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| **Specialist Aftercare Program Referral** |
| The Specialist Aftercare Program is for young people with a care experience aged 17-24 years old with moderate to high needs. The program provides support to transition to independence, including help to access financial support and entitlements. It helps refer and connect the young person to services and programs including Centrelink, Homes NSW, counselling, support with health and wellbeing, assistance to address legal matters, and more. The program offers general and intensive aftercare support; mentoring, group work and group mentoring; remote outreach and Aboriginal cultural consultation for leaving care planning. |
| Consent |
| Has the young person consented to the referral? |  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Has the young person consented to share information?If no, please comment why. |  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| *Note: If the young person does not have capacity to consent, please seek consent from their legal guardian.* |
| Who is providing consent? |  |
| Young person’s details |
| Preferred name |  | Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander | Choose an item. |
| Date of birth |  | Cultural identity |  |
| Gender |  | ChildStory ID  |  |
| Address |  | Phone number |  |
| Email address |  | Main language spoken |  |
| Country of birth |  | Was/is in statutory care until 18  |  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Carer name Phone/email*Note: Consent required* |  | Does the young person require any adjustments for accessibility? Please specify. |  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Reason for referral/current needs |
| Please identify why a specialist aftercare service is required: |
| Other services involved *(Copy and paste row/s below to add additional services as required)* |
| Name of service: What service is being provided:Key contact details:  | Name of service: What service is being provided:Key contact details: |
| Leaving/aftercare plan |
| Does the young person have an approved leaving or aftercare plan?[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  In developmentPlease comment:*Note: Leaving/aftercare plan to be provided after referral is accepted.* |
| Referral details *(NB may be contacted to discuss current and future supports)* |
| Date of referral | Click or tap to enter a date. | Self-referral |  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Service provider/ DCJ location |  | Email |  |
| Name |  | Phone number |  |
| Signature |  |
| Do you need to be contacted for additional confidential information (e.g. safety concerns)?[ ]  Yes [ ]  No |

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| Eligibility |
| To be eligible for referral, the young person must meet at least one of the following criteria:* Be aged 18-24 and have moderate to high needs.
* Be aged 18-24, has moved, and is no longer able to be supported by the Permanency Support Program (PSP) provider.
* Specialist assistance is required regarding cultural elements of the young person’s leaving care plan.
* For young people aged 17 where there are high and complex needs, early referral to a specialist aftercare provider is required to support transition planning and coordination.
* Exceptional circumstances, where mentoring is required to help with goal setting and to provide consistency through the transition period from 17 to beyond 18 years of age.

As a guide regarding whether a young person is considered moderate to high needs and therefore eligible for a Specialist Aftercare Program referral, consider if they have **three or more** of the following:[ ]  Placement prior to turning 18 was non-home based.[ ]  Child Assessment Tool (CAT) score is/was medium or high.[ ]  Multiple placements while in care e.g. three or more since turning 15, not including respite.[ ]  Limited involvement in education e.g. has not completed Year 10.[ ]  Dependants i.e. is a young parent or is expecting a child.[ ]  Unstable accommodation e.g. homeless or at risk of homelessness.[ ]  Not currently employed.[ ]  Limited contact with family and other personal supports e.g. a lack of positive relationships with birth family, relatives or significant others.[ ]  Limited capacity to live independently e.g. lack of independent living skills, particularly to find accommodation and establish an income.[ ]  Issues impacting health and wellbeing e.g. drug and alcohol addiction or psychiatric illness.[ ]  Involvement with the Justice system.**In most cases, generalist aftercare support should be provided by the agency that managed the young person’s most recent Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) placement, including referrals and access to a variety of programs (e.g. job readiness, living skills) and entitlements.**Note: Young people receiving Supported Independent Living (SIL), Therapeutic Supported Independent Living (TSIL) and/or Youth Initiative (YI) are **not** eligible for referral to the Specialist Aftercare Program. |