

Transition to Adulthood

This information has been collated using the butcher's paper 'dot' exercise. This exercise was conducted at the Consultation Workshop held on the 20th July. The purpose of the Consultation Workshop was to commence the co-design of the service model for future Transition to Adulthood Services.

The identified ideas and priorities for the service model for leaving care services include:

- Flexible, intensive, and person centred case management / service co-ordination that is outcome focused rather than crisis driven.
- Collaborative working relationships across Government and Community Service Organisations (CSOs) as well as between CSOs, to promote holistic service provision for young people.
- Holistic service provision to be inclusive of referral, advocacy and / or co-work with other support services such as housing, education and training, health and legal.
- Information to be shared between the Department and service providers about the young person's entry into care, care experience, connectedness with family, and current support networks.
- Consistent Department resources for young people leaving care in each District, inclusive of cultural workers to ensure ongoing connectedness of young people to their culture whilst in and post leaving care.
- Hub style model suggested (co-location of leaving care services). Hub may provide services such as:
 - general and practical information about pregnancy and parenting;
 - sexual health education and support to be provided such as counselling;
 - life coach services; and
 - financial counselling.
- Before leaving care and post leaving care young people to be supported to rebuild and / or establish family connections and positive support networks (inclusive of peer mentoring).
- Young people to be supported to develop a strong sense of self and identity to support their transition towards leaving care. This may include the Service Provider undertaking Life Story Work with young people.
- Needs of young people to be considered for funding allocation (like NDIS funding allocation).
- Continuation of health services to be accessible and paid for by the Department for young people post leaving care (for example counselling and dental treatment) with every young person allocated an amount of funding to access health services.
- Leaving Care funding and Case Support Costs for young people to be managed and provided by Community Service Organisation.
- Young people able to easily access information about support services available to them once they have left care. This information to be web based and provided via a call centre referral type service.

- Leaving Care Workers to be trauma informed and knowledgeable about the impacts of trauma for young people in, and leaving care. Workers to be informed about issues impacting young people leaving care and be able to talk about them (for example suicide prevention, identity etc.).
- Young People leaving care must have supported, stable and long term accommodation.
- Young people to have access to crisis and medium term supported accommodation with long term accommodation planning.
- Young people preparing to leave care to be supported in their transition to independent living through the provision of practical life skills training (dependent on their level of need).
- Legal Youth Services to be available for young people aged 15 years and above to advise about their leaving care rights and entitlements.
- Consistent and improved processes for supporting young people accessing information from their files, including follow-up after files provided.
- Better supports available for young people dealing with abuse in care claims (19 -21 years of age).
- Comprehensive leaving care plan templates to be developed with mechanisms in place to review the quality and implementation of plans and planning processes. Leaving care plans to be person centred and specific to the individual needs of young people.

Regards,

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