

# Cash cut hits at-risk youth

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AT-RISK children as young as 12 could be without a roof over their heads with funding for peninsula youth service the Burdekin Association in jeopardy.

The Brookvale-based youth homelessness service has run for 30 years and is the largest of its kind in NSW. It cares annually for 340 young people aged from 12 to 21 on government funding of \$700,000 a year.

However, last week it was not

successful in receiving funding allocated by the NSW Department of Family and Community Services.

Chairwoman Justene Gordon said the future was now uncertain for the 42 young northern beaches people staying with them, as well as the hundreds they were working with through mentoring and services.

"We are devastated at the impact that this could have on vulnerable young people on the northern beaches," she said.

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