

# Accommodation options for young people (12+ years of age)

The wellbeing of young people who face homelessness is a shared responsibility involving the government, families, community services and the wider community.

This document provides information on services and programs in Tasmania for young people facing homelessness. Some services

cater to those under Youth Justice or Care and Protection Orders. The level of support and availability of accommodation can vary, so it is important to assess each young person's individual circumstances.

For more information, visit the [Homes Tasmania](#) website.

## Services

### Housing Connect

The entry point for assistance for people aged 16+ who are experiencing homelessness or are in housing need. This includes:

- crisis accommodation and support including shelters and transitional housing
- social housing, supported accommodation and specialist accommodation for people in exceptional circumstances
- affordable housing including private rentals and home ownership.

**For more information:**  
Visit the [Housing Connect website](#) or call 1800 800 588

### Youth at Risk (YAR) Centres

Crisis accommodation and care tailored to the specific needs of unaccompanied children who are 12 to 15 years of age.

There are two centres in Tasmania:

- Malana – young males and females – 12-15 years - Launceston
- Colville Place – young males and females – 12-15 years - Hobart.

### Under 16s Lighthouse

Non-crisis, medium to longer term transitional care and accommodation service for young people aged 12-15 years that are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

There is currently one property in Kingston in the South provided for this service.

**For more information:**  
Contact Strong Families Safe Kids Advice and Referral Line on 1800 000 123

## Youth2Independence (Y2I)

Transitional housing for ages 16-24. The goal of the Y2I program is to support young people to overcome trauma and to make positive choices as they transition to young adults. The Y2I program provides three accommodation settings:

- supported accommodation facilities
- cluster homes, and
- share homes.

### Y2I SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES (SAFs)

Y2I facilities provide support for young people to become independent by participating in education and training. Young people staying at the facilities complete a TAFE Certificate I in Developing Independence. Each Y2I facility has dedicated units for NDIS participants.

There are four SAFs across the state, with a fifth Y2I facility under construction in the north-west:

- Thyne House in Launceston (50 units)
- Eveline House in Devonport (25 units)
- Trinity Hill in Hobart (46 units)
- Campbell St in Hobart (26 units)
- Burnie Y2I SAF (25 units, under construction).

### Y2I CLUSTER HOMES

Y2I cluster homes are suited for young people with higher support needs who require their own private accommodation and 24/7 access to onsite support. The purpose of cluster homes is for the young person to build independence with no obligation to undertake education, employment or training.

There are 20 Y2I cluster home modular units across 4 sites statewide:

- Hobart
- Launceston
- Devonport, and
- Burnie.

### Y2I SHARE HOMES

Y2I share homes support young people who have low support needs in a share home environment while they develop skills for independence.

Homes Tasmania is converting 10 larger public housing properties into Y2I share homes:

- three in Hobart
- three in Launceston
- two in Devonport, and
- two in Burnie.

**For more information, see the [Y2I Program website](#) or call Housing Connect on 1800 800 588**

## Social housing

Social housing provides secure homes for people aged 16+ on the Housing Register. This consists of public and community housing for individuals and families that can live independently.

## Aboriginal housing

Aboriginal housing is available for eligible Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people through Tasmania's social housing portfolio. It provides access to dedicated, affordable and appropriate social housing across Tasmania.

## Private rental accommodation

Private rental accommodation is available through private property owners or real estate agents. Housing Connect may be able to assist with a range of private rental products including rental assistance, bond assistance or assistance with rental arrears.

**For more information, see the [Housing Connect website](#) or call Housing Connect on 1800 800 588**

## Specialised Care - Salaried and Therapeutic Residential Care

Salaried care is provided by non-government organisations for children and young people with complex needs. Salaried Care is in a home setting with care provided by staff on a rostered basis.

Therapeutic residential care is group-based accommodation and support to young people who have challenging needs and where foster or kinship care is not available or appropriate.

## Family Based Care - Foster/Kinship Care

Family Based Care gives children and young people a place to live in a family home when they are unable to live with their own families. Family Based Care includes foster care and kinship care.

Family based care provides children with a family who can care for them for as long as needed until they can return to their natural families or until they exit care as young adults.

For more information, contact the [Child Safety Service](#)

## List of youth accommodation services, by region.

### Southern region

Service name	Focus	Program type	Service provider
Youthcare	13-20 years old (men)	Crisis	Anglicare
Trinity Hill Y2I SAF	16-24 years old	Transitional	Anglicare
Campbell Street Y2I SAF	16-24 years old	Transitional	Anglicare
AK Shelter	13-20 years old (women)	Crisis	CatholicCare
Y2I Homes	16-24 years old	Transitional	CatholicCare
Colville Place YAR Centre	12-15 years old	Crisis	Colony 47
Mara House	13-20 years old (women)	Transitional	Colony 47
Small Steps Program	Under 25 years (women with child/expecting)	Transitional	Hobart City Mission
Pathways Launch	13-20 years old (men)	Transitional	Pathways Tasmania
Lighthouse	12-15 years old	Early intervention	Mission Australia

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## List of youth accommodation services, by region.

### Northern region

Service name	Focus	Program type	Service provider
Thyne House Y2I SAF	16-24 years old	Transitional	Anglicare
Y2I Homes	16-24 years old	Transitional	CatholicCare
Karinya Young Women's Shelter	13-20 years old (women)	Crisis	Karinya
Karinya Young Mums (a.k.a Mums and Bubs)	13-20 years old (women with child/expecting)	Crisis	Karinya
Karinya Youth Transitional Tenancy	13-20 years old (women)	Transitional	Karinya
Malana YAR Centre	12-15 years old	Crisis	YFCC*
Youth Futures	13-20 years old (men)	Crisis	Youth Futures Incorporated

\*Youth and Family Community Connections (YFCC)

### North-West region

Service name	Focus	Program type	Service provider
Eveline House Y2I SAF	16-24 years old	Transitional	Anglicare
Y2I Homes (TBC)	16-24 years old	Transitional	CatholicCare
Burnie Youth Shelter	13-20 years old (crisis) 15-20 years old (transitional)	Crisis and transitional	YFCC*
Transitional Accommodation Support Service (TASS)	13-20 years old	Transitional	YFCC*
Burnie Y2I (under construction)	16-24 years old	Transitional	YFCC*

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