

## OFFICES

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## SERVICES OFFERED

### DISABILITY SERVICES

Providing high quality community-based supported accommodation to people with developmental disabilities including acquired brain injuries, intellectual disabilities, high physical support needs and significant challenging behaviours.

### FAMILY SERVICES

Provides targeted family support services, free counselling services, community programs, and short term accommodation. We assist anyone experiencing a crisis or problem in their life.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES

Provides assistance, advocacy and support to all people who may be experiencing financial difficulties. Programs include financial literacy, financial counselling including financial counselling for gambling related issues, a no interest loan scheme (NILS) and a National Debt Helpline.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES KATHERINE

Is a Youth Homelessness Prevention Program providing support and counselling to young people and their families.



### VISION STATEMENT

People are able to gain improvement in their quality of life by achieving the highest attainable standard of social and economic outcomes.

### VALUES

- Recognition of the intrinsic worth of every human being
- Generosity from the heart
- Service to the community
- Justice within our society

### MISSION STATEMENT

To impact positively on the dignity and quality of life of people who are affected by social and economic disadvantage.



*Your LOCAL Community Service*

**Supported  
Accommodation**

## SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION

Somerville Community Accommodation Service provides short to medium-term supported accommodation for homeless people.

Families who are unable to access alternative accommodation are a priority.

This program assists people to live independently in the community and secure longer-term accommodation.

People work with us, using a case management framework and a collaborative approach, to determine their needs and to provide a plan for achieving them.

### The service provides:

- limited medium-term supported accommodation for homeless families and individuals .
- assistance in locating secure and longer-term accommodation
- counselling, support and practical assistance as required
- advocacy for people in accommodation crisis
- outreach support
- help in developing independent living skills
- information about and referral to community housing resources
- Assistance for bond rental arrears



People also have access to other services provided by Somerville including the following.

### Family Support and Counselling

The counselling service can assist with a wide range of issues including:

- parenting
- relationship difficulties
- depression
- anxiety
- stress
- grief and loss
- trauma
- emotional difficulties
- self esteem
- family violence.

Experienced counsellors and support workers can provide specialist services to:

- couples
- individuals
- families
- adolescents
- children.

*All services are confidential and are available by appointment. Staff are able to assist during normal office hours.*

### Other Services Provided:

#### ◇ Financial Counselling

Assists with negotiation of debts, hardship and bankruptcy.

#### ◇ Gambling Related Financial Counselling

Counselling for current or recovering gamblers and their families. Support is also available for people who wish to discuss their difficulties on an individual basis.

#### ◇ Income Management

Our workers can help people to understand income management and take advantage of the Centre Pay deductions. They can discuss options and provide information on the Basics Card.

#### ◇ Family Services

Provides counselling and support for a wide range of issues affecting families and individuals.

#### ◇ My Time

My Time addresses topics of interest that may assist you in your daily life. It is a group networking program specifically designed to connect people.

#### ◇ No Interest Loans Scheme

Flexible and affordable credit for low income earners to purchase a range of household items such as a fridge, washing machine, beds and more.

*These services are funded through Australian and Northern Territory Government support and private sponsorship.*