



Mockingbird Family Model is an alternative way of providing foster care and involves carers being part of a group, with other foster carers.

The family model has satellite family homes that are supported by a central hub home. The hub home and satellite homes are supported by the fostering service.

#### What does it mean to be linked to the hub?

The hub offers many opportunities for support and access to resources including:

- Planned breaks, and if required emergency care, for the children and young people in the satellite homes
- Regular social events for families providing peer interaction and support for caregivers, children and young people in the fostering household
- Regular meetings for the satellite carers which provides social support and peer mentoring
- Help to access community resources and understand how services work
- There will be between 6-10 satellite homes in the constellation
- Opportunities for children and young people with a shared experience to meet socially



Carers will be willing to play an active role in the constellation as a micro community and commit to being a supportive member of the constellation.

Within the constellation all carers will be able to share experiences and skills to the mutual benefit of each other.

If you are interested in finding out more, might want to consider being a hub carer or simply be involved in discussions to shape the model, contact

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