WHERE CAN I GO?

LGBTIQ+ YOUTH HOMELESSNESS INFO
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We acknowledge that any information can quickly be dated, and that individuals’ experiences at services can vary.

We hope any future updated edition will include an increase in suitable, safe, secure, affordable accommodation and housing options for young LGBTIQ+ and gender diverse people.

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We acknowledge the Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of country throughout Australia and pay respect to them and their cultures, and the Elders past, present and emerging.
HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

KEY

- LGBTI – targeted accommodation support
- Will respect identity and pronouns
- Can provide single-person housing
- Can provide multiple-person housing
- Can provide two-person housing
- Can provide single-person room in accommodation service
- Supplies gender-neutral accommodation
- Will put YP where they feel comfortable out of two gendered wings

CRISIS SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

AYLA (Assisting Your Life to Achieve Inc.)
Copelands
08 9414 7286
www.aylainc.org.au
10 McKinnon St, Cockburn Central, WA 6164
LGBTQI+ youth crisis and transitional accommodation service, in the City of Cockburn. Residents also receive services from their Wellness Centre to assist in overcoming hardships they may be facing.

YShac (Anglicare WA)
Y-Shac Rockingham
08 9523 3400
yshac.rockingham@anglicarewa.org.au
Y-Shac Spearwood
08 9412 0673
yshac.spearwood@anglicarewa.org.au
Y-Shac assists young people aged between 15-20 years old who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness in crisis accommodation and 16 - 25 year olds who are in transitional housing.

TINOCA
08 9307 4520
www.youthfutureswa.org.au/homelessness-services-tinoca
Crisis accommodation service in Perth’s northern suburbs for young people aged 15-19 who are experiencing homelessness or are unable to stay in their family home.

Indigo Junction Youth Services
08 9274 5382
youth@indigojunction.org.au
www.indigojunction.org.au
Emergency and community housing with 24hr support form youth workers for 15-25 year old young people in Midland.
AYAS (Armadale Youth Accommodation Service)
08 9497 1351
www.parkerville.org.au/services/youth-services/armadale-youth-accommodation-service
Armadale Youth Accommodation Service is a short term crisis accommodation setting that accommodates young people between the ages of 15 and 20 years. Armadale Youth Accommodation Services can accommodate young people for a period of up to 3 months.

Youth Accommodation Support Services (Mission Australia)
08 9329 4480
yasswa@missionaustralia.com.au
Young people aged 15 to 18 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, who require crisis or transitional accommodation.

MEDIUM AND LONG TERM TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATION

PICYS
08 9388 2791
info@picys.org.au
www.picys.org.au
22 Blencowe St, West Leederville, WA 6007
Provides the HouseHold Network (HHN) and PILLAR programs to support young people experiencing homelessness. HHN provides medium to long term supported accommodation in the West Leederville and near by suburbs in housing for young people aged 16 to 25 who are at risk of homelessness or homeless. PICYS also offer Base Camp and Base Camp aGender – open drop-in times.

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www.aylainc.org.au
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LGBTQI+ youth crisis and transitional accommodation service, in the City of Cockburn. Residents also receive services from their Wellness Centre to assist in overcoming hardships they may be facing.

Foyer (Anglicare WA)
1800 185 685 or 08 62 40 7200
hello@foyeroxford.org.au
www.foyeroxford.org.au
196 Oxford St, Leederville, WA 6007
Foyer Oxford is a cutting edge youth housing service that offers medium to long term supported accommodation for young people aged 16 to 24 who are in full-time education, training or employment.

YES Housing (Anglicare WA)
08 9263 2009
yeshousingduty@anglicarewa.org.au
YES! Housing (Youth Externally Supported Housing) helps young people aged 15 to 25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to access and maintain stable, longer term housing with added support to develop independent living and tenancy skills. This is done through case planning and advocacy that is totally unique so young people are supported to achieve their goals.

Youth Accommodation Support Services (Mission Australia)
08 9329 4480
yasswa@missionaustralia.com.au
Young people aged 15 to 18 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, who require crisis or transitional accommodation.
SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FACING HOMELESSNESS

Street Connect (Anglicare WA)
0418 942 475
During the day the Street Connect Mobile resource Centre is located in Perth CBD. Please call to find location on the day. Street Connect aims to make connections with marginalised young people who gather regularly in public places, or are sleeping rough and engage them in positive life changes.

Passages Youth Engagement Hub
08 9228 1478
passages@svdpwa.org.au
www.passages.org.au
143 Edward Street, Perth, WA 6000
Passages is a youth engagement hub providing a non-judgemental safe space to our communities most marginalised and at risk young people in Perth and Peel. Young people aged 12 to 25 have a safe, friendly and positive place to access support and referrals to essential services.

Base Camp aGender at PICYS
08 9388 2791
info@picys.org.au | www.picys.org.au
22 Blencowe St, West Leederville, WA 6007
A monthly drop-in space for trans and gender diverse young people who are experiencing homelessness. It’s a place to be with peers and be themselves in a safe and supportive space.

YouthBeat (Mission Australia)
08 6212 8700
youthbeatwa@missionaustralia.com.au
Provides safety, information and guidance for young people at risk and connects them with local community services, family and peers through mobile outreach to young people in the Northbridge and inner city areas. Youthbeat can provide counselling and goal setting, and runs a recreation program for young people on Thursday and Friday nights.

Crossroads West Transitional Support Service
08 9328 1600
tss@aus.salvationarmy.org
Level 3, 333 William St, Northbridge, WA 6003
Support for young people 15 to 25 in the transition between care and full independent living.

RESOURCES FOR SUPPORTING LGBTIQ PEOPLE’S WELLBEING

GENERAL SUPPORT FOR LGBTIQ YOUNG PEOPLE

TransFolk of WA
admin@transfolkofwa.org
www.facebook.com/TFolkWA
www.transfolkofwa.org
TransFolk of WA provide a range of peer-led support and information services for gender diverse individuals and their families. They provide safe and inclusive spaces, social events and personal development opportunities for gender diverse people. Private Facebook groups are available to connect with peers online. Groups targeted are trans women, trans men, non-binary folk, trans folk under 18 and parents and carers of trans folk. TransFolk of WA also keep a detailed referral list for medical transition referral options.
Freedom Centre (under 26)
08 9228 0354
info@freedom.org.au
www.freedom.org.au
93 Brisbane St, Perth, WA 6000
Freedom Centre provides peer support, information and referrals for LGBTIQ young people through their safe social drop-in space, retreats and other services. Open Wednesdays 5-8pm, Fridays 4-8pm and other times of the month. GenderQ 5-8pm on the first Thursday of the month is for trans and gender diverse people only.

Headspace
www.headspace.org.au
Information on mental health and LGBTI diversity, local LGBTQI groups (currently ‘Safe Space’ in Midland and ‘HQ Space’ in Joondalup) and counseling, and online and telephone support and chat counseling through eheadspace.

Cockburn Youth Diversity Alliance
08 9411 3888
youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au
25 Wentworth Parade, Success, WA 6164
Provides a social support group of sexualities and genders ensuring the inclusion of all and is open to all LGBTQIA young people aged 15 to 24 on Fridays 5-7pm during school terms.

‘Unique As’ at The Zone Youth Space
9236 4550
zone@kwinana.wa.gov.au
Come along to our social group for LGBTQ+ young people. Hang out, meet new people, and get involved in the awesome activities. This FREE program is every Monday, 5pm to 8.30pm, and suits ages 13 to 24. For more info, contact the Zone Youth Space.

Qlife
1800 184 524
ask@qlife.org.au | www.qlife.org.au
National telephone and web counselling service for LGBTIQ people and their supporters. Qlife exists to enable lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities to work towards better health, including mental health. Telephone and online support is available 3pm-midnight everyday.

YouthLink
1300 362 569 / 08 9227 4300
www.youthlink.perthwa.net
223 James Street, Northbridge, WA 6003
YouthLink assists young people, aged 13 to 24 years of age, who experience difficulties with their emotional or social well-being. They are a free and confidential counselling service, with experienced support workers who are friendly, non-judgemental and understanding. They focus on enhancing the mental health and well being of young people that are marginalised and disadvantaged, particularly those who are experiencing insecure accommodation and are trans and gender diverse.

Rainbow Community House
0447 012 202
info@rainbowch.org
www.rainbowch.org
134 Edward St, Perth, WA 6000
Counselling for LGBTIQ young people.
TransFolk of WA
admin@transfolkofwa.org
www.facebook.com/TFolkWA
www.transfolkofwa.org
TransFolk of WA provide a range of peer-led support and information services for gender diverse individuals and their families. Private facebook groups are available to connect with peers online. Groups targeted are trans women, trans men, non-binary folk, T-Juniors and parents and carers of trans folk.

Freedom Centre
08 9228 0354
www.freedom.org.au
93 Brisbane St, Perth WA 6000
Provides peer support, information and referrals for LGBTIQ young people (under 26) through their safe social drop-in space, retreats and other services. Junior Freespace is for LGBTIQ young people under 18 and their families.

Qlife
1800 184 524
ask@qlife.org.au
www.qlife.org.au
National telephone and web counselling service for LGBTIQ people and their supporters. 3pm-midnight everyday.

Resources and Research

LGBTI Housing & Homelessness Projects
www.lgbtihomeless.org.au
Pride Foundation Australia (formerly the Gay and Lesbian Foundation of Australia) and University of Melbourne based research and resources - doing collaborative research and co-designed projects to address housing and homelessness in the LGBTIQ community.
LGBTI Language and inclusion
► www.lgbtihealth.org.au/lgbti
► www.lgbtihealth.org.au/communities

LGBTI Rights and inclusion
Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender

Inclusive Data Collection
► lgbtihealth.org.au/resources/lgbti-data
► www.ihra.org.au/forms

Intersex
► www.ihra.org.au/allies
► www.ihra.org.au/forms
► www.ihra.org.au/style
► The primary research on intersex people in Australia:
► Fixing Sex by Katrina Karkazis (book)
► Golden Boy by Abigail Tarttelin (book)
► Intersexion (film)
► Orchids: My Intersex Adventure (film)

Trans and gender diverse young people
The primary research on trans and gender diverse young people in Australia:

SIGNIFICANT DAYS OR EVENTS
World Day of Social Justice – 20 February
www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday

Trans Day of Visibility – 31 March
www.transstudent.org/tdov

IDAHoBIT – 17 May
www.idahobit.org.au
www.dayagainsthomophobia.org

Wear It Purple Day – 30 August
www.wearitpurple.org

Bisexual Visibility Day – 23 September
www.bivisibilityday.com

Coming Out Day – 11 October

International Pronouns Day – 16 October
www.pronounsdayerg.org

Asexual Awareness Week – 20-26 October
www.aceweek.org

Intersex Awareness Day – 26 October
www.intersexday.org

LGBT History Month – October
www.lgbthistorymonth.com

Intersex Day of Solidarity – 8 November
www.intersexday.org

Trans Awareness Week - 12-19 November
www.glaad.org/transweek

Trans Day of Remembrance - 20 November
www.tdor.info

Perth Pride Festival - November
www.pridewa.com.au
RESOURCES FOR SUPPORTING TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE’S WELLBEING

GENDER MARKER CHANGE INFO

► WA Births, Deaths and Marriages

► WA Department of Transport
Drivers licences and Photo ID cards

► Australian Department of Human Services such as Centrelink and Medicare

► Australian Passports

► Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender

For the letters from Clinical Psychologists for WA Department of Transport, Aus Passports, Medicare and Centrelink, use the following template to ensure that the letter includes the necessary wording (especially the bolded sentence):

“This statement is written at the request and on behalf of [full legal name as well as any preferred name]. I, [practitioner name], am a fully registered clinical psychologist with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Registration Number: …). I have a therapeutic relationship with [client] and have reviewed their history. [Client] identifies as [gender identity needed on identification documents] and [has been referred to commence hormone treatment/ is undergoing hormone treatment/ other info about medical transition]. A [correct gender marker X/ F/ M] gender marker on documentation would align with their gender identity.”
Pronouns

Pronouns are basically words used to refer to a person (other than their name). When a trans person comes out they may have new pronouns they want to use. They, She and He are all examples of common pronouns. Some people also prefer less common pronouns. They, Xe and Ey are a few common gender neutral pronouns. They’re basically pronouns that don’t imply ‘male’ or ‘female’.

There are lots of reasons it’s important to use the correct pronouns a person prefers, but the simple answer is; it can make a person feel pretty bad when you use the wrong ones.

Some can sound a bit strange, and changing the words you use in general can be harder than expected, but making the effort can make a big difference.

► www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xpvricekxU
► www.practicewithpronouns.com
► www.facebook.com/TheyDayFirst-Wednesday

They Day is an event that aims to create awareness in gendered subject pronoun use and in particular non-binary and inclusive neutral they / them / their pronoun. They Day is a game. On every first Wednesday of the month you are invited to participate by;

► Wearing a DIY sticker/ badge
► Referring to everyone using only they / them / their pronouns. All day, as much as you can remember
► Meeting one new person and give them your name and your default pronoun
► Recruiting one new person for They Day

MEDICAL SERVICES

YouthLink Gender Pathways Service
1300 362 569 / 08 9227 4300
youthmhtriaje@health.wa.gov.au
www.youthlink.perthwa.net
223 James St, Northbridge WA 6003
A free assessment service for trans and gender diverse young people 17 to 24 years old who are facing barriers to accessing other services to determine readiness for medical interventions (hormones/surgery) to address gender dysphoria.

Homeless Health Care
08 6260 2092
reception@homelesshealthcare.org.au
www.homelesshealthcare.org.au
Transitions Clinic, 8 Cambridge Street, West Leederville WA 6007
Primary Health Care for people who have experienced homelessness. They have experience supporting trans young people in their medical transition.

Or any other GP can make referrals to

Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) Sexual Health Clinic (18+)
08 9224 2178
Level 4, Ainslie House, 48 Murray Street, Perth WA, 6000

Perth Childrens Hospital (PCH) Gender Diversity Service (u18)
08 6456 0202
PCH.PCLPGDS@health.wa.gov.au
Level 2, Perth Children’s Hospital, 15 Hospital Avenue, Nedlands, WA 6009