

Youth Psychosocial Support Packages (YPSP)

What is the YPSP program?

The YPSP program assists young people aged 16-24 years who experience mental health issues, including those with co-occurring alcohol and other drugs issues, who need short-term support to manage day-to-day living.

Individuals can receive support in areas such as:

- Daily living skills such as how to manage finances, prepare meals or use public transport.
- Participating in social, leisure or sporting activities.
- Establishing, building, and maintaining relationships with family, friends, and the local communities.
- Learning new skills, accessing education or help to gain meaningful work.
- Securing accommodation.
- Accessing other supports such as the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Who is eligible for the YPSP program?

To be eligible for the YPSP program, individuals need to:

- Have moderate to severe mental health issues, with or without co-occurring alcohol and other drug issues.
- Be aged 16-24 years;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- Reside in the Perth Metropolitan area;
- Have agreed to fully participate in a recoveryoriented support initiative to work towards achieving personally identified goals;
- Be able to provide informed consent or have a formally appointed Guardian agree to share relevant information and participate in all aspects of the program;
- Be ready and voluntarily want to commit to engage in support from the chosen Provider; and
- Agree to participate in a range of assessments to confirm eligibility, suitability and identify the level of support needed.

How does the YPSP program work?

Individuals can choose from a panel of psychosocial support providers they would like to support them; either Anglicare WA or Mind Australia.

The individual will work with their psychosocial support provider to develop a recovery plan for them to work on while in the YPSP program. The aim of the plan is to help the individual to live well at home and in the community.

The chosen psychosocial support provider will receive funding to help the support the individual to achieve the goals from their plan. The funding is capped to a specific amount depending on the level of support the individual requires.

The YPSP program is transitional, and recovery focussed for up to the age of 25. As the program provides temporary supports, funding and supports will be reduced as the individual reaches their goals and feel confident of their independence.

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More information about the YPSP including roles and responsibilities is available in the YPSP Program Guidelines online - <u>click here</u>