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Leaving Care and Homelessness: A CHP Sector Forum Launch and Forum Program

Date

Tuesday August 24th, 2010

Time

10.00am until 2.30pm

Venue

Fitzroy Town Hall, Napier Street, Fitzroy

Who should attend?

All those interested in developing better responses to the housing and support issues confronting young people leaving out of home care.

*This Forum is sponsored and supported by
the Office of the Child Safety Commissioner, Salvation Army Eastcare and the City of Yarra.*

Program

10.00am – Introduction and Welcome

Michelle Burrell, CEO CHP

10.05am – Welcome to Country

10.10am–10.25am – Parity Launch

Launch of the July *“Everybody Knows: Leaving Care and Homelessness”* Edition of *Parity*
The Hon. Richard Wynne, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Aboriginal Affairs

10.25 am–10.50am

Leaving Care and Housing: New DHS initiatives for young people leaving care.

Gill Callister, Secretary, Department of Human Services

10.50 am–11.00am

A Way to Go: Reply to the Minister and the Secretary:

Tracie Alborough, Salvation Army Eastcare

11.00am–11.15am – Morning Tea

11.15am–11.45am – The Research Perspective:

What is the research saying and are the current strategies responding effectively to the needs of young people leaving care?

Philip Mendes, Monash University, and
Guy Johnson, RMIT

11.45am–12.00pm

Defining the Problem: Unpacking the issues and working together to deliver a solution.

Bernie Geary, Child Safety Commissioner

12.00 pm–12.15pm

Putting the 'care' back into the Leaving Care system

Cheryl Baxter, Salvation Army Eastcare

12.15pm–12.30pm – Panel discussion and Questions from the floor

12.30pm–1.00pm – Lunch

1.00pm–1.05pm – Explanation of breakout sessions

Facilitator: Michelle Burrell, CEO CHP

1.05pm–1.40pm – Breakout sessions: Where to from here?

Develop recommendations to reduce the number of young people leaving care becoming homeless and develop better responses to the issues they confront.

Breakout groups:

Rural/regional issues:

What are the different issues and responses required for young people leaving care in rural and regional areas?

Exit and Transition Planning:

What characterises/constrains effective exit and transition planning?

Housing and Support:

How can we create better linkages and opportunities for housing and support?

Research:

What needs to be done to improve the evidence base; how can collaboration between the sector and researchers be enhanced?

Community Responses:

What role can the community play in supporting children to safely transition from care into the broader community?

1.40pm–2.10pm – Group feedback and recommendations

2.10pm–2.30pm – Wrap up/Close

Michelle Burrell, CEO CHP

Registration

Please Note: Only 150 places available at this Forum.

Please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Register online at: <http://chpleavingcare.eventbrite.com>

Registration Costs (including GST)

CHP Members: \$25.00

Non-Members: \$30.00

Homeless Service Users/Concession holders: Free

**If you have any questions or queries about this event or about registration,
please contact CHP on (03) 9419 8699 or email admin@chp.org.au**

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