GOLD COAST PROJECT FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

Established in 1984

“INNOVATION FROM WITHIN”

The STAY House Program
LAWSON HOUSE
CRISIS ACCOMMODATION
16 to 18 years - 7 beds
(Department of Housing Property)

BANNISTER HOUSE
MEDIUM TERM
ACCOMMODATION
16 to 19 years - 6 Beds
(Owned by GCPHY)

JESSICA DUNNE LODGE
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ACCOMMODATION
16 to 19 years - 5 Beds
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Independent Cottage
1 young person
Attached to Bannister House
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MOBILE SUPPORT PROGRAM
OUTREACH – Sustaining Tenancy, Budgeting, Life skills
16 to 25 years
GAPS

- No rental record or reference
- YP deciding against ongoing support when transitioning
- Going from 24 hour support to minimal support
- Share Housing – unable to deal with conflict before they become serious problems

WITHOUT THE ABOVE RESULTED MANY TIMES IN:
* The continued cycle of Homelessness – back to Crisis

Not only back to Crisis but being potentially being blacklisted
MAIN POINTS

• Self-funded program
• Head lease a property from local real estate (good relationship built with real estates)
• 2 Units – 2 bedroom – 2 YP per house, not gender specific
• YP pay full rent – including two weeks rent in advance + key deposit
EVALUATION

• After 2 years of program
• Had to follow up with YP after they had been exited from the STAY House Program for 3 months to find out if they had sustained that accommodation for over that period of time – were sometimes non-contactable.
THE RESIDENTS

- Mixed Genders (9 Female, 12 Male)
- Aged Range between 16 & 23 (Average 18 years)
- Length of time in program,
  range = 1.5 to 7 months, Average = 4.5 months
- Out of 16 who exited – 11 achieved ½ or more of their goals in their case plans
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Before STAY Program
- Family, 1
- Shared, 3
- Crisis, 6
- Med Term, 10

After STAY Program
- Family, 1
- Med Term, 1
- Crisis, 0
- Shared, 7
- Private, 6
On exit from the program 50% of young people needed a reference to gain independent accommodation.

On the 3 month follow up the question was asked to young people: Did the STAY program assist you to obtain or sustain your current accommodation?
CHALLENGES
• Conflict between residents
• YP understanding cleanliness and hygiene and its importance
• Working with body corporations and real estates

BENEFITS
• Rental Reference
• Real life experience – rent on time, what makes a good tenant
• Learning to deal with conflict between house mates
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STAY (Supported Transitional Accommodation for Youth) Units
2 x 2 bedroom units – 2 young people per unit
Head lease property through local Real Estate

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OUTREACH – Sustaining Tenancy, Budgeting, Life skills
Independent Living - 16 to 25 years
The organisation used its own money to support an innovative program with so far many successes.

GCPHY took a risk in initiating this program, but without risk, we believe that it is too easy to become stagnant in our approach to supporting homeless young people.
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