



It's good
to be home

Connecting with **Keeping my Place**

Refer a young person

While we highly encourage agency referrals, KMP also accepts self-referrals from young people.

We encourage you to contact us even if direct intervention is not yet needed, as we can provide information and advice to assist the young people you work with.

Information and training

KMP is committed to building our network of early identifiers to work towards better practice.

If your organisation could benefit from training to identify sources of housing stress, KMP can help. We offer free webinars and can visit your workplace to deliver in-person training.

For further info call Luke on **0408 481 849** or email **MyPlace@sjys.com.au**



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Keeping my Place

Supporting young people
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What is Keeping my Place?

Keeping my Place (KMP) keeps young people in their homes and out of homelessness.

KMP is an early intervention prevention program for young people between 16-25 who are living independently but experiencing housing stress that puts their tenancy at risk.

The KMP support team has extensive experience across the public, community, and private housing sectors, and works directly with young people to resolve their sources of housing stress and remain in their homes.

Our support is flexible, voluntary and maintains the highest standards of information sharing and confidentiality.

How Keeping my Place can help

Addressing the sources of housing stress

Housing stress can be caused by a range of adverse life experiences that impede a young person's capacity to maintain their normal living situation. While this is most commonly a personal financial crisis, a young person may find themselves temporarily unable to cope due to a number of reasons such as physical or mental health issues, grief and loss, or a family crisis.

Flexible support tailored to individual need

KMP recognises that each young person's circumstances are unique and we work alongside young people to identify the source of their housing stress and develop lasting solutions.

KMP can support young people to resolve straightforward issues, such as relieving the immediate cost of rental arrears or strengthening independent living skills in areas like maintaining their property or budgeting. We can also support young people to deal with more complex issues, such as addressing mental health concerns via a combination of direct support and referrals to specialist mental health services.

KMP also recognises that sometimes the best home for a young person is with their family, and supports family reunification when this is safe and appropriate.

When to refer a young person

Please contact Keeping my Place as soon as you suspect a young person may be experiencing housing stress. While each young person's situation will differ, particularly with regards to their type of housing and tenancy, in almost all cases early referrals have much more favourable outcomes.

Although we will intervene in cases when there is an imminent risk of homelessness, we encourage you to contact us at least one to two months before a young person has reached a critical point of risk.

About

St John's Youth Services

St John's Youth Services works with young people in the Adelaide metro area who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

We believe in young people, and focus on each young person's talents and ambitions, and their capacity to overcome the challenges in their past and take control of their future. Our aim is to break the cycle of homelessness, and our range of innovative services interconnect to provide holistic wraparound support tailored to individual need. The young people we work with achieve outstanding outcomes, and more than 97% of young people engaged with our services break the cycle of homelessness.

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