



Fact Sheet

Orange Youth Accommodation Support Service (OYASS)

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The Aim

OYASS provides support to young people aged between 16 and 24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the Orange community

Target Groups

Orange Youth Accommodation Support Service (OYASS) is a program that services young people aged between sixteen and 24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program aims to help young people foster a sense of independence and learn the tools to live in the community and maintain a tenancy.

Referrals to the Program are accessed through community support services such as Department of Housing, Juvenile Justice, Central Tablelands Housing, DOCS, Greater Western Area Health Service or through Self Referral to the Program.

Service Activities

OYASS assists young people with accessing, gaining and maintaining accommodation for independent living, through intense Case Management.

The service provides a focus on outreach support and living skills programs to assist to break down the barriers that clients face with accessing accommodation and support services.

Client services include:

- Intense case management
- Linkages with mental health and drug and alcohol services.
- advocacy and referral / court support
- referral to specialist services
- assistance to obtain government allowances
- material aid
- pregnancy and family planning support
- living skills / personal development programs
- recreational activities

The service works in partnership with Central Tablelands Housing Association, Housing NSW, Emerge Youth and Family Services, Community Services and Community Housing Division to provide the Transitional Youth Housing Partnership Project that provides young people with secure appropriate youth specific medium term accommodation.

Outcomes

OYASS have assisted young people in the Orange community to gain and maintain stable accommodation and reengage them into the community.

Funding Sources

OYASS is funded by Community Services.

Mission Australia

Mission Australia is one of the nation's leading charities and community service organisations, having helped change the lives of individuals and families in need for almost 150 years. Mission Australia's vision is 'to see a fairer Australia by enabling people in need to find pathways to a better life'. Mission Australia currently operates more than 450 services throughout metropolitan, rural and regional Australia – in every state and territory. Our services are made up of community, employment and training services aiming to provide:

- Pathways away from homelessness;
- Pathways to strong families and healthy, happy children;
- Pathways through a successful youth;
- Pathways to skills and qualifications; and

Pathways to sustainable employment

OYASS provides young people with access to employment and education through referrals to employment providers and linking with education providers such as schools and TAFE.

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