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PICKLE app – your first step to find help

The Pickle app connects young people who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or in unsafe situations, to the nearest possible service organisation, ensuring they get the help they need right when they need it. Pickle is free, quick and private. Developed by Shelter SA with support from a DCSI Community Benefit SA grant, Pickle is based on research and community sector consultation about young people's use of technology. Prioritising simplicity and privacy, the app takes a new approach to the ongoing challenge of young people's access to services. Please take a moment to visit the PICKLE website here: www.pickle.org.au and to download the PICKLE app, go to the App Store or Google Play and search 'Pickle by Shelter SA'.

We have plenty of PICKLE posters and postcards to give away. If your organisation would like to display and share our colour PICKLE posters and drop cards please contact us at sheltersa@sheltersa.asn.au or 08 8223 4077. Please also share PICKLE with your networks.

Australian Homelessness Monitor - Online survey of homelessness service providers

You are invited to participate in the Australian Homelessness Monitor (AHM) study which is being funded by Launch Housing (Melbourne). This important project takes its cue from the UK Homelessness Monitor - an independent national review of homelessness policy developments and statistical trends conducted annually in Britain since 2011. In collaboration with the University of Queensland, the UKHM model has been adapted to meet the Australian context. The questionnaire seeks to gauge service provider impressions of recent change in the incidence and nature of 'homelessness demand'. The survey comprises 8 questions about your organisation, about the scale and nature of homelessness demand, about the availability of suitable accommodation for different demand groups, and about the perceived homelessness impacts of recent policy change. It should take 10-20 minutes to complete. The cut off date for completing the survey is Friday 17 July. To take part in the survey please click here. If you have any questions about the survey, please email Hal Pawson, Project leader and Professor Housing Research and Policy, UNSW at h.pawson@unsw.edu.au.

Community Sector Banking 2017 Social Investment Grants Program

Community Sector Banking has launched the theme for its 2017 Social Investment Grants Program, which is focused on building resilience and capability in people experiencing homelessness or domestic and family violence. The total grant pool available for this year is $200,000 and opens on 10 July. If you would like to know more or apply for a grant, please click here: https://communitysectorbanking.com.au/grants