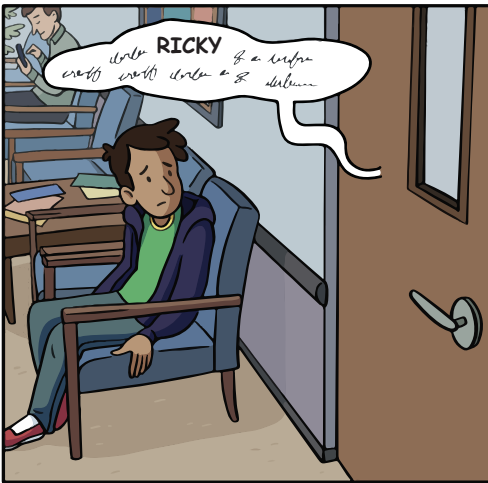
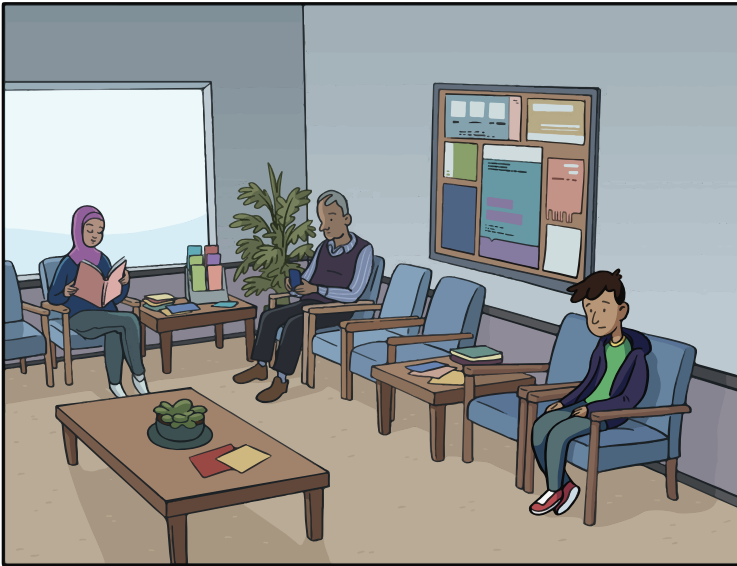


ADVOCACY IN ACTION – RICKY’S STORY







RICKY MAKES A CALL TO VOYCE - WHAKARONGO MAI, A FRIENDLY VOICE ANSWERS...



HI RICKY, I'M JO AT VOYCE - WHAKARONGO MAI. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?



YOUR RIGHTS

CHILDREN

I REALLY WANT TO SEE MY BROTHER AND SISTER BUT MY SOCIAL WORKER SAYS THAT I CAN'T. I MISS THEM! I THINK THAT SUCKS!



WELL, YOU HAVE CALLED THE RIGHT PLACE. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

A VOYCE KAIWHAKAMANA CAN HELP YOU TALK TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT YOU.

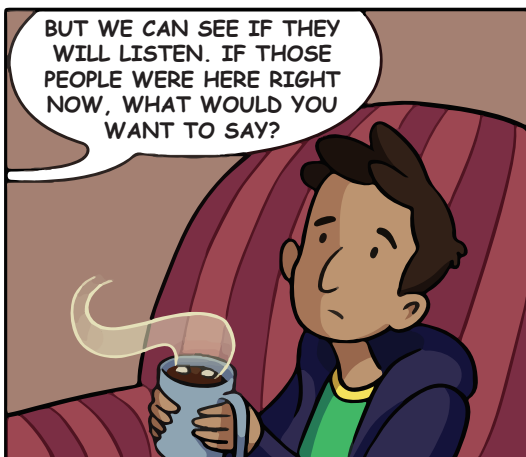
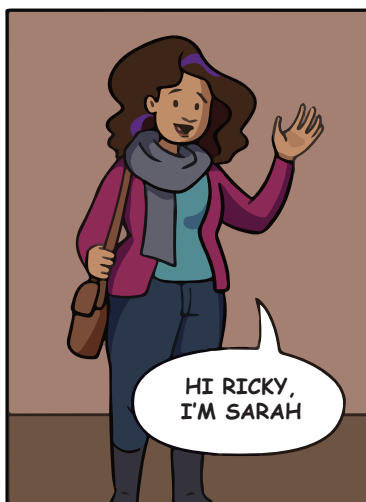


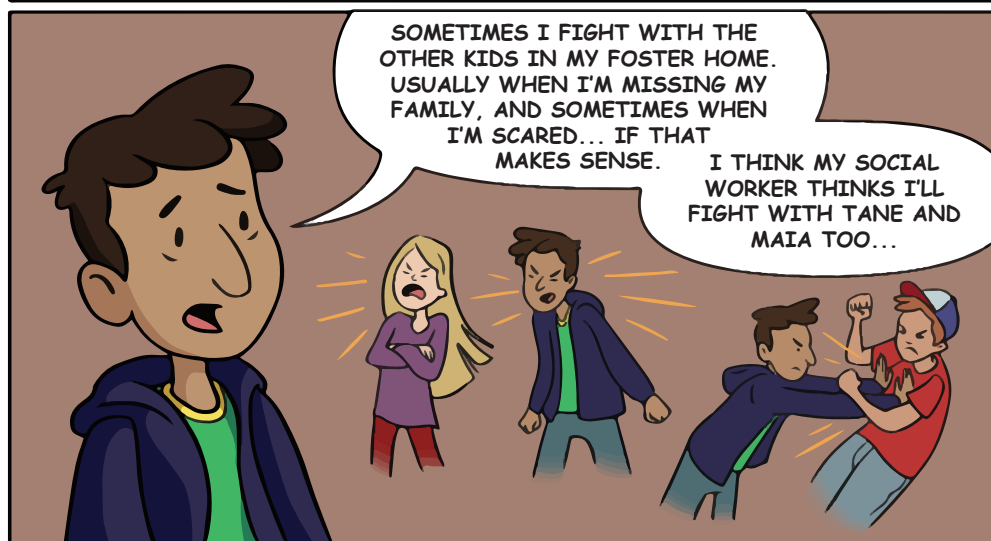
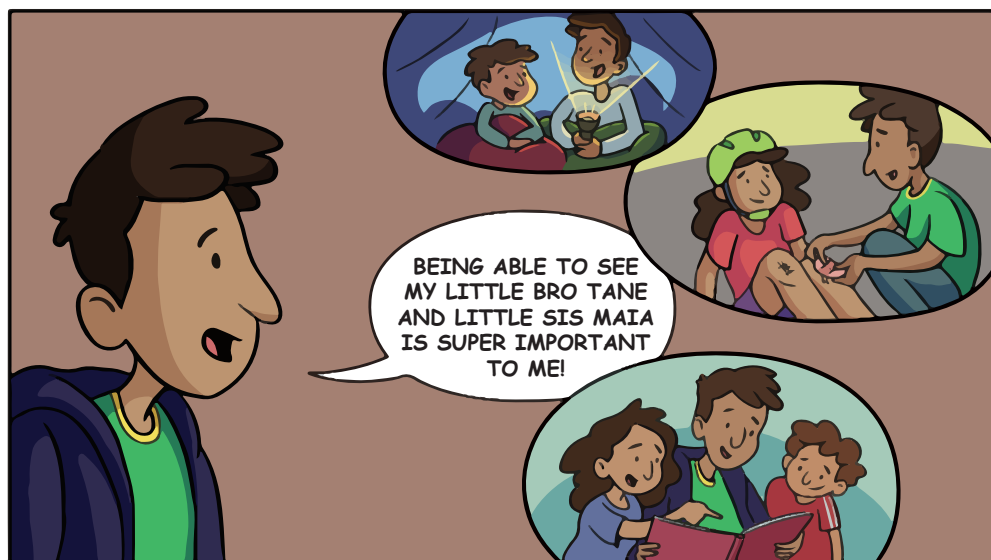
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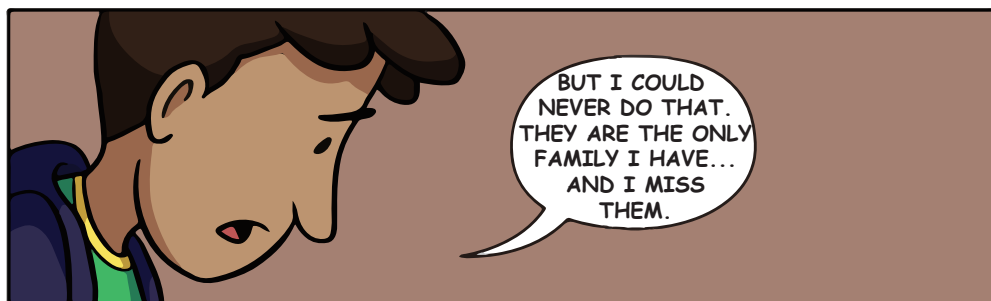


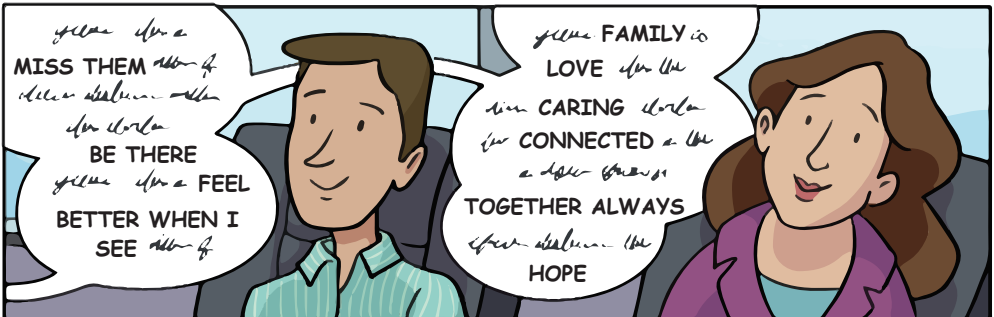
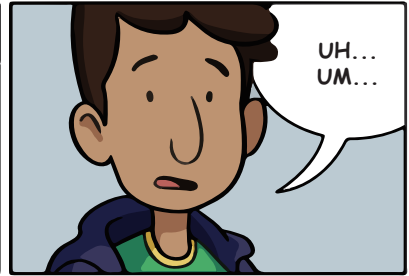
WELL YES, THEY CAN TRY. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY FOR THEM TO REACH YOU?

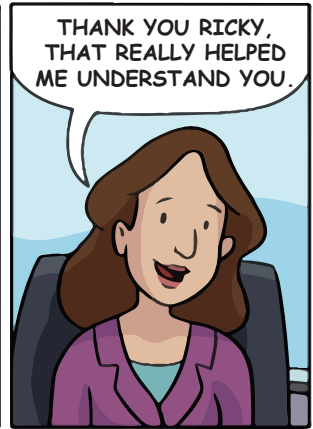
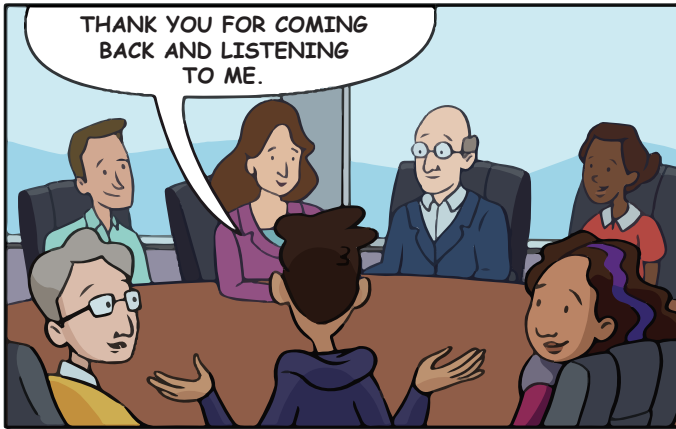


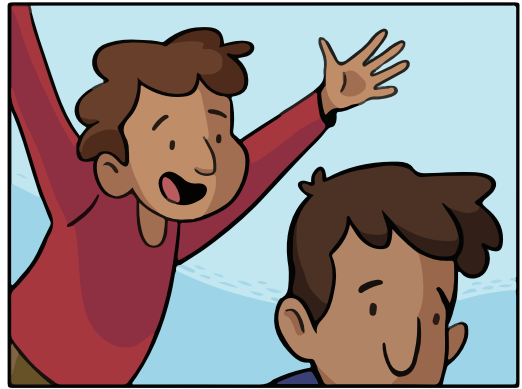
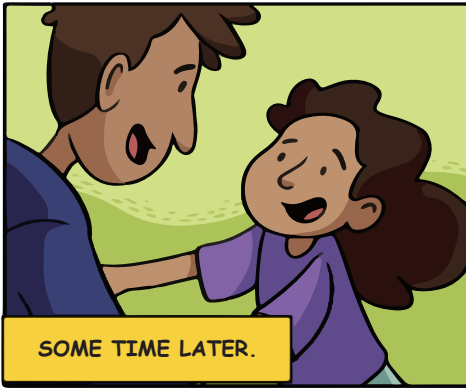












WHAT KIDS IN CARE SAID THEY WANTED OF VOYCE.

Everyday, VOYCE strives to deliver on these nine principles as voiced by New Zealand's care experienced young people.

BUILD TRUST WITH ME

Provide a consistent listening ear and give me time to build strong relationships with the people from VOYCE who support me, in my way.

KNOW ME

I need VOYCE people to know who I am without me needing to repeat my story.

VALUE ME

My care experience is unique and important, so support me to use this to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

ALWAYS BE THERE FOR ME

I need to know someone will have my back no matter what and will be there for me whenever I need them.

EMPOWER ME

VOYCE services should be provided by the care community to the care community wherever possible.

RESPECT ME

My voice and my opinion are important, so honour what I have said I want and need, and tell me what is happening.

SHOW ME

Show me what's possible, and how my voice can change things in the care and protection system for the better.

SPEAK TO ME

Communicate in a way I understand – clearly, simply, honestly, and quickly.

CONNECT ME

Help me to form connections within the VOYCE network.

VOYCE is here to listen to you and support you and ensure you are heard and that your experience of care is the best it can possibly be.

THIS IS YOUR VOYCE!

Children in care spoke to us about what it was like to be in care. Some said that it could be tough at times. Others said that they often felt scared and alone.

Quite a few told us that they didn't know what was happening. Many felt they did not have a say in what they needed or wanted.

All these children wanted someone to talk to who was independent of the care system. They wanted someone whose only purpose was to advocate for them – this is why VOYCE exists today.

VOYCE represents your rights and views in a way that ensures your voice is heard.



VOYCE – Whakarongo Mai means
'Voice Of the Young and Care
Experienced' – Listen to me.

AWESOME & FUN VOYCE CONNECTION EVENTS

It is important for you to know and understand that you are not alone in your care journey. This is why VOYCE organises fun events to help create connections with other care experienced young people in your community.

Our Kaiwhakamana around the country offer safe networks that will help you meet up with other kids in care and build up your confidence and friendships, all while having loads of fun!



VOYCE works tirelessly to enhance the mana of every young person in care. If you need help, or just want to talk and find out more, please call us on **0800 486 923** or leave us a message online by visiting www.voyce.org.nz

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