

Oasis is The Salvation Army's response to youth homelessness in Australia and provides more than 25 services and programs that empower and encourage disadvantaged young people to aim for their dreams and achieve their potential. Below is a list of the key services available.

Street Outreach

Chaplains' Outreach

Oasis Chaplains run a coffee service and street patrols in the inner city area, making contact with young people living on the street. Chaplains build relationships and provide information for counselling, alcohol/ drug rehabilitation, legal assistance and accommodation. Chaplains also connect with young people in distress at hospitals, police stations and courts.

Nokia StreetConnect Bus

Sponsored by Nokia Australia, the StreetConnect Bus features laptop computers, wireless broadband connection and mobile phone access. Homeless young people are able to use this technology to search for accommodation and other support services, send and receive emails and at times reconnect with family and friends.

Prevention & Intervention

Mental Health Reconnect

Mental Health Reconnect supports agencies that work with families and young people who are at-risk of becoming homeless and are experiencing stress and problems as the result of mental illness.

Helping Young People Achieve - HYPA

The HYPA program offers practical assistance for young people accessing Oasis Case Management who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, who use drugs/alcohol or are at risk of becoming involved in substance use. HYPA offers assistance with health, mental health, legal matters, education, income support, employment, accommodation and even rebuilding relationships and/ or staying connected with family.

Intake

Intake is the first point of contact for young people coming to Oasis for care or refuge. The intake officer works with the young person in identifying what it is that they want from Oasis services, including services such as a Case Worker, accommodation services and more. Young people can also use this facility to pick up their mail, make phone calls to family, use the internet and/or arrange other support services.

Drop-in Centre

The Oasis drop in centre provides services to young people under the age of 25 years who are having difficulty attaining and sustaining adequate and secure accommodation. Services include; breakfast, shower and laundry facilities from 8:30am – 10:30am Monday to Thursday.

Crisis Accommodation

Oasis provides 24-hour emergency accommodation for 13 young people aged 16 – 21 years. Oasis staff assist young people to find long term accommodation and access the wide range of programs and services at Oasis.

Transitional Accommodation

Outreach Housing

Oasis partners with community housing organisations to help young people at risk of homelessness access affordable housing with ongoing support and case management.

Vera Loblay House

For more than nine years, Vera Loblay House has been providing stable, long-term accommodation for young people that are committed to pursuing their education, training or employment goals. Vera Loblay House offers 24-hour live-in support and young people are provided with individual case management in a safe, nurturing environment. Vera Loblay House was kindly donated by the Loblay Family.

Francis Street

Francis Street is a semi-independent accommodation facility, providing 18 residents with a studio apartment bound by a standard tenancy agreement. Francis Street provides a stable and secure living environment for young people and on-site case workers encourage and support personal growth and development with the aim of achieving responsible independence.

Legal Support

The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre

The Shopfront is a free legal service for homeless and disadvantaged young people aged under 25 years. The Shopfront is a joint project of Mission Australia, The Salvation Army and the law firm Freehills.

Youth Drug & Alcohol Court - YDAC

YDAC is a unique NSW government program, within the criminal justice system, assisting young offenders aged 14-18 years with drug and alcohol related offences. The program aims to prevent further drug use and/ or offences, providing support with drug and alcohol rehabilitation, health, social and family issues.

Case Management

SOS Case Managers provide mobile, intensive case management, information, support, advocacy, and referrals for disadvantaged young people who need high levels of support. SOS Case Managers aim to help young people stabilise their lives, explore and implement their goals. ¹

Leadership and Advocacy

Champions

Champions is a corporate engagement leadership program between Virgin Unite and Oasis, aiming to equip, educate and encourage formerly homeless young people to become passionate articulate advocates of youth homelessness.

Drug & Alcohol Support

Choices

Provides therapeutic services to young people aged between 16 – 25 years experiencing disadvantage or homelessness. Services include individual counselling, therapeutic groups and education programmes, and address concerns such as grief and loss, relationships, anxiety and depression, conflict, alcohol and other drugs, stress and managing change.

Education

The Oasis Education Centres, located in Surry Hills and Chatswood, offer accredited education from basic literacy and numeracy up to Year 11 schooling, as well as selected TAFE courses. The Centres are run through the Youth Connections program; an Australian government program aiming to re-engage young people that are disconnected from conventional education institutions. The Youth Connections program offers eligible participants flexible education with personalised plans and support.

Training & Employment

Pathways Program

Pathways Program is a workplace preparation course combining life skills, personal development, social activities with accredited work readiness training. Participants graduate from Pathways with a certificate of completion and a real job offered by business partners such as Woolworths, Australand and Mirvac. Oasis Employment Coaches provide support for 6 months following the job placement to ensure a successful transition into working life. Participants must be stable in their accommodation, legal matters and drug and alcohol issues to take part in this course.

Drivin' 4 Employment

Drivin' 4 Employment is a new driver training program run in partnership with City of Sydney providing disadvantaged young people with the opportunity to get their drivers licence. The program also runs monthly road safety courses in partnership with NRMA, NSW Police Force, NSW Ambulance and Armstrong Legal.

Property Plus Group - PPG

PPG is a social enterprise run by Oasis that places young people into a professional maintenance team - providing cleaning, gardening, painting and handyman services. Participants get into the routine of work and become 'job ready' for the first time. PPG currently holds a small number of government and private contracts and all profits come back to Oasis.

Specialist Intervention

Friday Freeway

Funded by PricewaterhouseCoopers Foundation, Freeway provides recreation activities for young people experiencing homelessness or disadvantage. Freeway aims to equip young people with life skills, build self-esteem as well as challenge self-imposed limitations. Young people are challenged physically and mentally through action orientated tasks such as climbing, abseiling, surfing, kayaking and camping.

StreetMedia

The StreetMedia multimedia centre offers fun workshops and intensive training across music, radio, film and photography. StreetMedia provides young people with a creative outlet for self expression and the opportunity to share their story through a variety of mediums.

Workshops and courses are run by organisations including Musicians Making a Difference (MMAD), Foxtel and the Australian Centre for Photography as well as independent DJ's and film producers.

Young Parents Program - YPP

The Young Parents Program provides social and educational workshop as well as individual referral and support to vulnerable young mothers and fathers. Weekly workshops include cooking and nutrition, child development and behaviour, stress management, picnics, dental visits, social outings and visits to the childhood nurse.

Outreach Fitness Centre

In partnership with Virgin Active, the Oasis Outreach Fitness Centre provides young people with the opportunity to increase their physical health and fitness as well as build self-esteem and confidence through regular fitness classes.

Other services

Additional services are offered at Oasis by external organisations including:

- **Centrelink** - each Tuesday a dedicated Centrelink worker helps young people with their payment entitlements, questions and issues.
- **One Health** - volunteer naturopaths provide free consultations, fresh juices and supplements to young people every Wednesday morning.
- **Kirketon Road Medical Centre (KRC)** - qualified nurses provide medical exams and treatments on-board a mobile clinic every Wednesday afternoon.

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