Grandparent, Foster and Kinship Carer Advisers

**Meredith – Grandparent, Foster and Kinship Carer Adviser:** My role within Services Australia is servicing our families who are caring for children that are not their own. People who are taking children into their home, who often come with a lot of vulnerable situations. We really need to listen to their circumstances and sort of work through what are the payment types that we have to offer. Every family situation is unique. The oldest grandparent carer was 91, and that was quite amazing to me. That a 91 year old was being asked to take on 4 grandchildren. Very fortunately, a miracle occurred where a foster family took on all those children. The expansion is very exciting, it’s been a long time coming. There will be a few more of us to go out into the community and educate and link with the different areas. It’s a very positive thing.