

Safety & Services - does the client have any vulnerabilities or need any other support?

Domestic & Family Violence
Consult 5Rs flowchart
Warrina Domestic & Family
Violence Specialist Service
6652 4000

Medical Support
In an emergency always call 000
Bellingen District Hospital
Church St | 6659 5800
North Coast Health Connect
1800 198 888

Legal Support

Aboriginal Legal Service 6640 1400	MNC Tenants Advice & Advocacy Service 6651 7899	Aboriginal Tenants Advice Service 6643 4426
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NDIS
Blue Sky
Local Area
Coordination
5632 4029

**Seniors
Support**
Seniors Rights
Service
9281 3600

Children, Young People & Families

Bello Youth Hub 6655 0381	Youth Refuge Aged 14-17 Wesley Mission 5646 5755	Pathfinders FCS Advocacy & Support 1800 327 679	Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
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Shelter - does the client have a safe place to go?

If they do not have a safe place to stay you can:

- discuss other options, like staying with a trusted person
- collect important information like if the client has any pets, children or access needs to pass on
- between 9am & 5pm contact the Community Housing Provider for your area
- after 5pm contact Link2Home to arrange temporary accommodation.

Community Housing Provider:

Mission Australia Housing
1800 269 672

Link2Home:
1800 152 152

If they are not eligible for temporary accommodation:

*Try and address basic food, warmth, shelter & safety needs with the services listed below.

*Contact the appropriate Specialist Homelessness Service for further support.

TIP!



Think about your responsibility as a mandatory reporter. If you have a child protection concern call 132 111.

Situation - is the client at-risk of homelessness or currently homeless?

The Client is at-risk of Homelessness

Call MNC Tenants Advice & Advocacy Service: 6583 9866 especially if the client is in rental arrears.

Inform the client of the Link2Home and Community Housing Provider listed above in case they need to leave the home quickly.

Refer to the appropriate Specialist Homelessness Service:

Aged 17-25: [Momentum Youth Housing](#) | 5632 4021

Aged 12-25: [Wesley Mission](#) | 5646 5755

Aged 16+: [New Horizons](#) | 1300 726 372

DFV Related: [Warrina](#) | 6652 4000

Discuss with the client if there are any referrals or supports you can provide them with while they wait for the appointment with the Specialist Homelessness Service. Help the client through the steps in the 'Support' section below.

The Client is Homeless

Follow the steps listed in 'Shelter' to arrange temporary accommodation.

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Neighbourhood Centres

Support, information, referrals, vouchers, internet, computers, emergency relief assistance.

Bellingen: 31 Hyde Street | 6655 1239

Dorrigo: 65a Hickory Street | 0438 735 904

Urunga: 34 Bonville Street | 6655 6993

St. Vincent de Paul

Assistance for emergency accommodation, food and bills.

Dorrigo: 0472 718 862 | Bellingen: 0418 637 910

Urunga: 0438 019 941

Other Supports

Income support: [Centrelink](#) (click for full list)

Financial counselling: [MNC Financial Counselling](#) | 1300 662 540

Gambling Support: [Gamble Aware](#) | 6651 4093

Mental Health Access Line: 1800 011 511

1800 Respect: 1800 737 732

Men's Line Australia: 1300 789 978

Support - extra steps you can take to support the client

Most applications, referrals and services will require proof of identity and proof of income.

You can assist the client with collating:

- o 100 points of ID = birth certificate, driver's license/photo card, medicare/bank card
- o Proof of income = Centrelink statements or payslips for the last four weeks
- o Bank transaction history = copy of all transactions for the last four weeks

If the client does not have these you could:

- Help apply for ID or source replacements for lost/damaged ID
- Assist with downloading payslips and bank statements
- Link them with Centrelink if they do not already have it
- Assist with obtaining proof of Aboriginality if relevant

Self-care - your safety and wellbeing is paramount

When working with people who are experiencing homelessness it is normal to feel a range of emotions and concern for their safety and wellbeing. Please make sure you debrief and get support from your supervisor or manager and take time to practice self-care.

TIP!



What is one thing that you can achieve today to assist the client?