

Factsheet

Supporting a NSW care leaver living or moving interstate

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Introduction

Assisting a care leaver who is living or moving interstate can be done over the phone or online and through an 'outreach' approach, including referral and connection to programs and services in that jurisdiction.

While there are no formal interstate agreements regarding aftercare support, you can still:

- Provide advice, support, and access to financials by engaging with the young person over the phone or email.
- Refer or connect the young person to other programs and services for vulnerable youth and young adults in the place where the young person is now living.
- Remind them they can contact the DCJ Care Leavers line on 1800 994 686 or careleavers@dcj.nsw.gov.au.

The role of the caseworker (DCJ, Agency)

Ensure the young person has access to the financial support in their plan or organise for the planned financials to be reviewed and amended to ensure the care leaver has timely access to financial support and entitlements like the Independent Living Allowance and Transition to Independent Living Allowance.

Consider if a referral to the [Specialist Aftercare Program](#) for ongoing outreach support may be needed. This is particularly important for care leavers in remote communities.

Support programs and services

PLEASE NOTE: The list below is not exhaustive and was correct at time of publishing.

If you're looking for a particular service, talk to the DCJ Interstate Liaison Team who can liaise with other jurisdictions to find a particular or recommended service for a young person.

National programs and services

- Care leaver support
 - <https://createyourfuture.org.au/>
- General youth support
 - <https://www.bsl.org.au/services/youth/>
 - <https://www.youth.gov.au/>
 - <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/youth-services/>

- Job readiness
 - <https://yesemployment.com.au/>
 - Employment
 - <https://coact.org.au/job-seekers/youth-employment/>
 - Mental health
 - <https://headspace.org.au/>
 - Sexual health and safety
 - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/grown-ups/services-support/services-families-of-teens/teens-sexual-health>
 - <https://www.youth.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/healthy-relationships-and-consent>
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Interstate programs and services

Victoria

- General youth support
 - <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/>
- Food support
 - <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/emergency-relief/food-vouchers-food-material-aid/>
- Housing and homelessness
 - <https://www.unitinghousing.org.au/>
 - <https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/>
 - <https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/crisis-emergency-accommodation>
 - <https://goodshep.org.au/services/youth-homelessness-service-vic/>
 - <https://www.mcm.org.au/services/homelessness/frontyard>
- Employment
 - <https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/careers/youth-employment-scheme>
 - <https://djsir.vic.gov.au/jobs-victoria/tools-and-advice>
- Sexual health and safety
 - <https://shvic.org.au/>
 - <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/relationships-and-sex/relationships-and-sexual-health>
 - <https://www.yacvic.org.au/resources/multicultural-health/multicultural-sexual-health/>

Queensland

- Care leaver support
 - <https://www.lwb.org.au/services/child-youth-and-family/after-care/>
- General youth support
 - <https://www.qys.org.au/>
 - <https://www.qld.gov.au/youth/support-services>

- Housing and homelessness
 - <https://www.qld.gov.au/youth/housing-accommodation>
 - <https://www.housing.qld.gov.au/initiatives/youth-foyers>
 - <https://www.qys.org.au/youth-housing-reintegration-service/>
 - <https://anglicaresq.org.au/services/housing-homelessness/youth-homelessness/>
 - <https://yhp.org.au/>
- Education and employment
 - <https://www.qld.gov.au/youth/education-employment>
 - <https://www.qld.gov.au/jobs/jobs-and-training-support/programs-for-you/young-people>
 - <https://www.qld.gov.au/education/apprenticeships>
- Indigenous youth employment
 - <https://www.tatsipca.qld.gov.au/our-work/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-partnerships/business-economic-development/youth-employment-program>
- Sexual health and safety
 - <https://www.qld.gov.au/youth/relationships-safety-sexuality/sexual-health>
 - <https://www.stoptherise.initiatives.qld.gov.au/resources>

Northern Territory

- General youth support
 - https://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Northern_Territory/Darwin/Youth_Services
 - <https://www.ntcommunity.org.au/category/youth/>
- Housing and homelessness
 - <https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/servicedirectory/211-homelessness>
 - <https://nt.gov.au/property/social-housing>
 - <https://chl.org.au/about/where-we-work/northern-territory/>
 - <https://www.anglicare-nt.org.au/service/youth-accommodation-support-service/>
 - <https://www.anglicare-nt.org.au/service/youth-housing-options-pathways-program/>
 - <https://www.ywca.org.au/support/youth-housing-support-program/>
 - <https://shelterme.org.au/provider/youth-housing-program/>
- Education and employment
 - <https://youthworxnt.com.au/>
 - <https://www.ntcommunity.org.au/location/mission-australia-darwin/>
 - <https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/community/programs/for-young-people>
- Indigenous employment
 - <https://www.saltbushnt.org.au/employment-services/>
- Mental health
 - <https://ntphn.org.au/programs/youth-mental-health/>
- Sexual health and safety
 - <https://nt.gov.au/community/parents-and-families/support-services/sexual-health-and-well-being>
 - <https://www.ntahc.org.au/clinics>

South Australia

- General youth support
 - <https://unitingsa.com.au/community-services/young-people/>
 - <https://anglicaresa.com.au/services/youth/>
- Housing and homelessness
 - <https://believehousing.org.au/housing-options/youth-housing-services/>
 - <https://www.syc.net.au/services/housing-homelessness-support>
 - <https://www.housing.sa.gov.au/>
 - <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing/renting-and-letting/public-housing>
 - <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety/homelessness-support>
 - <https://anwhahome.org.au/services/young-people/>
 - <https://www.stjohnsyouthservices.org.au/>
 - <https://www.homelessconnectsa.org/>
 - <https://baptistcaresa.org.au/service/youth-accommodation-2>
- Education
 - <https://yec.sa.edu.au/>
- Employment
 - <https://sayouth.mobi/Home/Index/EN>
 - <https://www.workskil.com.au/locations?state=SA&program=transition-to-work>
 - <https://youthopportunities.com.au/what-we-do/apprentice-program/>
- Mental health
 - <https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/services/mental+health+and+drug+and+alcohol+services/mental+health+services/children+adolescents+and+youth/youth+mental+health+services+aged+16+to+24+years>
 - <https://youturn.org.au/what-we-do/mental-health/youth-enhanced-service/>
- Sexual health and safety
 - <https://shinesa.org.au/>
 - <https://www.wchn.sa.gov.au/our-network/metropolitan-youth-health/myh-home>

ACT

- General youth support
 - <https://www.act.gov.au/community/youth>
 - <https://www.onelink.org.au/>
 - <https://mhub.org.au/youth-services/>
 - <https://www.healthyschoolsact.com.au/our-priorities/mental-health-wellbeing/youth-support-services>
 - <https://www.cnct.directory/home-2/>
- Housing and homelessness
 - <https://www.act.gov.au/housing-planning-and-property/public-housing>
 - <https://adacas.org.au/information-resources/housing-opportunities/social-housing/>
 - <https://www.act.gov.au/housing-planning-and-property/housing/homelessness>

- <https://www.cnct.directory/listing/canberra-youth-residential-service-north-canberra/>
- <https://mccg.org.au/services/youth-housing-support-service/>
- <https://foyer.org.au/foyers-in-australia/foyer-listing/our-place/>
- Employment
 - https://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Australian_Capital_Territory/Canberra/Youth_Services/Youth_Employment___Training_Services
 - <https://www.atworkaustralia.com.au/disability-employment-services-disability-jobs-canberra/>
- Mental health
 - <https://www.mindmap.act.gov.au/s/>
- Physical health
 - <https://www.anglicare.com.au/services/youth-family/health/>
- Sexual health and safety
 - <https://www.shfpact.org.au/>
 - <https://www.canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au/services-and-clinics/services/canberra-sexual-health-centre-cshc>

Western Australia

- General youth support
 - <https://wayouthservicesdirectory.org.au/>
 - <https://youthfocus.com.au/>
 - <https://youthfutureswa.com.au/>
 - <https://www.mercycare.com.au/community-services/youth-services>
- Housing and homelessness
 - <https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/get-support/youth-housing-and-homelessness>
 - <https://www.anglicarewa.org.au/get-support/services-directory/yes!-housing>
 - <https://wayouthservicesdirectory.org.au/services/accommodation-housing-homelessness/>
 - <https://youthfutureswa.com.au/get-help/homelessness-services>
 - <https://indigojunction.org.au/housing-and-support/housing-youth/>
- Employment
 - <https://www.workskil.com.au/locations?state=WA&program=transition-to-work>
 - <https://www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/young-starting-out>
- Indigenous employment
 - <https://realfutures.net/programs/>
- Sexual health and safety
 - <https://www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au/>
 - <https://gdhr.wa.gov.au/waac>
 - <https://shq.org.au/>
 - <https://tsto.gdhr.wa.gov.au/unplanned-pregnancy-and-stis/sti>
 - <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Healthy-living/Sexual-health>
 - <https://www.wa.gov.au/service/health-care/public-health-services/find-sexual-health-clinic>

Tasmania

- General youth support
 - https://www.findhelptas.org.au/programs/?p_cat=young-people
 - <https://www.anglicare-tas.org.au/supported-youth-program-syp/>
 - <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/locations/tasmania/social-support-services/youth-support-services/>
 - <https://www.cornerstoneyouthservices.com.au/>
 - <https://www.baptcare.org.au/support-programs-for-children-young-people-and-families/targeted-youth-support-service-tas/>
 - <https://www.tasyouthinfo.com/>
- Housing and homelessness
 - <https://www.homestasmania.com.au/housing-and-homelessness/youth2independence>
 - <https://www.anglicare-tas.org.au/youth2independence/>
 - <https://www.findhelptas.org.au/program/youthcare/>
 - <https://homebasetas.org.au/>
- Employment
 - https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/ssmo/workforce_diversity_and_inclusion/youth
 - https://www.youthjobsstrategy.tas.gov.au/career_advice_support
 - <https://workskills.org.au/youth/>
 - <https://www.findhelptas.org.au/program/employment-programs-by-yfcc/>
 - <https://www.jt.tas.gov.au/>
- General health
 - <https://thelink.org.au/>
- Mental health
 - <https://www.tasyouthinfo.com/mental-health/>
 - <https://www.anglicare-tas.org.au/child-and-youth-healthy-minds-program/>
 - <https://www.findhelptas.org.au/program/youth-mental-health/>
 - <https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/tas/how-we-help/mental-health-care/>
- Sexual health and safety
 - <https://www.tasyouthinfo.com/sexual-health/>
- Food support
 - <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/emergency-relief/food-vouchers-food-material-aid/>

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