



APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR REFERRERS

Foyer Oxford is a large scale 'Foyer' initiative established by a consortium comprised of Anglicare WA, Foundation Housing and the Central Institute of Technology. Foyer Oxford provides young parents experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with fully self-contained transitional housing for up to two years, combined with 24/7 support and opportunities to access education, parenting support, training and/or employment. Located at the Central Institute of Technology Campus in Leederville, Foyer Oxford houses up to 24 young parents in their own apartments.

THE BASICS

- Support is structured through the Foyer Deal – a something for something agreement.
- Young Parents are provided with 2 years in their own apartment with a normal, independent tenancy with Foundation Housing.
- Support is 24/7 and includes allocated Case Manager, Parenting Support, Activity Provision, Overnight and Weekend Support.
- Service is onsite at Central Institute of Technology and provides strong access to Education, Training and Work Opportunities.
- Onsite Parenting Program
- A safe, secure, positive, aspirational living environment.
- 98 places available, including 24 places for young parents and their children.



THE FOYER DEAL

To live in Foyer, young people must sign up to the Foyer Deal. This requires them to:

- Connect with Employment, Education or Training, including the Foyer Parenting Program for the first 6 months, or work actively towards it.
- Connect with support programs.
- Meet the obligations of a normal lease.
- Follow some limited house rules, particularly limits on visitors.
- Be a positive community member in Leederville and in Foyer itself
- Be the primary carer for your child including taking adequate care, responsibility and supervision of your child and their behaviour.



APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY FOR YOUNG PARENTS

ELIGIBILITY

- 16-23 years of age
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Willing to engage in supports
- Have an ability to live independently without constant monitoring
- Child 3 years of age or under
- Willing to engage in education and/or training and/or Foyer Parenting Program
- 1 child only OR pregnant without other children
- Have an Independent income (at least equivalent to Youth Allowance if pregnant, or Parenting Payment with a child)

EXCLUSIONS

- Couples, unless willing to live in separate apartments
- Active, problematic drug use.
- Current family violence without a Violence Restraining Order

UNLIKELYS

- Unmanaged, significant mental health condition
- History of using violence to solve problems, anti-social behaviour and aggression
- History of problematic drug or alcohol use, no intention of abstinence
- Unable to live independently. For example in need of constant supervision or living skills too low.
- People who are closely connected to the young person (Partner, Family, Friends) who are likely to put others in Foyer at risk of physical harm.



MOTIVATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Foyer Deal requires young people to connect with Employment, Education or Training. Without sufficient motivation for this, young people will be set up to fail. To check if the young person you have in mind is ready for Foyer see the diagram below:



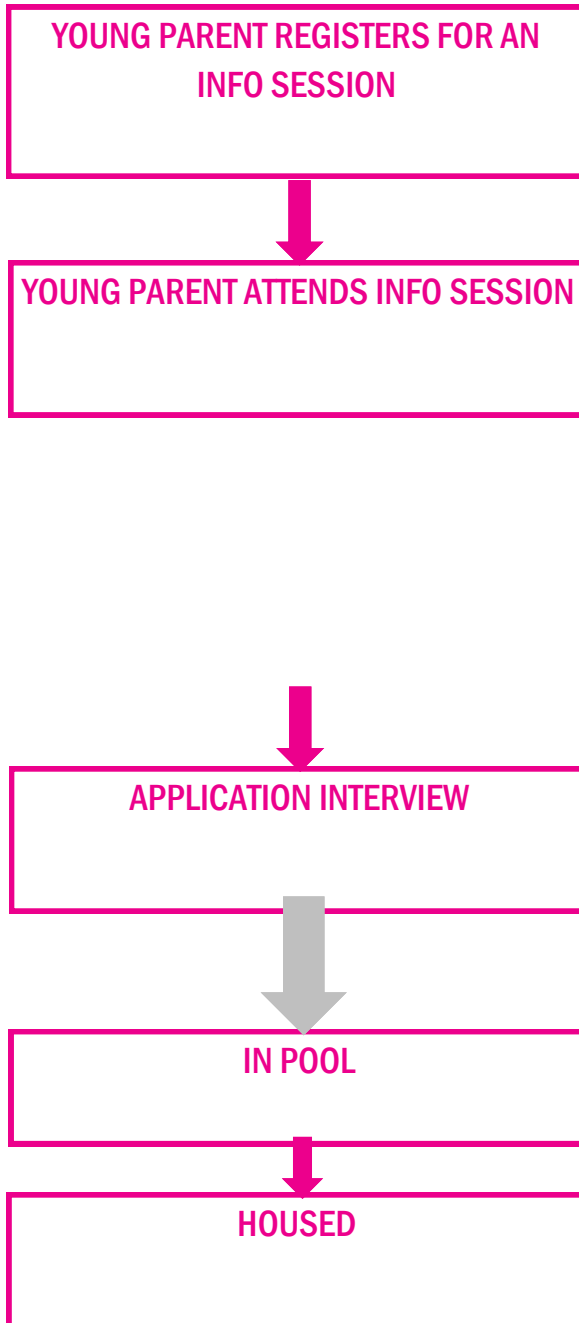
PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR FOYER OXFORD

There are a number of things services can do to prepare young people for living in Foyer, or applying for Foyer:

- Talk to a Foyer case manager about “what it would take” for a particular young person to be ready for Foyer by presenting a case summary (with the young person’s consent). Foyer Oxford staff may work with you for a planned exit from your service into Foyer Oxford.
- Assist young people to explore options for employment and training. Get young people access to some good career development services.
- Be clear about the expectations of living in Foyer, don’t sugar coat the experience.
- Enable young people to engage with Foyer independently as much as is possible. Make sure their engagement is on their terms.
- Integrate elements of the ‘Foyer Deal’ into case planning you are doing together. Of particular use is assisting young parents to obtain birth certificates, the Parenting Payment from Centrelink and up-to-date vaccinations for their children.
- Assist young people to develop routines, and stabilise barriers.

PLEASE CREATE AN APPLICATION PROCESS INFOGRAPHIC THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION BELOW – SO THAT IT MATCHES THE SAME CHART FOR THE SINGLES APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION PROCESS



Young parents can complete a registration form online that will check their basic eligibility, or call Foyer directly and speak to a support worker. If the young parent is eligible for service, they will be booked in an information session at Foyer Oxford.

Young parents will be given an opportunity to view the apartment [where possible] and provided a 1:1 information session about the young parent program at Foyer Oxford.

After attending an information session, young parents who are eligible will be booked in for an assessment interview. This can happen the same day as the information session.

Young parents will be given an answer on whether they are accepted within 2 weeks of the interview.

Once a young parent has been accepted they will enter a small allocation pool. Practical support to get ready for Foyer will be provided by a Foyer Case Manager.

Young parents will be given a move in date shortly after entering the pool.



YOUNG PARENTS FAQ'S

How long will it take to get a young person into Foyer Oxford?

If they are appropriate, a young person will be housed within 10 weeks of receiving an application form.

How much is rent?

Young parents pay \$230/wk. Rent does not change according to income. (Accurate at time of writing, Nov 2015).

Does Foyer Oxford take couples?

Not at this stage, the apartments are really designed for singles. If a couple is willing to have separate apartments, and both are ready for the Foyer Deal, this may be possible. Only the primary carer will be considered for the young parent apartment, their partner would need to apply for a singles unit.

Pets?

Crazy Crabs, Goldfish and Pet Rocks only.

Is there a curfew?

No, young people can come and go as they please. There are some limits on visitors and the times they can visit.

Does the Foyer only take low risk young people?

No! The Foyer maintains a balance of young people who have low, medium and high support needs. This may mean that we need to plan entries for young people with higher support needs. Foyer Oxford relies on creating an aspirational community of young people, so getting the mix is important to the success of the community. Foyer is not for everybody though, with high expectations placed on young people for engagement and living positively in community.

How does Foyer determine who is 'Foyer ready'?

As part of the intake process one of the case management team will complete an assessment interview with the young person and then follow up

with referee checks to get a comprehensive view of a young person's suitability for Foyer. Decisions are based on the impact that Foyer Oxford might have on the young person, as well as the impact the young person may have on the community at Foyer Oxford.

What kind of study or employment do young parents need to do in to live at Foyer?

We encourage young parents to work or study to their capacity, usually full time hours.

Young parents who are focusing on their parenting skills do not have to be engaged in study or employment for the first 6 months at Foyer, but will need to be participating in the Parenting Program. This includes attending parenting workshops, engaging

If the Foyer is 24/7 supported, can it take clients who need lots of supervision and monitoring?

24/7 supports in Foyer are onsite, but they are not there to closely monitor young people's day to day living. Young people must be able to manage themselves independently to stay in Foyer, for example in looking after their unit, paying rent and feeding themselves.

Is there childcare provided?

Foyer provides a crèche for young parents involved in the Foyer Parenting Program. There are also limited crèche facilities for young parents looking to participate in activities at Foyer Oxford or needing an hour child free, however, this is conditional on young parents staying on site at Foyer and being available to pick up their child should they be contacted.

Staff will assist young parents to find childcare in the local area should this be required.

Can friends or family babysit my child at Foyer?

This can be arranged through your case manager, but would require prior arrangement and negotiation.

IF YOU THINK A MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE

Foyer Oxford staff are happy to review any decision that has been made in regards to a young person's application for Foyer Oxford. If you feel like an error in assessment, or other decision has been made, please direct your query to the Manager of the Foyer Project: jethro.sercombe@anglicarewa.org.au.

