



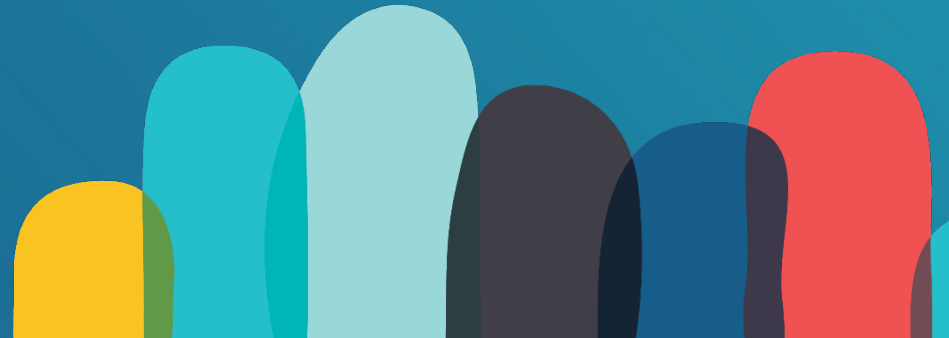
Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

# Information Session

Commissioning of Home Stretch WA

Part 1: Getting to know Home Stretch WA

August – October 2025



# Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Communities proudly acknowledges Traditional Custodians throughout Western Australia and recognises their continuing connection to the lands, waters and communities.

We pay our respects to Aboriginal people, cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging.



# Introductions

# What we will cover in this session

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# Home Stretch WA Background and Co-design

- Communities has legislative responsibility under the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*.
- Anglicare and Yorganop co-designed small-scale trial in Perth 2018-19.
- Ongoing service need identified – Home Stretch WA developed.
- WA Government commitment in 2021.
- Home Stretch WA Community of Practice & roll out of opt in program to provide support to young care leavers.

# Why we need Home Stretch WA – YP leaving care statistics



96% had at least one  
Emergency Department  
presentation  
(*Navigating Through Life  
2024*)

91% recorded at least one  
hospital admission  
(*Navigating Through Life  
2024*)



80%  
did not complete high  
school education  
(*OAG Report 2018*)

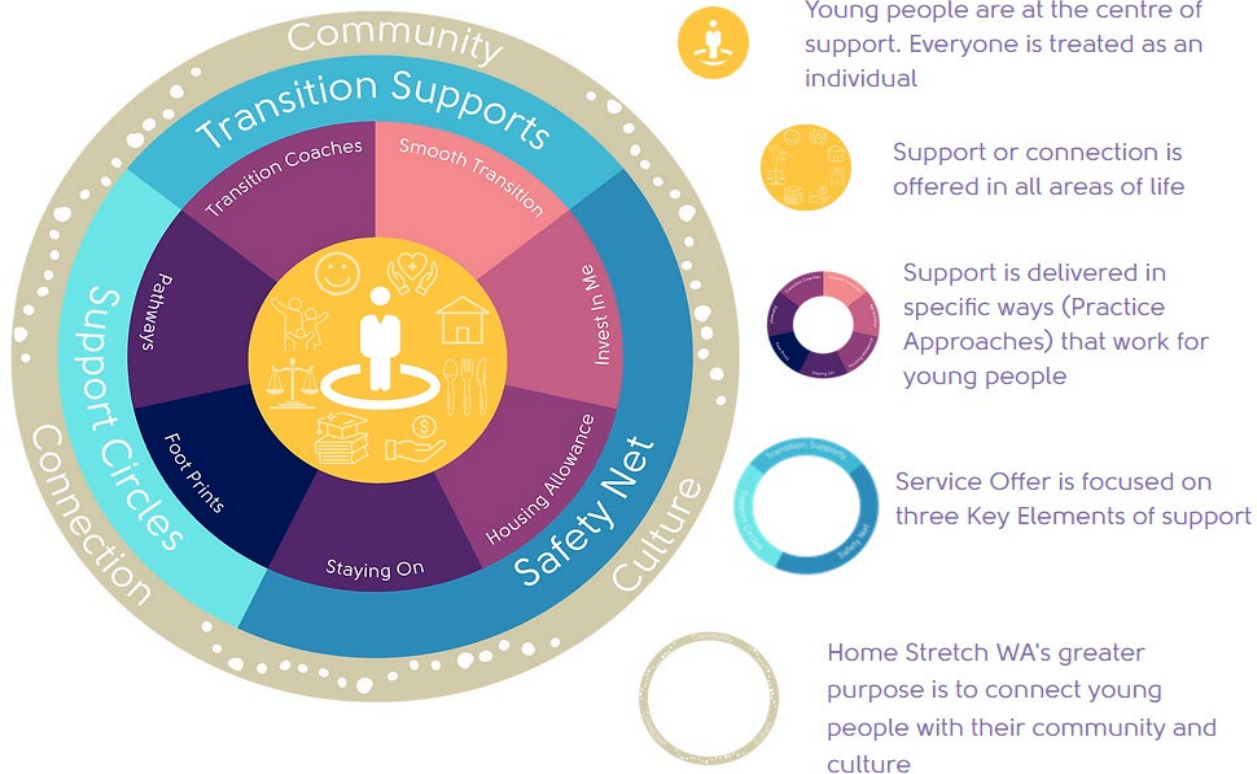


54%  
were not linked to  
training or employment  
(*OAG Report 2018*)



43%  
did not have stable  
accommodation  
(*OAG Report 2018*)

# Home Stretch WA – what is it?





# Hub and Spoke Model – Regional adaptation



- Provides all elements of Home Stretch WA model to young people in its geographical remit
- Supports 'Spoke' Transition Coach

- Provides Coaching element of Home Stretch WA - mentoring support to young people in its geographical remit



## Outcomes Measurement Framework for Community Services in Western Australia

The Framework is a hierarchy of outcomes and associated indicators, providing the architecture for a whole-of-government and a whole-of-sector approach to service delivery across agencies and organisations. The intent of the Framework is to orient our focus to the **outcome**, rather than the **output**; and to the **person**, rather than the **program**.

Domains and outcome statements:



# Home Stretch WA – what we want to achieve

## Young people need....

Individualised 1:1 support for:

- Education
- Training or employment
- Stable accommodation
- Building cultural knowledge, learning and connection

## Home Stretch WA provides...

### Transition Supports

- Transition Coach
- Smooth Transition

### Safety Net

- Housing Allowance/Staying On Subsidy
- Invest In Me Funding

### Support Circles

- Footprints
- Pathways

## To achieve....

**SLO 1: Support received by young people is enabling successful transition to adulthood.**

**SLO 2: Home Stretch WA is responsively addressing service users' needs and expectations.**

**SLO 3: Service users gain:**

- Access to stable housing and health care
- Education, training, employment opportunities
- A sense of identity and connection

**SLO 4: Services are shown to be culturally responsive, place-based and person-centred.**

**SLO 5: Service providers work with the Community of Practice, collaborate and share data.**

# Case Study 1

“My Transition Coach has helped me obtain an extensive Genogram about my Aboriginal heritage through the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, which dates back to the mid-1800s. I also received multiple booklets from several of my ancestors that told me about their lives, their country, and their community. My father’s name is not on my birth certificate, and this is something I am trying to get fixed. While I pursue avenues to have this corrected, obtaining my Genogram makes me feel more connected with my heritage. My Transition Coach also found an exciting opportunity to travel interstate and participate in an amazing opportunity that could positively impact future young people in out-of-home care. This opportunity aligns with my aspirations to pursue a career in youth work, focusing on providing support in more isolated regions”.

## Case Study 2

“My life has changed for the better and my Transition Coach has had a positive impact on my life. Some positive outcomes I have had over the last few months have helped me feel more in control of my life. This involves taking charge of many different aspects of my life including finance, mental health, physical health, relationships and social connections. My Transition Coach also helped me with applying for Disability Support payments.

I now have an understanding of the Centrelink system and this has assisted with alleviating stress and I am now able to access the necessary financial support. I also had assistance with engaging with different services such as disability support, support for me to be a mum, and healthcare. This has made me learn how to take charge and navigate through challenges with a newfound confidence.

I have learned how to maintain my independence such as cleaning and cooking healthy options for myself and my child. This has helped me with being more self-reliant. I have practiced these skills and intend to focus on becoming more independent in time”.

# In Summary

- The State Government has committed \$21 million per annum to deliver Home Stretch WA.
- Home Stretch WA has been designed and tested over several years and is showing to be resulting in significant positive change for young people who have participated.
- We'd like to acknowledge the integral efforts of our young consultants and current service providers.
- As of June 2025, the program is delivering support to 726 care leavers state-wide.
- This has been supported by a strong, self-sustaining sector-wide Community of Practice, which was developed to encourage and facilitate continued service improvements.



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Location	Estimated no. eligible YP (as at July 27)
East Kimberley	25 YP total with 2 main centralised cohorts in Kununurra and Halls Creek with additional YP located across various remote locations
West Kimberley	31 YP total with a centralised cohort in Broome and smaller subcentres across Derby and Fitzroy Crossing
Pilbara	25 YP total with 2 main centralised cohorts in Karratha and Port Hedland with additional YP located across various remote locations
Mid-West Gascoyne	67 YP total with 2 main centralised cohorts in Geraldton and Carnarvon with additional YP located across various remote locations
Goldfields	34 YP total with a centralised cohort in Kalgoorlie, a smaller subcentre in Esperance and additional YP located across various remote locations
Wheatbelt	44 YP total with a centralised cohort in Northam with additional YP located across various remote locations
South-West	95 YP total with 2 main centralised cohorts in Bunbury and Busselton with additional YP located across various remote locations
Great Southern	25 YP total with a centralised cohort in Albany and additional YP located across various remote locations

# Perth Metro

Location	Estimated no. eligible YP (as at July 2027)
Armadale District	132
Bindjareb District	62
Cannington District	99
Fremantle District	61
Joondalup District	105
Midland District	150
Mirrabooka District	70
Perth District	51
Rockingham District	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>821</b>

# Proposed Place-based model - Hub and Spoke

Location	Hub or/and Spoke
Metro	4 Hubs
East Kimberley	1 Hub and Spoke
West Kimberley	1 Hub and Spoke
Goldfields	1 Hub and Spoke
Great Southern	1 Hub
Mid West Gascoyne	1 Hub and Spoke
Pilbara	1 Hub and Spoke
South West	2 Hubs
Wheatbelt	1 Hub

# Procurement Strategy

- Communities' is committed to supporting ACCOs and Aboriginal businesses, particularly to meet regional needs where young people accessing Home Stretch WA services are predominantly Aboriginal.
- Communities commits to policies from National, State and Departmental level aiming to support the building of the ACCO sector and increasing ACCO-led service delivery. These include:
  - National Agreement on Closing the Gap
  - Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy 2021–2029
  - Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Strategy 2022–2032.

# 2-step procurement process

1

**Expression of Interest –  
shortlisted process for  
Request for Tender  
assistance**

2

**Request for Tender available  
to shortlisted respondents  
only**

## Expected timelines

Process	Anticipated Date
EOI Advertising Initiated	Late 2025 - Early 2026
Evaluation and Shortlisting	Mid 2026
Request For Tender (RFT) Assistance	Mid - Late 2026
RFT Advertising (Shortlisted Respondent/s only)	Late 2026
Award	By July/August 2027

# What can I do now to prepare?

- All providers are encouraged to register on Tenders WA prior to the tender release date. The link to register is [Tenders WA | Register New Business](#).
- If you are registered on Tenders WA, please ensure your contact details are up to date and correct.
- We will look to confirm ACCO status through your constitution and registration through Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, ORIC.



# EOI Writing Top Tips

- Read all the information provided in the EOI carefully, including links to policies, think about how this information relates to your organisation and Home Stretch WA.
- Home Stretch WA is a place-based service delivery model – explain your connection to the region, partnerships you have forged that may aid in the delivery of Home Stretch WA.
- Substantiate your claims – provide examples. If you have not delivered Home Stretch WA before, explain how the skills/experience you have from other programs is relatable. If there are identifiable gaps in what you have delivered before in comparison to Home Stretch WA, explain how you will close those gaps.
- State how you are going to do something, not just that you will do it.
- Although there is some flexibility for regional adaptations, the three elements of the Home Stretch WA are fixed, think about how your organisation is placed to work within this model e.g. what recruitment might be necessary and how you plan to do this.
- We cannot accept EOI submissions after the closing date.
- Ensure that you apply for the right EOI in your location, we cannot move responses from different response boxes.

# Summary

- Department of Communities will be commencing with recommissioning of Home Stretch WA across the state, with stage 1 EOI likely to be released in the final quarter of 2025.
- There may be different procurement approaches, both open and restricted and as such separate EOI processes for different regions.
- All existing grant agreements will be extended to align to the procurement timelines.

**Please note that Communities has outlined a proposed commissioning process including timelines.**

**Whilst Communities does not anticipate any changes, if there are any changes they will be communicated, and we will endeavour to contact you via your registered email address.**

# More information and FAQs

- Home Stretch WA Commissioning site - [Commissioning of Home Stretch WA](#)
- Learn about Home Stretch WA - [Home Stretch WA \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)
- Please contact the [HomeStretchWA@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:HomeStretchWA@communities.wa.gov.au) for any questions