

## What is private rental ready?

**Private rental ready means the young person meets the criteria below or is actively working to meet these criteria:**

- The young person wants to access the private rental market as a long term housing option
- The young person has addressed issues which could affect their ability to sustain a private rental e.g. alcohol and other drug issues
- The young person has an adequate income
- The young person has effective strategies to manage any debt
- The young person is linked to employment, education or vocational training services
- The young person is engaged with their local community and has social supports

**Additionally any young person entering the program is prepared to work to develop the following:**

- Appropriate life and living skills in order to live independently
- Understand their rights and responsibilities as a tenant
- Understand the 'rules' of the private rental market -how to access, how to sustain
- Able to access Office of Housing Bond Loan Scheme and Housing Establishment Fund

## Referral and Assessment Process

For further information on the Creating Connections Private Rental Brokerage Program or referral process please contact the Private Rental Brokerage Worker at Family Access Network Inc. for Inner East Referrals or Anchor Inc. for Outer East Referrals.

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# Creating Connections

## The Private Rental Brokerage Program

A joint project of Family Access Network Inc. and Anchor Inc.

An initiative of the Victorian Governments Youth Homelessness Action Plan Stage 2

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## Creating Connections The Private Rental Brokerage Program

The Private Rental Brokerage Program was established through the Creating Connection Youth Homelessness Action Plan 2 (YHAP2) which is a state funded initiative.

The program is managed by Family Access Network and Anchor as part of the Eastern metropolitan region Youth Hub.

The aim of the Private Rental Brokerage Program is to **make private rental a success** for 15-25 year olds by supporting them to establish and sustain private rental housing.

### The program offers the following resources:

- Flexible support packages
- Development and delivery of skill based programs to increase opportunities for sustainability in the private rental market
- Development of collaborative working relationships with existing homelessness services, real estate agents and specialist services

## Aims of the Private Rental Brokerage Program

The primary aim of the program is to enhance the young person's ability to acquire and sustain private rental housing by providing opportunities to access the private rental market as a long term housing option.

### The program aims to achieve the following:

- Private rental housing options for young people
- Sustainable and affordable tenancies in the private rental market
- A positive private rental experience for young people, which will enhance their future housing options
- Increased living and budgeting skills in order to sustain private rental housing
- Stronger partnerships between homelessness services, real estate agents and specialist services
- A greater understanding by real estate agents of the complexities facing young people entering the private rental market

## Eligibility Criteria

- Single, couple or parents aged 15 to 25 years in the Eastern metropolitan region who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness
- Linked in with a key support worker with proven engagement
- Client is meeting case plan goals and is identified as private rental ready or almost ready by the key support worker



Family Access Network Inc. support the Inner East Local Government areas of Whitehorse, Boroondara, Monash and Manningham.



Anchor Inc. supports the Outer Eastern Local Government areas of the Shire of Yarra Ranges, and the Cities of Knox and Maroondah.