Young People's Health Service

Objectives Hierarchy for YPHS

YPHS goal: To improve the health and well being of young people aged 12-24 at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Victoria

YPHS nurse provides nursing diagnosis, interventions and treatments identified through the HEADSS assessment

Assumptions: Youth Health Nurses have specialist skills: Post Grad Adolescent Health, AOD competency, HIV/Hep C test advisor, Post Grad Sexual Health, accredited nurse immuniser, single session therapy skills

Assumption: Client engages, undertakes opportunistic interventions, follows up appointments/referral if indicated

All new clients to YPHS undergo a HEADSS youth psychosocial assessment

Assumptions: Youth Health Nurse has specialist youth assessment skills

FIW refers young people to YPHS

Assumptions:
- FIW knows referral process and makes referral using the intake tool
- Homeless young person wants to access YPHS

YPHS nursing staff receives referral

Assumptions:
- Nurse not in consult at time of referral
- Within clinic hours (Mon-Fri 12-5pm)

Co-located service worker refers young people to YPHS

Assumptions:
- Co-located service knows referral process and makes referral via FIW
- Homeless young person wants to access YPHS

The Frontyard intake worker (FIW) informs all young people who access Frontyard about YPHS (and other co-located services available)

Assumptions: FIW and co-located services know, and inform young people about all of the co-located services available; inform young people that YPHS is free and no Medicare card is required; explain drop-in and hours of operation; promotes current initiatives e.g. flu vaccine

FIW understand health needs of homeless young people and that PHC is an early intervention approach

To reduce barriers to Primary Health Care (PHC) service access for homeless young people aged 12-24 years in Melbourne CBD through service co-location at Frontyard

Assumptions: young people aware of Frontyard co-located youth services; young people have access to public transport; young people will access PHC service