

Project Brief: Youth SHS Sector Funding Impact Monitoring 2026–2030

Participant Information Sheet

1. Why am I being invited to take part?

You are being invited to take part because your organisation is part of the Youth Specialist Homelessness Services sector in NSW. Yfoundations is leading a research and advocacy project to understand how static government funding is impacting providers like yours over the 2026–2031 funding cycle.

2. What is the purpose of this project?

The project will collect baseline data; track changes every 6 months and reflect on final outcomes by 2031. Your participation will help us build credible evidence for advocacy to improve future funding models and policy decisions.

3. What does participation involve?

If you agree to take part:

- You will complete short online surveys (approx. 10–15 minutes) up to seven times across the 2025–2031 period.
- You may be invited to participate in interviews or case studies.
- You may be contacted with reports or follow-up questions about earlier responses.

Participation is voluntary, and you may stop at any time.

4. Will my information be kept confidential?

Yes.

- Survey responses will be stored securely and reported in aggregate.
- You can choose to opt in to being named or contacted for further input.
- Only the Yfoundations Policy team will have access to identifiable data.

All data will be de-identified in public reporting unless you give permission otherwise.

5. Are there any risks?

This research involves minimal risk. You may feel frustrated reflecting on service gaps or pressures. You may skip questions if you do not wish to answer. If you need support, you can contact us for debriefing options.

6. Are there any benefits?

While there is no direct benefit to you, the collective data will support advocacy to improve future funding and working conditions across the sector. You will

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receive early access to findings. Your participation will contribute to advocacy and submissions to influence future SHS policy.

7. Do I have to take part?

No. Participation is voluntary. You can withdraw at any time without consequence. If you withdraw, your past responses may still be used in de-identified, aggregated form unless you request otherwise.

8. Who is running this project?

This project is led by Yfoundations, the peak body for youth homelessness in NSW. The Yfoundations Commissioning Working Group acts as the steering committee for this project, overseeing data quality, reviewing findings and providing advice on reporting.

9. What happens after the project ends?

A final report with cumulative findings and recommendations will be released in 2031. Participants will receive a copy. Data will be securely stored until 2036, then deleted.

10. Who can I contact for questions or concerns?

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