

The Burdekin Association is recognised for providing an accommodation, care and support continuum that is responsive to the individual needs of a diverse range of young people aged 12-24 years and their families.

We offer an integrated approach to issues of child and youth housing and support and have developed a range of distinct but interrelated programs of which Supported Independent Living (SIL) is one.

Support is designed around the individual, recognising that each of the children and young people in our care have different life experiences and need customised support. No one life is the same.

All of our Out of Home Care options, including SIL, provide therapeutic care environments that are culturally and socially appropriate as well as being tailored to meet the individual needs of the child or young person.

SIL offers three different options to young people. a live-in carer/lead tenant option, a caretaker option and a supported independent living option.



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Supported Independent Living

We offer supported independent living for young people who have recently left or are currently in Out of Home Care and are committed to working with our case managers to develop the skills required to make the transition to living independently in the community.



Goals

The ultimate goal of SIL is to enable young people to gain successful independence.

We also wish to improve social, economic and health outcomes for the children and young people in our care.

The program

The Supported Independent Living (SIL) program is an accommodation and support package offered to young people demonstrating readiness to live in a more independent setting.

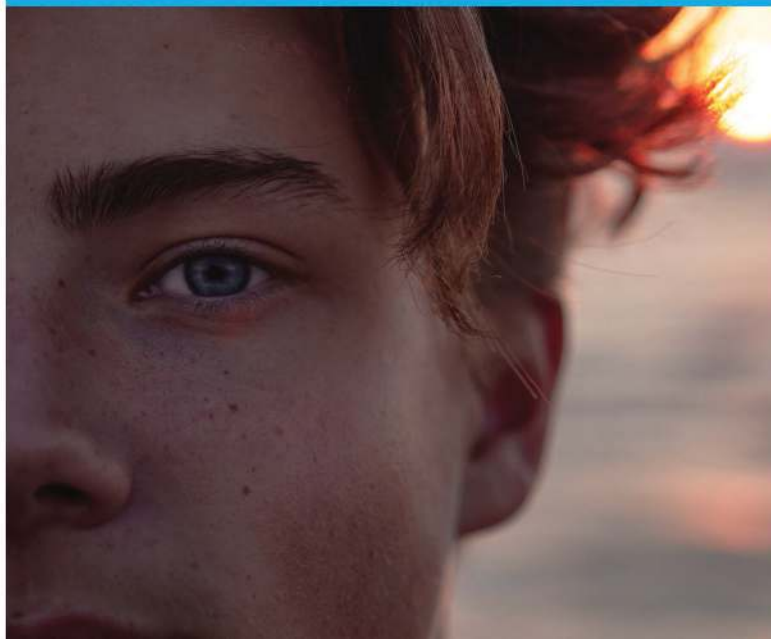
SIL services must be designed to provide the following;

- Accommodation which is stable and appropriate and affordable.
- Living skills which include self-care, home management and budgeting. Facilitate relationships with family, significant others and friends.
- Provide access to health and counselling services, therapeutic intervention, welfare and community resources, specialist medical, allied health and dental services.
- Assistance with access to education, training, vocational and employment assistance to support financial self-sufficiency.
- Access to aftercare services.
- Access to stay-put option.



Eligibility

Supported Independent Living (SIL) is for young people aged 16 to 20 who are under the Care of the Minister. The young person must be between 16 and 18 upon entering and upon leaving the program, young people are generally aged 20. A stay put option is available to young people exiting the program who have demonstrated the capacity to maintain a tenancy.



Program options

The Live in Carer/Lead Tenant Option

Placements with specially recruited carers offer stable, supported care and enable young people to gain skills required for successful independence.

- Provides homes to trained Burdekin Carers in the local area, enabling young people to maintain links with their community.
- Allows the needs of young people to be thoroughly assessed.
- Provides intensive support to Burdekin Carers, young people and their families through our case worker.
- Has an on-call service for young people and carers 24 hours per day.

The Caretaker Option

Young people are offered independent self-contained 1 or 2 bedroom units. An adult single or couple lives on the premises in their own self-contained accommodation. The caretakers provide support and guidance to the young people. Case Management support and 24/7 pager service is provided.

The Independent Living Option

Young people are offered independent 1 or 2 bedroom options in the community in private rental or in a community housing property. Case Management and 24/7 pager support is provided.

Case Management, practical support and 24/7 on-call support is provided.

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