Cross Sector Orientation Workshop

Homelessness and Housing in Alice Springs

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Homelessness in the NT = **Big issue**

- NT has 12 times the national average
- 1 in 5 Aboriginal people are homeless
- Most homeless people are living in overcrowded dwellings
Early intervention – Avoiding Homelessness

What are the options for people at risk of being homeless?

Get help from Specialist Homeless Support Services like:

• Anglicare NT
• Missions Australia
• Tangentyere Council

What help is on offer?

• Tenancy support – Identifying issues in the home to address e.g. house maintenance, rent payments etc.
• Health issues - Links to other support e.g mental health, D&FV support etc.
• Advocacy and liaison – Helping navigate issues putting person at risk of homelessness
When someone is homeless

Where do I start?

NT Shelter’s ‘Shelter Me’ app/webpage:

• Crisis Accommodation e.g.

• Transitional or Medium Term Accommodation
Longer Term Accommodation

For longer term options **all people should:**

- Apply for public housing with Department of Housing and Community Development – 900 dwellings in Alice Springs

Other options:

- Central Australian Affordable Housing
  - Town Camps Housing
  - Community Housing – Seniors, low income
  - Affordable Housing – Aboriginal people working income

- Anglicare NT
  - Coming Soon - 22 x 2 bedroom units for supported accommodation