



## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS

1. To be an agent in breaking the cycle of homelessness for young people aged approximately twelve to eighteen.
2. To actively work with young people separated from their families of origin towards reconciling them and restoring them to their families where this is considered to be appropriate and in the young person's best interests and where this is the wish of the young person and his/her family.
3. To provide a specialised fostering service within the defined S.A.F. preferred geographical boundary for those young people for whom fostering has been assessed as being the most appropriate option.
4. To ensure that all individuals who apply to become foster carers are equally considered, irrespective of race, age, gender, marital status, religion, sexuality, or socioeconomic factors.
5. To encourage the active participation of young people, parents (and/or other significant people), foster parents, youth workers, and caseworkers in decisions concerning the welfare of the young people referred to Stretch-A-Family Inc.
6. To help young people accepted into the program to make life choices, (in particular the choice of long-term placement which best suits their needs and individual situation), and to begin to equip them with the personal, social and living skills necessary for successful integration into this placement.
7. To restore young people to school or other education activity or provide assistance with job seeking.
8. To actively pursue any long-term accommodation option that may be appropriate for individual young people and to work with young people, parents, foster parents, and other relevant people to achieve this end.
9. To provide a range of residential care services (in accordance with funding availability) for young people who meet the defined criteria for Stretch-A-Family programs and who are accepted as clients of the agency.
10. To ensure that the agency's residential care services expose residents to experiences that will enhance self esteem, impart new skills and prepare them for community placement or for exiting care.
11. To support full legal and social equality for young people and to work against forms of discrimination and persecution against young people.

**Stretch-A-Family Public Documents.**

12. To provide community education about issues surrounding youth homelessness.
13. To raise the profile of foster care in the community and encourage more people to become carers.
14. To co-operate with organisations in Australia and elsewhere having similar aims.
15. To provide support and professional development to assist staff in fulfilling the stated aims of Stretch-A-Family.
16. In the event of the Stretch-A-Family Association being dissolved, the amount which remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be paid and applied by the Management Committee in accordance with their powers to an organisation which is a Public Benevolent Institution under item 4.1.1. of Division 30 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.