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Young People Leaving Care Program

Who the Young People Leaving Care Program is for:

- Young people aged 17 to 21 years and
- At risk of becoming homeless and
- Leaving DHS Protective Services Care order

What is provided:

- Intensive support and assistance to:
 - » Develop skills for independent living
 - » Formulate goals
 - » Obtain secure housing
- Transitional housing
 - » For 6 –12 months
 - » All properties provided with household goods and bedding
 - » Properties are close to public transport
 - » Rent is set at 25% of income (\$15 under 18 years)

What is the purpose:

The program is designed to facilitate a smooth transition from Protective Services care to independence. Its purpose is:

- To assist young people to develop the skills needed to manage independent living and
- To reduce the likelihood of future homelessness

Who is eligible:

- Young people aged 17 to 21 years
- At risk of homelessness
- Leaving DHS Protective Services Care order
- Willing to participate in the support program
- Needing to develop living skills
- In receipt of an independent income
- Capacity to live with outreach support
- Want to live in the West

What it involves:

- Support meetings and phone contact with the support worker
- A commitment to participation in the program
- Maintaining tenancy of transitional housing property

How to get into the program:

- Referrals are received from Western DHS Protective Services

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