

## FAQ No. 5 – CARERS AND LAC

*Welcome to LAC FAQ's – questions frequently asked by people initially using LAC. In addition to using LAC FAQ's you should always read the Practice Notes, which are found on the left-hand side of every LAC material. Practice Notes contain discussions specific to the question asked and are a good source of information and assistance.*

**What LAC materials do carers need to be given when a child or young person is placed with them?**

*EIR Parts 1 and 2  
PP Parts 1 and 2  
Care Plan  
As well refer to LAC FAQ's No's 2 and 3.*

**Why do carers need to have such confidential information?**

*In order for carers to provide the best possible care they need good clear information about each child's specific needs. There also needs to be a record of the particular care which a carer agrees to provide for a child. In regard to confidentiality issues, carers are constantly privy to confidential information and it is an expectation that each carer be supported and trained in the management of confidential issues.*

**What happens to the carers' copies of LAC materials after a placement has finished?**

*The information could be collected when placements finish but this is an agency/program decision as to how confidential information is managed.*

**What LAC materials do you give to carers who provide a series of short-term placements, sometimes known as "respite care" or "planned periodic care"?**

*All of the materials as outlined in the LAC Flow Chart and FAQ NO 2. Such materials would need to indicate the shared care arrangement and the delegations of care responsibility between the carer and the parents. This would be most clearly spelt out in PP2.*

**Do carers of children in respite care participate in Assessment and Action Records?**

*It is recommended that any child who has 120 days or more of care a year, has an Action and Assessment Record completed. As most respite arrangements are less than this it then becomes a practice decision on the usefulness of using Action and Assessment Records.*