



About

The Aboriginal Better Futures program can provide lots of different kinds of support for Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander young people as they transition from care towards independence up to their 21st birthday.

Delivered by Aboriginal organisations for Aboriginal people, Better Futures is a culturally centred and holistic support program that values the strengths that come from culture, and connection to community.

Start yarning as early as possible about what working towards independence and connection means for the young person. There are supports and funding available for young mob and their carers through Better Futures.



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INFORMATION FOR CARERS

of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander young people on a:

family reunification order,

care by secretary order,

long-term care order in care services or in permanent care



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Here's what you can expect

Referral to Better Futures happens at 15 years and 9 months

16 YEARS

18 YEARS

21 YEARS

UP TO 18 YEARS

ACCO Case Manager

Provide case management whilst the young person is in care and apply for HOME STRETCH

The whole care team has a responsibility to provide guidance for the young person for independent living

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander young person

Mentor

Help to connect the young person with Elders, people who are strong in culture, people who have similar interests to them, who can give career advice, or help in other ways.

Community Connector

Help to find Services linked to young people's hobbies and goals such as community events, clubs and other opportunities

Better Futures Support Worker

- Support carers apply for Home Stretch funding through "Accommodation Allowance" Carers can receive Home Stretch to help with young person's housing costs after Child Protection or Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care withdraw (generally young person's 18th birthday), if young person continues to live with carer.
- If young person isn't able to live with their carer after Child Protection or Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care withdraw, Home Stretch can be used to help them find a place to live and help with rent or bills.
- Work with young people and their goals for independence
- Provide support that goes up and down according to need until 21
- Build rapport, attend care team meetings, provide advice and information
- Collaborate with the young person to access Better Futures flexible funding

Use this link to find Better Futures providers
<https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/better-futures-providers-delivering-case-work-support>