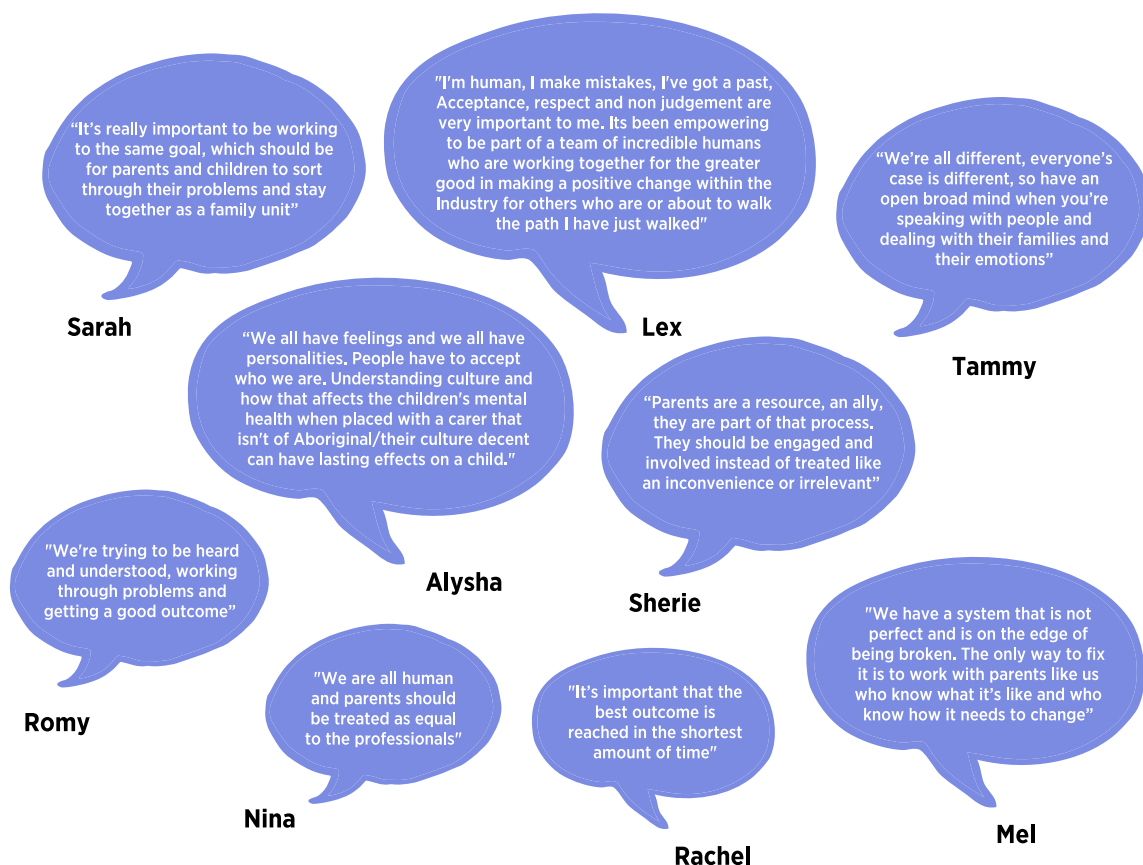


Dear reader,

This model and associated resources have been co-designed with a specialist group of parents who have lived experience of Victorian child protection and the child and family service sector. This group of parents was engaged as part of our Parent Advisory Group in the Voice of Parents: a Model for Inclusion project. The Parent Advisory Group (or “PAG”) is made up of nine amazing birth parents who have each made significant contributions to this model, the Charter of Parent Participation, and the resources, through their reflections and their lived experience expertise. These parents each have unique stories, and all have experienced varying levels of service engagement throughout their journeys. All have been motivated by helping future parents to receive the best care and support they can from child and family welfare services in Victoria.

The group began as nine strangers with different, and at times difficult, experiences of service engagement in Victoria. Through a series of eight co-design workshops, the group transformed into a wonderful, positive and supportive group of parents who felt comfortable to share their experiences with one another, who supported one another with their stories, and who helped us as professionals to understand what it is like for a parent to go through these processes. Their courage and resilience in sharing these experiences, and their motivation to create positive change, are inspirational and to be admired.

Here is what they wanted you to know:



We commence these resources to you.

Kind regards,
Voice of Parents project staff and the Parent Advisory Group.