

National Homelessness Strategy (NHS) 2005-2009 Demonstration Projects and Communication Activities List

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Mareeba Shire Council 'Mobile Response to Rural and Remote Homelessness Project'	People at risk of homelessness	Mareeba, Cooktown, Atherton Shires, Queensland	Project aims to engage stakeholders outside of the homelessness sector to take joint action in responding to the needs of people at risk of homelessness who live in a rural and remote region. The project will trial and evaluate a mobile outreach early intervention service model; seek to increase housing stock and build the capacity of stakeholders to address homelessness in the region.
Youth Off the Streets 'Out Place, Walgett Youth and Young Families Project'	Indigenous young people and young families	Walgett and surrounding region, NSW	Project uses a community development and social capital building model to implement a number of activities for young people and young families at risk of homelessness. The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coordinate youth and young family activities in partnership with local services and to build community self-esteem, pride, resilience, motivation and skills. • contribute to prevention and reduction of homelessness. • increase and improve collaborative engagement between youth and family focused services. • research, adapt and implement Australian and international best practice homelessness prevention/reduction initiatives to contribute to new models relevant to rural and regional areas.
Hanover Welfare Services – Lead Agency (Homelessness and Education Consortium of Hanover Welfare	Families and children in the years 5 to 9 experiencing homelessness	Frankston, Cheltenham, Victoria	Children experiencing homelessness have lower school attendance, higher prevalence of early school leaving and lower levels of educational attainment including post-compulsory schooling. Objectives of project are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve educational outcomes by improving access to school for

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Services, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Education Foundation of Australia)			<p>young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide secure and stable transitional housing for families and children • enhance support practices. • develop practice insights that can be adopted by the broader homelessness and education sectors.
Agencies for South West Accommodation Inc 'Home Assist Project'	People who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless exiting mental health services, prison and SAAP services	Bunbury, WA	<p>Project is trialing a 'one-stop shop' model to streamline and improve pathways into affordable, appropriate and sustainable housing for homeless people and people at risk of becoming homeless with high and complex needs exiting mental health services, prison and SAAP services.</p> <p>Project explores innovative ways to utilise existing resources by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating a central referral and matching system. • creating a central database which matches housing types and vacancies. • build capacity in community, public and private housing sectors.
Aboriginal Family Support Services 'Moving On Project'	Indigenous young people aged between 12 and 25	Adelaide, SA	<p>Program works closely with young people, foster family or supported accommodation provider to assess and develop a plan to assist the young person acquire the skills to live independently.</p> <p>Support is provided to the young person to access appropriate accommodation, entry in education, training and employment and support in developing positive community links.</p>
Djabulukgu Association (Kakadu Health Service) Bidygarrme – Helping Everyone 'Project'	Indigenous people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless	Jabiru Kakadu, NT	<p>Project delivers integrated and effective access to social support services in a culturally appropriate manner. The program addresses the contributing factors of homelessness such as substance misuse and family violence.</p> <p>Project uses a three stage model of intervention that seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stabilise current circumstances by addressing the crisis or immediate risk factors. • build support by putting in place interventions designed to address key contributing factors to homelessness. • strengthen and build on the individual's and community's long term capacity through identifying and responding to community issues, putting in place diversional and recreational activities and providing a client mentor group.

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Catholic Healthcare Ltd – Mercy Arms Community Care 'Home but not Alone project'	Older homeless people or those at risk of becoming homeless who are over the age of 45 years	Metropolitan Sydney, NSW	Project provides a single point of contact for older homeless people recently housed in and those at risk of becoming homeless. The Project aims to prevent recurring homelessness through provision of longer term monitoring and case management. The project uses a collaborative case management model of support working alongside existing homeless services so client receive support while they are in the process of settling into their accommodation.

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Anglicare Tasmania "My Place"	Mental Health	Launceston and Burnie	The project is targeting people moving through acute mental health services in the Burnie and Launceston areas of Tasmania. It aims to reduce the incidence of homelessness resulting from periods of acute mental illness and to establish protective factors against accommodation breakdown for people with mental illnesses at risk of homelessness. Tools are being developed to identify patients who are at risk of homelessness and cross sector linkages are being developed to foster greater understanding of the difficulties experienced by people with mental health issues who are isolated and vulnerable to homelessness.
Canberra Fathers and Children's Service (CANFaCS) "Dad's Place"	Single Fathers and their Children	Canberra	This project is intervening early to prevent homelessness by providing safe and secure accommodation for non-resident fathers to have continued overnight contact with their children. Case management is being used to create links to enhance fathers' relationship with their children and the community. The project also aims to provide a pathway out of homelessness for men who have become estranged from their children as a result of long term homelessness.
Merri Outreach Support Service Inc	Children under 12 years	North and West Metropolitan	The project is focusing on children who accompany their parents to SAAP

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“Bright Futures”		Melbourne	services and present with issues such as loss and grief, difficulties with learning and or schooling, and health issues. Children are being supported for a period of three months to allow sufficient time to conduct thorough assessment of needs, build rapport and plan/implement/monitor and evaluate their cases. The project is also enhancing the capacity of SAAP workers and services to meet children's support needs.
Micah Projects Inc. “Homelessness to Home”	At risk families with children (with Indigenous component)	Brisbane	<p>This project is delivering a collaborative model of practice to enhance the capacity of the local service system to respond more effectively to the needs of homeless and at risk families. The project also seeks to meet the special needs of Indigenous families with children presenting at mainstream services for housing and support</p> <p>The project incorporates support from frontline homelessness services and general services that help to build family capacity and resilience and mitigate risks contributing to homelessness.</p>
Mission Australia “Indigenous Homelessness Project”	Urban Indigenous	Sydney	This project targets Indigenous people in urban areas who are vulnerable to homelessness. Multiple and related factors cause homelessness among urban Indigenous populations and prevent them from being able to readily change their circumstances. The project incorporates a number of Indigenous targeted programmes operating out of the Mission Australia Centre.
Sisters Inside “A Place to Call Home”	Women Exiting Prisons	Brisbane and Townsville	<p>This project supports women who are released from Queensland prisons (Brisbane and Townsville) experiencing multiple social and economic disadvantage pre and post release. A large proportion of women exiting prisons in the project’s target area are Indigenous.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to help women overcome the conditions prevalent in prison and issues they face in their lives that make it difficult for them to find and sustain suitable accommodation prior to and post release from incarceration.</p>

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Southern Youth and Family Services “Australian Foyer Model in the Illawarra”	Homeless and disadvantaged young people aged between 15-23 years	NSW South Coast (Illawarra and Shoalhaven)	The project incorporates housing and employment/education support to enhance employment prospects. It delivers early intervention in identifying young people at risk of homelessness and other interventions to young people who are experiencing homelessness and linking them into a variety of service responses all ‘under one roof’.
YP ⁴ Consortium: Hanover Welfare Services, the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Loddon Mallee Housing Service, and Melbourne Citymission	Young Homeless Jobseekers	Urban and Regional Victoria	This project is trialing the provision of integrated support services to homeless young jobseekers in relation to housing, health and personal development and employment. For the first time, homeless young jobseekers are able to receive all the help they need from a single agency. The project includes a rigorous evaluation. The outcomes for the trial participants are being compared with those for a control group.

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Salvation Army (QLD) Property Trust 'SAMH (Salvation Army Mental Health Project'	Homeless people and those who are at risk of becoming homeless due to a mental illness	Brisbane, South East Queensland	Project will research knowledge gaps in front line workers and develop a training kit and resource guide. Develop a pilot support group for people with a mental illness. Develop connections between support agencies, churches and mental health services through the establishment of community workshops and network meetings.
ASeTTS (Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors inc 'Newly Arrived Youth Settlement Services' Program	Youth from a refugee background and service providers	Perth, WA	Preventative strategy to complement the 'Newly Arrived Youth Settlement Services' Program. Aim is to educate service providers and youth from a refugee background on the issues which contribute to the risk of homelessness through a series of workshops.
Sacred Heart Mission 'Women Housing Complex Needs: Service Coordination Framework Project'	Single women over 18 years who have multiple and/or complex needs and are at risk of homelessness	Melbourne, Vic	This project is phase three of a project initiated by Hanover Welfare Services. Project will appoint a project officer to implement a service coordination framework designed to improve outcomes for women 18 years and over who have multiple, complex needs. Workshops will be held to implement the service coordination framework which will provide a forum for agencies to share information.

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The Salvation Army – Australian Southern Territory 'Prison Break Project'	Prisoners on short term sentences	Victoria	<p>Aim is to improve housing and community integration outcomes for Victorian prisoners on short term sentences at risk of homelessness. The project will operate across all thirteen Victorian prisons.</p> <p>A 'Relocation and Community Integration Information' CD will be developed. It will contain information relevant to the particular geographic area as well as more generalised information on a range of issues including housing, education, health and income support.</p> <p>The project also aims to create new and enhanced responses and linkages between existing programs and services.</p>
Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) 'Roofs for Youth'	Young people aged 15-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness	West Perth, WA	<p>The project will further develop the outcomes and recommendations from the first two phases of the 'Roofs for Youth' project by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating the 'Roofs for Youth' manual and putting it on a CD in a youth-friendly format. • Develop a wallet card youth resource which contains summarised Roof for Youth information, key support service contact details etc. • Mobilise the SAAP youth sector to develop appropriate and effective partnerships with local real estate agencies to assist in prevention of youth homelessness.
Queensland Community Housing Coalition (QCHC) 'Building on Common Ground Project'	Private and community sector and all levels of government	South Brisbane, Queensland	<p>The project will develop a community/business toolkit for housing homeless people. QCHC and Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) will research and adapt the USA Common Ground experience into a template and toolkit.</p> <p>The project will create opportunities for partnerships between the various target groups in the supply of supportive housing to homeless people and will apply international and Australian knowledge to develop the toolkit.</p> <p>Education seminars will be held to roll out the toolkit in four capital cities.</p> <p>Project aims to increase public awareness and support for homelessness responses through an innovative 'shared responsibility' model.</p>

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Dar al Shifah “Understanding Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Community Crisis Accommodation Needs”	Service providers, governments, the CALD community and Muslim leaders	Perth	The activity investigated the specific needs for religiously and culturally appropriate crisis accommodation needs for people in CALD communities (particularly Muslims). The activity sought to build awareness amongst service providers, governments, the CALD community and Muslim leaders and enhance the community’s capacity to better respond to homelessness.
Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations (AFHO) “Report on the 4 th Annual National Homelessness Conference’s National Indigenous Workshop”	Indigenous service providers	National Conference (held in Sydney)	The production of a report outlining the findings drawn from the 4 th Annual National Homelessness Conference’s Indigenous Homelessness Workshop. The workshop brought together Indigenous service providers to discuss Indigenous homelessness policy, advocacy and research issues.
City of Sydney “Understanding Homelessness - Training for volunteers”	Volunteers and other service workers having contact with homeless people.	Sydney	This activity is developing and delivering an online, interactive homelessness training course consisting of three modules targeted to volunteers and other service workers having contact with homeless people.
Youth for Christ (YFC) Australia “Creative Arts competition called CRASH (Creative Arts Spotlight on Homelessness)”	Youth and young people through churches and schools	Melbourne	CRASH was an innovative creative arts competition for youth and young adults aimed at raising community awareness of youth homelessness. The competition theme was “a response to homelessness”. Entries were under three categories, multimedia, performing arts and visual arts. Entries closed on 15 May 2006 and a finals night was held on 2 June 2006.

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Council to Homeless Persons “National Homelessness Research Seminar”	Homelessness Researchers and Key Stakeholders across Australia	Melbourne	In April 2007, the Council to Homeless Persons conducted a National Homelessness Research Seminar. The seminar sought to improve knowledge of homelessness research being conducted across Australia and develop ideas to improve the communication of this research. Key issues, themes and challenges related to homelessness and the role of research in responding to these issues were discussed.
The University of Newcastle, Family Action Centre “Supporting Caravan Park Residents - A National Best Practise Forum”	Workers providing services to caravan park residents	Newcastle	In October 2006, the University of Newcastle, Family Action Centre held a National Best Practice Forum on supporting caravan park residents. The Forum brought together workers from five state and territories. The project is developing a web page and best practice guidelines on a number of issues, including working with children, park managers and fathers and men in caravan parks.
St Vincent’s Hospital “Building Networks and Links project”	Government and non-government providers of services to elderly people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless	Inner City Sydney	St Vincent’s Hospital Psychogeriatric Service worked with key service providers to develop a coordinated approach to the identification, assessment and management of elderly people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the hospital’s catchment area of inner-city Sydney. Workshops were held with key service providers to build working relationships, facilitate information sharing and to develop a best practice model for the referral, assessment and management of the elderly people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.