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Transitioning from Care Survey 25 May- 30 June 2009

Tasmania's Children's Commissioner today urged all children and young people aged 15-25 years old who are living in or formerly lived in out of home care to step up and have their say in a national on-line survey.

The CREATE Foundation, a national organisation working to change the care system, has launched a national survey asking young people about being in care and their experiences at the time of leaving care. The survey is called the *Transitioning From Care Survey*

Said Mr Mason "It is through opportunities like the CREATE survey that children and young people can really contribute to changes in Government policy and in this case improvements in the care system.

"Because this is a national survey it is important for the experience of Tasmanian kids to register and for Tassie kids to help get the numbers up and more meaningful.

There are two ways to take part:

- on line at www.create.org.au from Monday 25 May 2009 to 30 June
- by contacting CREATE on 1800 655 105 on 25 & 26 May, 2009"

All responses will be confidential and the results of the survey will be included in CREATE's Transitioning from Care Report Card which will be released later this year.

Foster carers, workers, grandparents, other family members and anyone else involved with children in out of home care are urged to encourage children who are leaving care or who have left care to participate.

The Commissioner added that children and young people completing the survey will be in the running for an iPod Nano and other prizes!