

# YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS DAY SOCIAL TILES

**YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS DAY**  
15<sup>th</sup> APRIL DAY

A national day to raise awareness about child and youth homelessness  
[www.yhmd.org.au](http://www.yhmd.org.au)

END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

**Messaging:**  
This Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD) is Wednesday, April 15. Let's face the reality of youth homelessness. Show your support by sharing messages on social media, hosting or attending YHMD events and donating to service providers.

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The most common reasons young people seek assistance:

- Domestic and family violence
- Housing crisis
- Relationship/family breakdown

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**Messaging:**  
Young people experience homelessness for a variety of reasons but the majority have been exposed to domestic and family violence. 0% of private rentals are affordable to anyone on a youth allowance.

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**42,763**  
children and young people (under 25 years) presented alone to a specialist homelessness services last year.

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**Messaging:**  
Last year nearly 43,000 children and young people presented alone to specialist homelessness services. 1 in 10 were under 14 years old. 40% of Australia's homeless population is under 25 years of age.

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Young SHS clients were more likely to be couch surfing which leaves young people vulnerable to servitude, exploitation and abuse.

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**Messaging:**  
Youth homelessness is largely hidden. Young people experiencing homelessness often stay with friends or extended family. Sometimes they don't consider themselves to be homeless. Couch surfing puts young people in a vulnerable position where they are open to abuse and exploitation.

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A third of young people presenting alone to specialist homelessness services identified as Indigenous

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**Messaging:**  
Young Indigenous people are way over represented in those presenting to homelessness services. This is huge over representation of First Nations people which account for 3% of the population.

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We're calling on the NSW Government to increase funding to the SHS sector by 50% so we don't have to turn young people away

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**Messaging:**  
Youth homelessness services can't keep up with the demand for beds. Housing is only a part of the solution. Funding to provide the wrap around services necessary to support young people and to help them thrive must increase in line with inflation and the spiralling costs of service provision.

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A safe place for every young Australian

Every child and young person needs a safe place to call home in order to thrive

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**Messaging:**  
Every young Australian deserves a safe place to call home. Young people experiencing homelessness have vastly different needs to adults. They need the right support in order to achieve their potential

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EDUCATE: share messages and content  
ACTIVATE: host or attend events  
DONATE: support youth homelessness services  
ADVOCATE: to end youth homelessness

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We want a safe place for every young Australian. This Youth Homelessness Matters Day, show your support by sharing messages and content, hosting and attending YHMD events, donating to services and advocating to end child and youth homelessness.

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Half of the young people trying to get a beds in crisis refuges are turned away because services aren't sufficiently funded to accommodate them

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**Messaging:**  
The youth homelessness sector is severely underfunded and there is an ever increasing number of young people looking for help. Half those looking for a bed are turned away due to a lack of resources. This traumatic for them and front line workers.

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