A Place to Go

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Pilot overview and referral pathway

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Artwork commissioned by Youth Justice NSW, in partnership with a young person who was supported by the A Place to Go pilot. It's the artist's impression of A Place to Go House.

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Overview

A Place to Go aims to improve supports and deliver a better service response for 10–17-year-olds in contact with the justice system, with a focus on young people on remand. It draws on services from across NSW Government and non-government service providers to deliver a coordinated and multiagency service solution that can support a young person to change their life trajectory.

A Place to Go uses a young person's contact with Police and/or the court as an opportunity to intervene early by linking them with appropriate community supports and services, court liaison staff, cross-agency panels and dedicated short-term transitional accommodation (*A Place to Go* House).

A Place to Go has been operational in the Nepean Police Area Command and Parramatta Children's Court since November 2018. In late 2020, commissioning of the initiative transitioned from Their Futures Matter to Youth Justice NSW.

A Place to Go elements

Dedicated **Coordinator** who leads cross-agency collaboration

Allocation of a **Key Worker** to provide a single point of contact for young people to navigate the service system

An Adolescent Specialist **Manager Casework** to support Police to help resolve issues via information exchange

***A Place to Go* House** - access to therapeutic, trauma-informed short-term accommodation for young people who are unable to return home, while longer-term planning is undertaken. As well as after care support for up to 12 weeks to support young people to maintain their longer-term accommodation

Access to a part-time **Network Psychiatry Clinic**

Additional support at the Children's Court through a **court-based multidisciplinary team** working with existing services to provide a coordinated response to young people in court proceedings

Access to **interagency case panels** to provide case oversight and a coordinated approach for young people

Flexible brokerage funding to meet individual needs

A Place to Go referral pathway

Referrals can be made to the *A Place to Go* Coordinator by the pilot service delivery partners at the court and within the community by emailing APlaceToGoNBM@facs.nsw.gov.au