

2.5 Are you a young person wanting accommodation options?

What support is available to help you live independently at home?

You may be eligible to receive in-home support such as **Personal Care, Home Care and Respite Care**. Contact your local council to find out if you are eligible for this service and ask to speak to the **Home And Community Care (HACC) Assessment Team**.

You may want to read information sheet 4.7 of this kit 'How do I access my local council' and information sheet 2.3 'What Respite options are available if you are 16-21 years old'.

The Department of Human Services Intake and Response Team can discuss with you outreach support programs. You can contact them on 1800 783 783.

What are some longer-term accommodation options?

If you are after longer-term accommodation the Department of Human Services may be able to assist you through the Disability Support Register (DSR). The Register is a way of recording a person's current and ongoing support needs. Contact **DHS Intake and Response Team on 1800 783 783** for further information.

The Office of Housing has accommodation across the region – call your nearest office (listed below) to find out about eligibility and waiting lists. If you would like some more information about housing options call **Housing Resource & Support Service (HR&SS) on 9340 5100**

Support Housing Limited (SHL) can offer assistance to people moving house with establishment and relocation costs. The contact number for SHL is 9859 8833.

Do you feel that you need someone to speak on your behalf or offer advocacy?

There are a number of advocacy agencies that will be able to assist you and if needed, be 'your voice'. They include:

Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation (AMIDA)
9650 2722

Action for Community Living
9489 2999

Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities (ADEC) 9480 1666

For people from a non-English speaking background or at least one parent from a non-English speaking country

Disability Justice Advocacy -
9416 3488

Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with a Disability (VALID)
- 9416 4003 (Intellectual Disability)

The Office of Housing contact phone number for the Northern and Western Suburbs are:

Ascot Vale	9371 6200	Footscray	9275 7516
Broadmeadows	9309 1255	North Melbourne	9326 6377
Carlton	9341 8200	Preston	9479 0122
Collingwood	9417 5144	Richmond	9429 5174
Fitzroy	9417 7322	Sunshine	9312 5022



Youth Disability Advocacy Service **9267 3755**
www.ydas.org **133677 TTY**

Glenroy Housing Service 9300 2977
North East Housing Service 9479 0700
Supported Housing Limited 9859 8833
Merri Outreach Support Services 9359 5493

There are often long waiting lists for housing, however, it is important to get on those lists for when opportunities occur.