



Implementing a housing first approach - Lessons from Platform 70

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 TOTAL
NUMBER OF
RESIDENTS: 2852

CHILDREN  599

WORKERS  345

PEOPLE WHO SPEAK A
LANGUAGE OTHER THAN
ENGLISH AT HOME 710

+ PEOPLE WHO COME FROM
CULTURALLY AND
LINGUISTICALLY
DIVERSE
BACKGROUNDS

+ 1176

 SOLE
PARENTS
~ 228 ~

PEOPLE AGED 60 AND OVER = 770

PEOPLE LIVING WITH
PSYCHIATRIC
DISABILITY 351

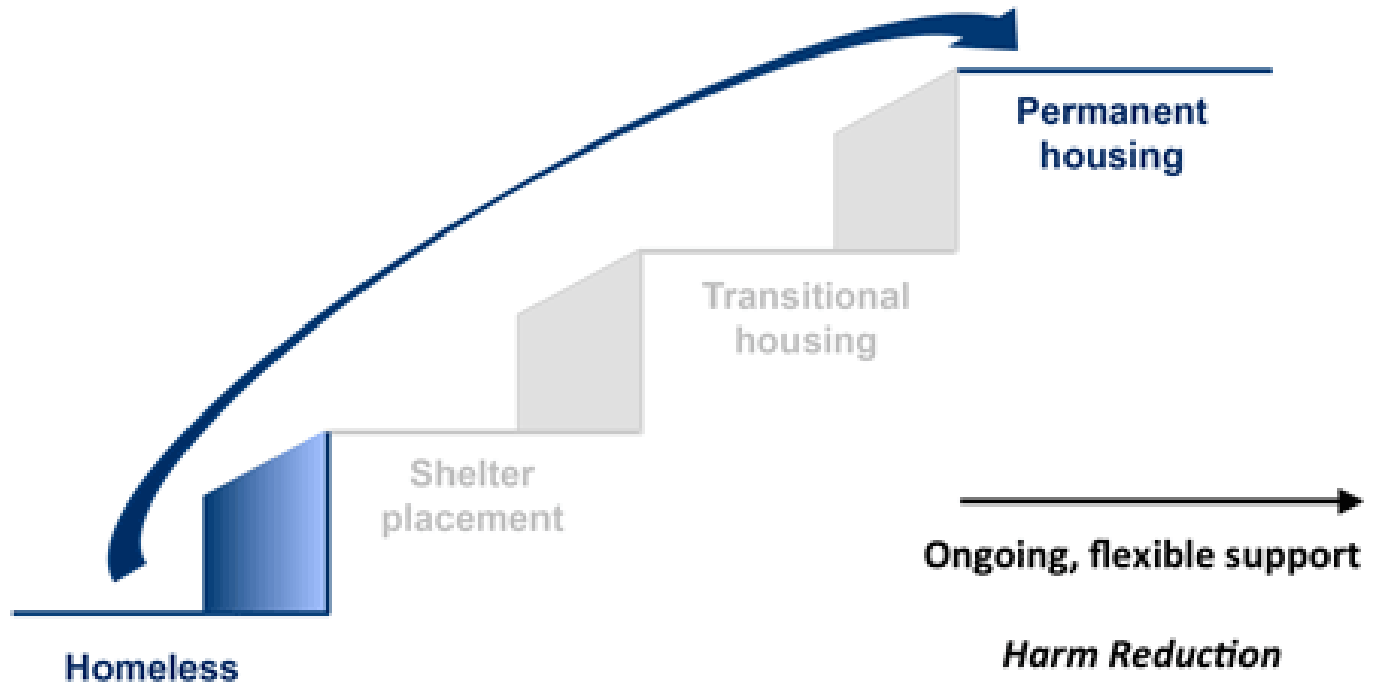
PEOPLE
LIVING WITH
DISABILITY
575 

ABORIGINAL OR
TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PEOPLE 

+
208

PEOPLE WHO RELY   
ON INCOME SUPPORT: 1712

Housing First approach



Platform 70 - outcomes

- 107 people housed = 81% tenancy sustainment
- ↑ levels of engagement with services
- ↑ Feelings of independence and self esteem
- ↑ Improved health outcomes
- ↓ Rates of hospital visits and duration of stays, drug treatment admittance, ambulance usage
- ↓ Contact rates across **all** justice channels

Tony's Story



‘This program has boosted my self esteem and changed the way I perceive myself and what I can achieve. I am living somewhere that I would never have been able to afford on my own. It has taught me to stand strong, believe in myself and aim high to achieve my goals’.

1. Housing first works – and housing first in the private rental works
2. Housing chronically homeless people is cost effective, however, service system savings are not shared equally
3. Increasing affordable housing supply is essential to reducing homelessness