



# Corporate Parenting

## Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022

**A better future for all  
Jersey's Children and  
Young People**



**Corporate Parenting** – When a child or young person goes into care, the States of Jersey becomes their parent. Corporate Parents, who include Ministers and staff, must make sure these children and young people have the best care possible.

The new law and its guidance make sure everyone understands their role and responsibilities to:

- promote and support the wellbeing of children and young people
- safeguard their welfare.

This tells you more about how Corporate Parents must fulfil their role and responsibilities.

### ➔ Responsibilities

Corporate Parents have 6 responsibilities towards looked after children and care leavers.

- 1 Be alert to their wellbeing and the issues they need support with.**
- 2 Spot needs and make sure they have a wellbeing assessment.**
- 3 Promote their interests and make sure they have opportunities.**
- 4 Provide opportunities for participation and help them improve their wellbeing.**
- 5 Help them access services by reducing barriers and giving support.**
- 6 Review and improve how services work.**

### ➔ The role of Government Ministers

Ministers must set out how they will fulfil their role as Corporate Parents as part of their Government Plan.

### ➔ Working together

Everyone must work together and plan how they will support looked after children and care leavers.

### ➔ Corporate Parenting Board

The **Corporate Parenting Board** checks that all services are fulfilling their responsibilities as Corporate Parents. They review work and look at reports to see what needs to improve.

They also work with looked after children and care leavers to promote their interests, champion their rights, and make sure their views are included in practice and policies.

### ➔ Our aims

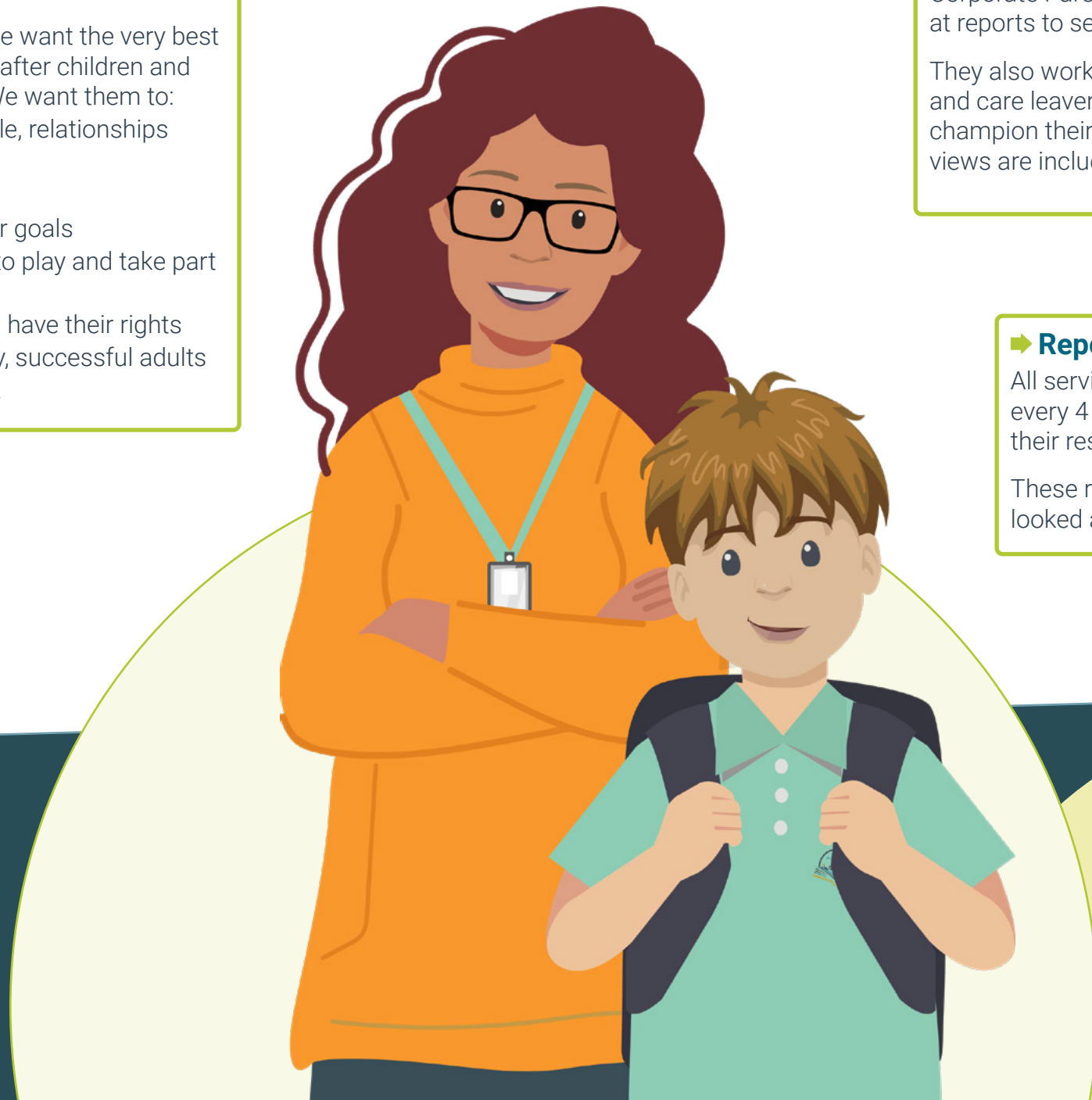
As Corporate Parents, we want the very best outcomes for all looked after children and care leavers in Jersey. We want them to:

- develop loving, stable, relationships
- be healthy and well
- feel safe and loved
- learn and reach their goals
- have opportunities to play and take part in activities
- be treated fairly and have their rights
- grow up into healthy, successful adults
- have a bright future.

### ➔ Reporting

All services have to write a report at least every 4 years and show how they've fulfilled their responsibilities.

These reports should include the views of looked after children and care leavers.



### Listening to looked after children and care leavers

Children and young people have the right to be involved and listened to in decisions that affect their lives (UNCRC Article 12). Their views should be listened to and respected.

They should be given information that is easy to understand and right for their age so they understand what's happening and why. There are **Participation Standards for Children and Young People.**

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