



Youth SAAP : A Practitioners Perspective



Structure of YSAAP Sector

- **Central assessment and referral service,**
- **5 metropolitan services providing both emergency and medium term** transitional accommodation (ages 15 – 18), and **outreach housing**
- 2 city based **emergency services** ,1 for each gender (ages 15 – 25)
- 1 **Counselling service** for young people who have experienced abuse primarily sexual abuse (12 – 25),
- An **early intervention service** with a focus on family reconciliation (ages 12 – 25), with attached accommodation (12-18)
- **3 medium term accommodation services for young women who are pregnant or with children** (ages 12 – 25). Also have outreach accommodation,
- **2 indigenous specific** emergency to medium term accommodation services,
- Service for **secondary students** who can live with minimal support,
- Service for **young people from a CLDB** who can live with minimal support.

Trace A Place

- Central assessment and referral service for young people 12 – 25 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Each year
 - 30, 000 calls with request for assistance from 2000 young people annually
 - Case manage approx 850 young people annually

Client Group

2006/2007

- 47% 14 – 17 yrs
- 52% 18 -25 yrs

- 56% female

- 82% supported for 3 months or less
- 10% up to 6 months
- 8% 6 months or more

- 75% will have one period of support
- 15% will have 2 periods of support

- 77% of young people were referred to accommodation they requested on their first contact

What Youth SAAP Does Well

- Centralised support
- Provides targeted response
- Collaboration across the sector

Challenges for SAAP Youth Sector

- Nature of homelessness for young people
 - Complexity of need
 - Developmental stage
 - Education and training
- Exit points

Additional Responses

- Integrated service response
- Variety of response
 - Early intervention
 - Independent housing – Cooperative Foundation Court (CFC)
 - Ongoing support once in housing
- Improvements to child protection

Feedback from young people

- What they said about SAAP
 - Role of SAAP
 - Negative impacts
 - Role of TAP
 - Achievements since being in SAAP