Things to consider before accepting a care arrangement

* What is the child/young person’s name?
* How old is the child/young person?
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status?
* What actions are there in their Cultural Support Plan that I will need to do?
* What grade is the child/young person in and what school to they currently attend?
* Is there an Education Support Plan or an appointment made to develop one?
* Does the child/young person participate in any extracurricular activities?
* How often does the child/young person have contact with their family? And which family members does the child/young person have contact with?
* Does the child/young person suffer from any medical conditions? And if so. Does the child/young person take any medication?
* Does the child/young person have any medical or therapeutic appointments that need to be made or met?
* Does the child/young person have a Medicare Card and Health Care Card?
* Does the child/young person have any dietary requirements?
* Does the child/young person have any behavioural issues that I need to know about?
* Is the care arrangement intended to be emergency/short term/long term?
* What order is the child on?
* Is this the child’s first experience in care?
* What is the goal for this child or young person?
* How will you interact with the child or young person’s family?
* Need to seed advice from the worker and your support person who knows your family and situation, to enable you to make an informed decision.
* Discuss with your partner and family first before making a decision. Consider the needs of your own family including physical and emotional space, safety factors.