Practice Hour Transient Youth and Housing



Date: Thursday 22nd June 2023

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Acknowledgement of Country





Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort Keyen kaadak nidja boodja

We respectfully acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land we are presenting from today, and all the countries where people are located. We pay our respects to their strength, cultural resilience and the Elders past and present.

Housekeeping & Rules of Engagement

Rules of engagement:

- Safe, secure, confidential space
- De-identify your examples (including case managers & District offices)
- Not supervision (but can be arranged!)

Teams Etiquette:

- Cameras on
- Mic on mute
- Raise your hand (virtually or give us a wave!)
- One person per camera is best



Is everyone ok with it being recorded?

Who is here today?



In 1 minute or less

- What is your name?
- Which agency do you work with?
- What is your role?
- Which country are you tuning in from?

By the end of this session...

How to support young people facing homelessness though access to:

- The Home Stretch WA model
- Public Housing
- Specialist Homelessness and crisis services.
- Housing Pathway Planning
- Mainstream services

Next Practice Hour:

Thursday 6th July 2023 – The Coaches role in Staying On



Home Stretch WA Model



Young people are at centre of support.

Everyone is treated as an individual



Support or connection is offered in all areas of life



Support is delivered in specific ways [Practice Approaches] that work for young people



Home Stretch WA focuses on 3 key elements of support



Home Stretch WA greater purpose is to connect young people with their community and culture.



What is homelessness?

Primary Homelessness (rooflessness) - Experienced by people without conventional accommodation.

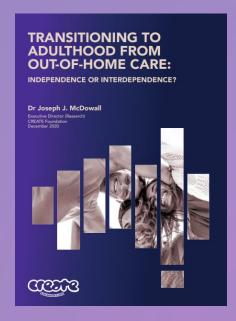
Secondary Homelessness – experienced by people who frequently move from one temporary shelter to another.

Tertiary Homelessness – Experienced by people stating in accommodation that falls below the minimum community standards.

OOHC and Homelessness

Approximately 30% of young people experience homelessness within their first year after leaving care.

37% of these young people experience homelessness for 6 months or more.



RENTAL AFFORDABILITY **SNAPSHOT 2023**

PERTH METRO

+17%

Median rent increase in 2023

\$560 rent pw \$480 same time 2022

SOUTH WEST & GREAT SOUTHERN

+24%

Median rent increase in 2023

\$420 same time 2022

WESTERN AUSTRALIA \$560 rent pw



NORTH WEST

+25%

Median rent increase in 2023

\$750 rent pw \$600 same time 2022

> MIDWEST & **GASCOYNE**

\$370 rent pw in 2023 Unrecorded data in 2022

> WHEATBELT & **GOLDFIELDS**

\$450 rent pw in 2023 Unrecorded data in 2022

\$520 rent pw



Coaching Challenges

- Housing availability & affordability.
- Ineligible for, or lack of resources.
- Unrealistic goals & expectations.
- Safety concerns.
- Reluctance to engage in housing support services due to negative experiences or perceptions.
- Availability to support young people.
- Feelings of responsibility or helplessness.
- Complexity homelessness is rarely an isolated issue.

Remember to practice self-care...



The role of the Transition Coach

- Honest and transparent
- Reliable and responsive
- Capacity building
- Empowering
- Advocacy & referrals
- Exploring safe and stable options
- Risk assessment & safety planning
- Case coordination
- Expanding on support circles.



Practice Principals

You are the expert in your life, you deserve the freedom and respect to make your own choices

Our support is unconditional

Your coach will be consistent & persistent but not intrusive

"Like a text message, not a knock on the door"

"Chipping In" is about young people taking charge

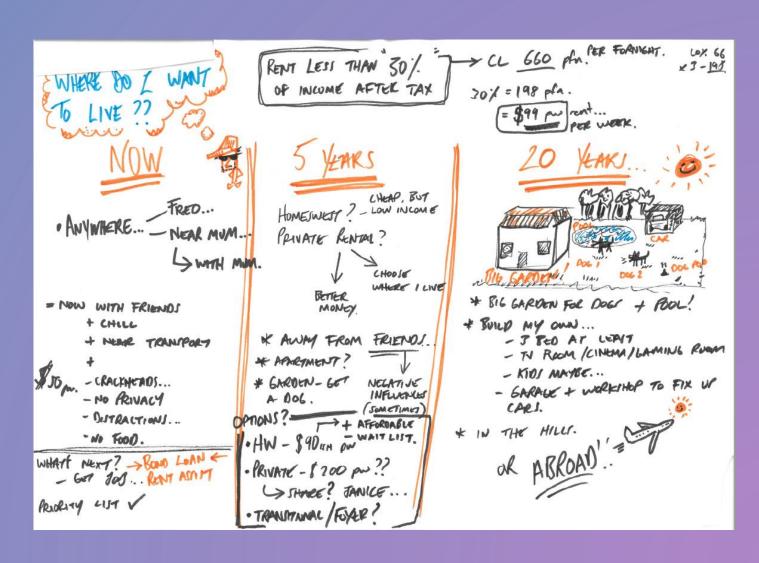
This means that young people are asked to invest in themselves - building their skills, knowledge and capacity

You can make an informed choice about the support you receive from Home Stretch WA

There are no shocks for you or the important people in your life

Housing Pathway Planning

- Explore current situation, options and future aspirations.
- Realistic expectations.
- Increase awareness and understanding.
- Pros and cons of different places.
- Begin thinking about costs
- Less than 40
 minutes can do
 it anywhere



Home Stretch WA Supports

Support Circles

Explore current and past connections

Staying On Agreement

Previous foster, family or respite carers.

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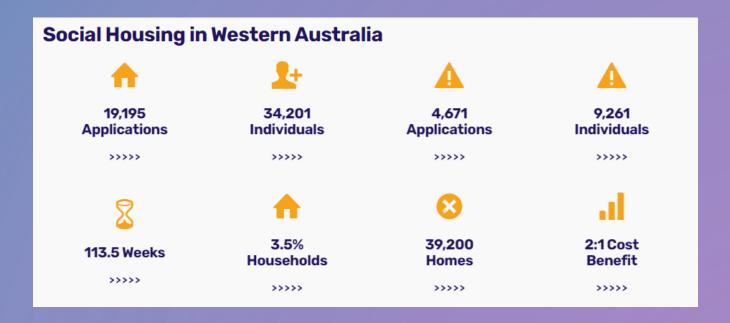
- Short term accommodation.
- Vouchers to support tenure.
- Phone credit to stay in contact

Housing Allowance

- Housing Pathway Planning
- Budgeting
- Plan ahead



The Housing List



- Eligible for application from 16 years old.
- Access to priority waitlist is not guaranteed for young people leaving care.
- Eligibility forms must be completed and returned annually.

Crisis and Mainstream Services

Short Term Accommodation

Version 17 - May 2023

Ebenezer Home 15 to 25 years

Female only BALGA 9247 1330

Kira House 14 to 18 years

Female FDV Single young person or parent & child MIDLAND 0408 895 613

Calvary House

15 to 25 years MANDURAH 9581 1741

TINOCA

15 to 19 years **JOONDALUP** 9307 4520

YASS

15 to 18 years VICTORIA PARK 9329 4480

Y-Shac Indi House A Y A S 15-20 years 15 to 25 years 15 to 20 years

9412 0671 **ROCKINGHAM** MIDLAND ARMADALE 9274 1611 9235 7043

9523 3400

Medium to Long

Entry Point - 6496 0001 or 1800 124 684

Crisis Care - 9223 1111 or 1800 199 008

Term Transitional Accommodation

Youth Futures

NORTH 16 to 21 years 12 months **JOONDALUP** CLARKSON MT HAWTHORN 9300 2677

AYAS

16 to 20 years 12 months ARMADALE 9235 7043

Ebenezer

16-25 years Up to 2 years Male: MARANGAROO Female: NOLLAMARRA 9 2 4 7 1 3 3 0

Futures SOUTH

Youth

16 to 21 years 12 months LYNWOOD BECKENHAM FERNDALE 9300 2677

Yes! Housing

15-25 y e a r s Up to 12 months Single parent & child

Single young person 9 2 6 3 2 0 0 9

Youth Place

15 to 25 years Up to 12months FREMANTLE Couples, singles & families 6 3 7 2 4 8 0 0

Victoria Park Youth Accomm

15 to 25 years Up to 12months VICTORIA PARK Single young person & families 9361 4118

Coolock Units

16 to 25 years Up to 9 months CITY OF STIRLING Young Mums 9442 3444

Carlow House

16 to 19 years Up to 9 months Single young person KEWDALE 1800 800 046

Y-Shac 16 to 25 years

Up to 12months ROCKINGHAM 9523 3400 SPEARWOOD 9412 0671

Indi Livina

16 to 25 years Up to 12 months MIDLAND Individuals & families 9250 5256

PICYS

16 to 25 years Up to 12 months WEMBLEY MT HAWTHORN MT LAWLEY MAYLANDS 9388 2791

Youth Futures The Nest 16 to 19 years

Up to 2 yrs CLARKSON, COMO Young parent late in pregnancy or with newborn can be flexible 9300 2677

YASS

16 to 25 years 12 months VICTORIA PARK 9329 4480

16 to 24 years

Up to 2 years LEEDERVILLE Single young person Single parent & child 6240 7200

Horizon House

16 to 22 years Up to 12 months WANNEROO 0400 685 871 WILSON 0407 094 719 Young Mums 0438 065 593

Salvation Army TSS

15 to 24 years Up to 12 months NORTHBRIDGE 9328 1600



Key housing supports

Entry Point 1800 124 684 or 08 6496 0001

- Assessment and referral service
- Access to the bed count for accommodation and refuges
- Online enquiry & list of resources

Crisis Care 1800 199 008 or 08 9223 1111

- After-hours service
- Occasional access to transport or short stay accommodation

Housing Authority

- Public housing wait-turn and priority lists.
- Bond Loans these can be pre-approved.

WA Connect (waconnect.org.au)

Online directory for accommodation & ER services



Youth Accommodation Services

Barriers to young people accessing youth accommodation:

- Complexity of needs
- Stigma of homelessness
- Living with other young people
- Negative previous group home or accommodation experiences
- Fear of the unknown
- Having to move on
- Location
- Cost (not supported by Housing Allowance)



Youth Accommodation Services

Supporting young people to access youth accommodation:

- Visiting services as a provider or with young people
- Case coordination and case discussions
- Making honest and appropriate referrals
- Highlighting strengths
- Ensuring providers understand ongoing support available through Home Stretch WA.
- Advocating for extension of placement

Youth Accommodation Services

Benefits of young people residing in an accommodation service:

- Safe and stable foundation.
- Youth housing specialist in the support network
- Links to other services (mental health, AOD, NPAH)
- Developing independent living skills
- Encourage engagement in EET
- Access to enhanced housing pathways
- Rental reference



Specialist Homelessness Engagement Services

Perth Inner City Youth Service (PICYS):

Base Camp (weekly) and Base Camp aGender (monthly drop in spaces for young people.

Passages Youth Engagement Hub: Perth and Peel locations. Available for young people aged 12 – 25 years.

Ruah Engagement Hub: Drop-in service between 8.30am - 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Must be over 20 years old to access service.

Tranby Engagement Hub: East Perth hub is open 7 days a week and available to people over 18 years.



Mainstream Options



Questions & Comments?



More Information & Resources



Links to Resources & Documents:

- CREATE post-care report 2021
- Anglicare WA Rental Affordability Snapshot 2023
- Accommodation Chart V17 May 2023 (youthfutureswa.com.au)
- RUAH Aboriginal Services Guide
- <u>Co-Living Spaces, Share Houses and Rooms for</u>
 <u>Rent Perth JNG Property Group</u>



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