



# AUNTS/UNCLES

**Aunts and Uncles play their part to protect and care for children and young people in their community by encouraging families to spend time together and strengthen their family connections.**



**Be a friend to parents that you know.** Offer support, reassurance and practical help if they need a helping hand.

**Be a positive role model.** Children and young people learn from the people that they spend time with, so make your influence positive.

**Spend time with children and young people in your life.** By playing, listening and engaging with them, you show them that they are important.

**Create opportunities** for the children and young people in your family to spend time together. It can be as simple as a walk to the nearest park.

**Reach out to new and young parents.** Ask if you can help out in any way... with a meal, or to mow their lawn. Every little bit of support helps.

**Think about safe and respectful ways to be an active bystander** if you see an adult being inappropriate towards a child or young person.

When you see or hear of good things about members of the family, make sure you let the family know and **congratulate them.**