



Speaking from Experience Families & Chronic Illness

Transcript for chapter 5 of 8: Family

Sheridan (age 16, parents with illness): Family is strongly, absolutely important. They're going to be the people in your whole life. They're going to be the people who will always love you, no matter what. They're going to be there for you all the time. And, no matter what you go through, it's going to really strongly help, impact you. It's something that's always going to be there. And you have to use it; you really do, when you're in times like this.

Jessica and Alister (age 17 and 18, respectively, both cared for grandfather): It's heaps important. It's the only thing you've probably got in life, to help you.

Jessica and Alister: It's your world, it's everything. Because we're born a year apart, we're pretty close. And living with my Pop and my Nan, getting brought up, kind of brought us closer, and our family closer, and my mum as well - because we didn't live with her, it's brought us closer as well.

Lisa (age 14, cared for grandmother): Mum and my sisters help me out heaps, which is really good.

Tianna (age 14, cared for grandmother): My mum - she's helped me the most. And my brothers and sisters, they always help me get over things.

Lisa: Family's really important in a time like that, because if you have no one else, family is always there for you.

Aaron (age 17, cared for grandparents): We used to have a game of cards, or picnics or stuff. Just have a little yarn about it.