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NOLAN JOINS WITH MERCY FAMILY SERVICES TOOWOOMBA IN CALL FOR MORE FOSTER CARERS

The Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today joined forces with Mercy Family Services Toowoomba in their call for more specialised foster carers.

“There is a real need for specialised foster carers in the Ipswich, Goodna and Toowoomba corridor,” Pam Sligo, Coordinator – Foster Care Program, Mercy Family Services – Toowoomba said.

Specialised foster carers provide family-based care for children and young people aged 0 – 14 years who are unable to live with their families.

“These are children who have experienced abuse or trauma and they often require a high level of supervision and attention,” Ms Nolan said.

“I believe Ipswich people have a tremendous amount to offer these children and they could count on the support of Mercy Family Services for training and on-going assistance in caring for these children and young people,” Ms Nolan said.

“We are seeking people who have the time and potential to develop skills needed for this role. Foster carer applicants who think they would be suitable will receive training, remuneration and support to meet the needs of the young people,” Ms Sligo said.