



## What is YHaRS?

Youth housing and Re Integration Service is the Government's initiative to respond to the needs of young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

YHARS will target 12-21 years olds who:

- Are transitioning from care from the Department of Child Safety
- Transitioning to the community after sentence or remand in a Youth detention Centre
- Have recently exited from care after being subject to statutory interventions
- Been sleeping rough or living in unstable or temporary arrangements



## There are 2 components—

### 1. Support Service

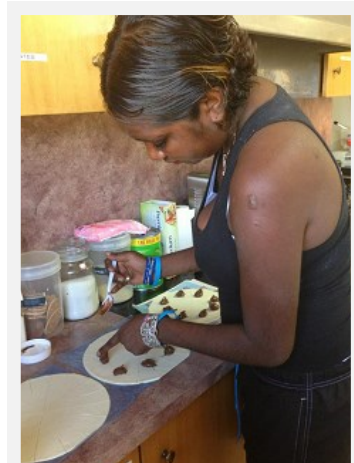
The support service is required to provide a coordinated and integrated response to the complex needs of young people (12-21 years) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing case management, support and brokerage to assist them to transition to greater stability and independence in the Townsville Region.

The support will be delivered to young people who belong to identified target groups and who are -

- Without accommodation
- Living in existing unstable accommodation
- Accommodated in transition to independent living units.

### 2. After Care Service

Provide individualised support through brokerage funds and case management support aged 17–21 years and 16 years if 'self placing', who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, have or are leaving the care of the Department of Child Safety.



## Who can refer?

Youth Justice Services, Youth Detention Centres, Child Safety Services and other Government, non Government organisations may make referrals to YHARS. Self referral is acceptable.

### Referral Criteria:

Accepted and prioritised for young people aged 12- 21 years who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness and are:

- ◇ Exiting or transitioning from Child Safety statutory interventions, and or are transitioning from a period of sentence or remand in Youth Detention Centres
- ◇ Sleeping rough and or living in unstable, temporary or inadequate housing.
- ◇ Are aware of the program is voluntary and willing to engage in the program.
- ◇ Youth Justice and Child Safety will provide a copy of the current case plans/exit plans/transitional plans and work collaboratively with YHARS to meet the identified young person's needs.

# GOALS

The goals of the service are to assist young people transition to greater stability and independence through flexible service delivery.

TYHARS focuses on empowering young people through casework and intensive support.

Assistance provided includes:

- Outreach service
- Supporting young people to apply for and access transitional accommodation
- Reconnecting young people with family/carers where appropriate
- Engaging young people in education, employment and training
- Supporting young people to maintain their tenancies
- Supporting young people to live independently and successfully
- Linking young people into services, support and long term housing



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