant - R E Ross Trust

2016-7: Major grant - Sidney Myer Fund



2011 Census data: kinship care households (Two-generation)



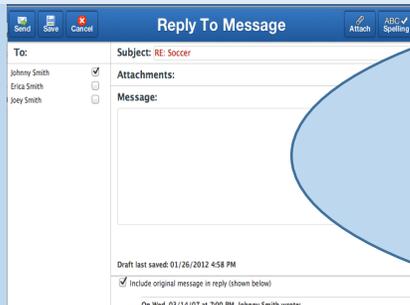
This is the TIP of the iceberg: up to 5 times as many young kinship carers in multi-generational households

A pilot support service?



Webpage for service access

Discussion Board



Extensive awareness-raising publicity



Telephone support - dedicated kinship care service

Help with child care, respite care, education costs, etc?

Integrated Family & Youth Services

IFYS is a NGO that has been servicing Queensland communities for 38 years. IFYS has a strong focus on foster and kinship care, with 50% of our carers being kin

Moving forward - Supporting Young Kinship Carers (YKC)

IFYS have partnered with Dr Kiraly to seek funds to establish a YKC support service. This would involve:

- National public awareness campaign
- Telephone support with dedicated kinship care worker
- Webpage for support & resources
- Social media – connection and discussion

Karen's story

Karen and her husband took on the care of their young nephew and niece as infants alongside their own two infant children, and their older visiting children. Their nephew and niece both had developmental issues.





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‘We’re not incapable...’ (Violet, age 18 years)