

CONCURRENT SESSION

**C8 Hidden homelessness –
unaccompanied children**



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SAFE AND CONNECTED YOUTH PROGRAM: Coordinated Response

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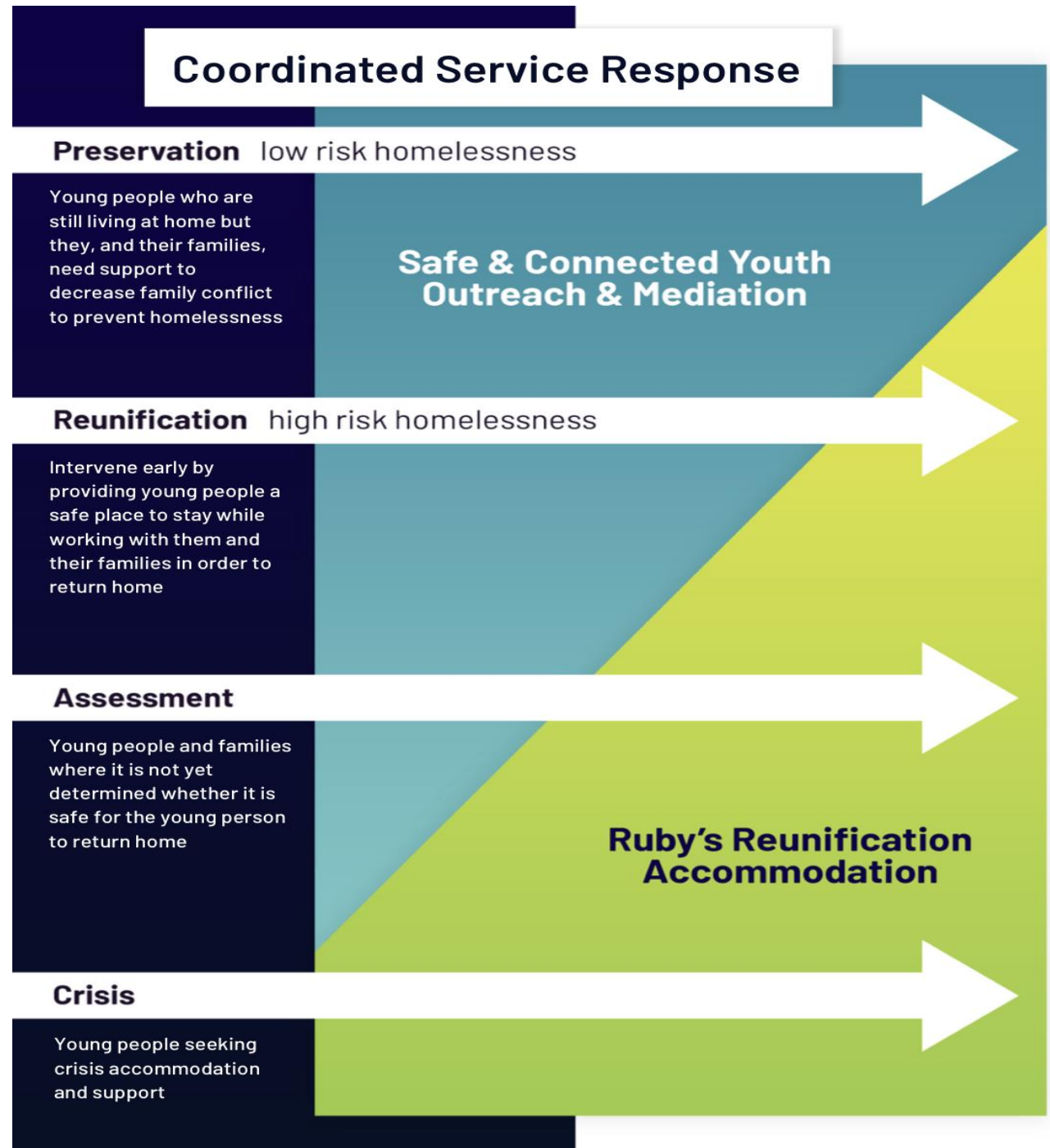
I would like to acknowledge that we meet today on traditional Ngunnawal and Ngambri land. I pay my respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge their inherent connection to the land and waterways on which we work and live.

BACKGROUND

The Safe and Connected
Youth Program Pilot

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Evaluation

The response needed



The Safe And Connected Youth Coordinated Response

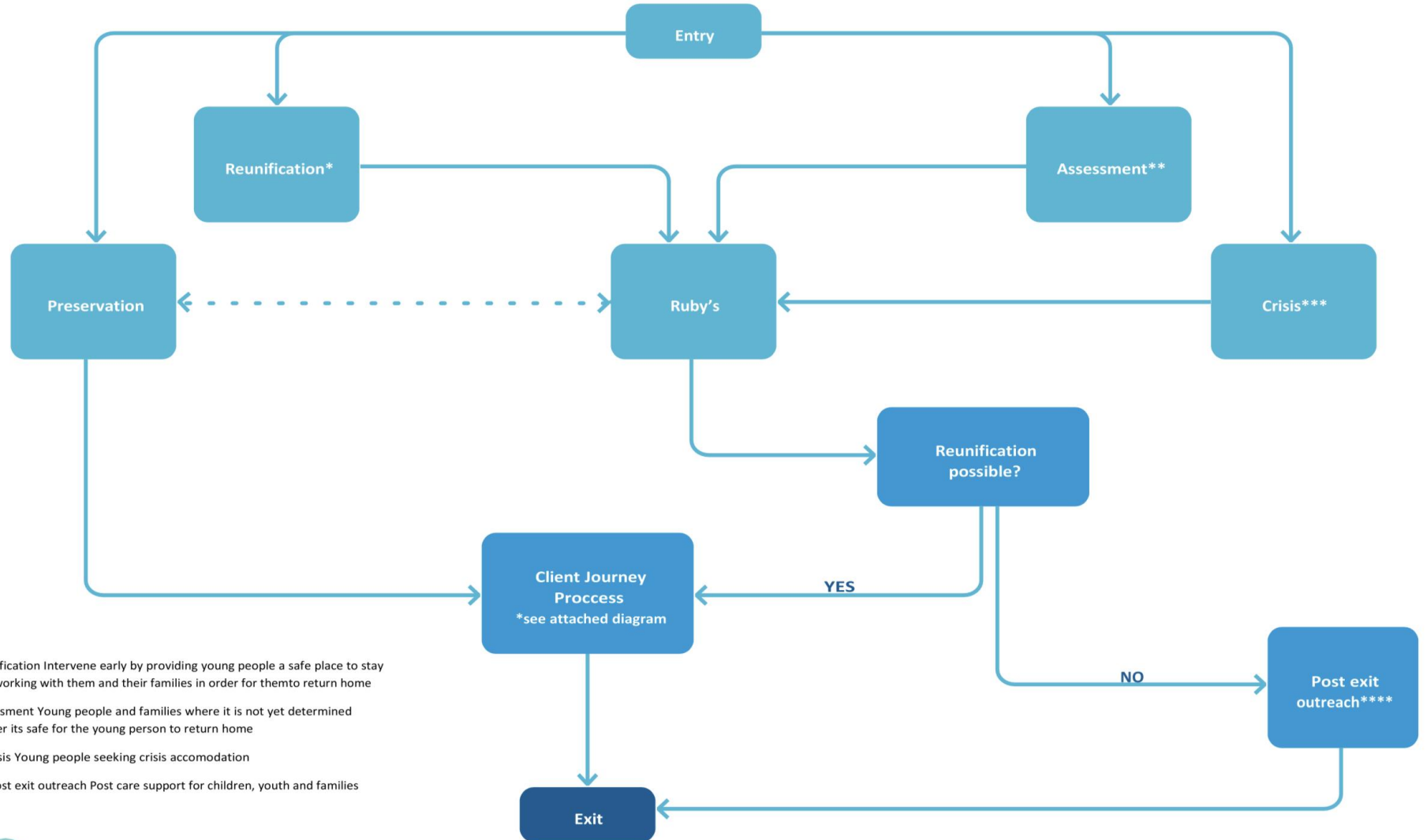
Delivered through the provision of:

- Therapeutic wrap around support (case management, family mediation and family counselling)
- 24-hour therapeutic accommodation



SAFE AND CONNECTED YOUTH: COORDINATED RESPONSE PROCESS MAP

How does it work?



*Reunification Intervene early by providing young people a safe place to stay while working with them and their families in order for them to return home

**Assessment Young people and families where it is not yet determined whether its safe for the young person to return home

***Crisis Young people seeking crisis accomodation

****Post exit outreach Post care support for children, youth and families

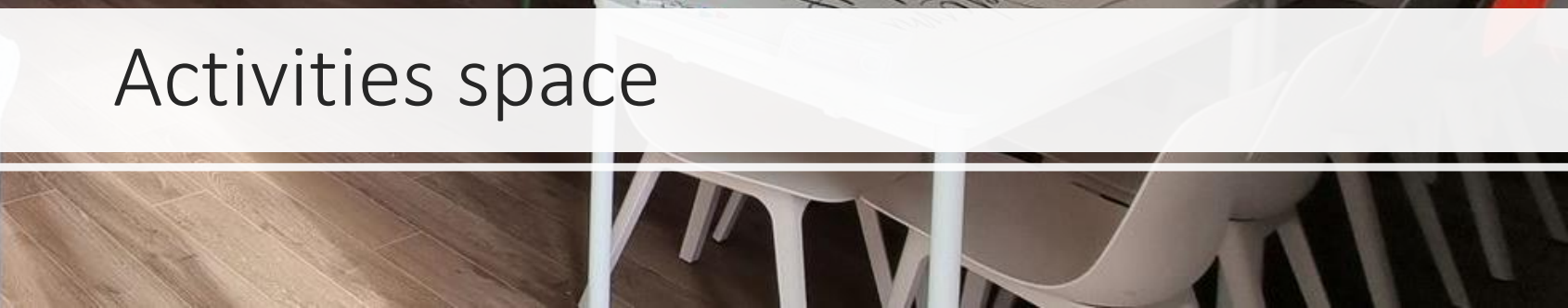
RISK FACTORS

Young person	CYPS / Youth Justice	Youth Homelessness	DFV	Police	Mental health	AOD	Disengagement from Education	Other
Female 15	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Young person sexually assaulted, court orders
Male 14	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	ADHD
Female 15	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Multiple suicide attempts, young person sexually assaulted, ADHD
Female 10	YES		YES		YES			ODD, ADHD, parental suicide attempts, parent experience of childhood sexual abuse
Non-binary 13	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ADHD, ASD, self-harm, suicidality, multiple suicide attempts,
Female 15		YES	YES		YES	YES		ADHD, young person sexually assaulted, self-harm, suicide attempt
Non- binary 14	YES	YES	YES		YES		YES	
Male 13	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Suicide ideation, self-harm, OCD, FVO in place
Female 13		YES		YES	YES	YES		Suicide ideation, self-harm, ASD
Female 10 and Female 12	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Death of parent
Female 13	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ADHD
Non- Binary 11	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Young person sexually assaulted, ADHD, ASD, parent experience of childhood sexual abuse
Non-binary 12 Female 15	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	Sibling group
Male 15	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Male 15		YES	YES		YES		YES	Deceased parent

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Activities space





Counselling room



Lounge room



Kitchen



Bedroom

Lessons

- Start small and get foundations right
- Focus on impact
- Importance of commitment by both the young person and family member
- Adapting to the contextual differences
- The difference having longer-term accommodation has on impact on support
- Importance of collaboration

What have the young people said?

My experience of being a client of the Safe and Connected Youth Program is that I've been helped to achieve my goals and to become more independent. My case worker helped me with my savings, accessing Centrelink, gaining accommodation, obtaining my driver's license, and my relationships with other people became much healthier.

I now know my worth – I don't allow toxic people in my life.

Through the Program, I received support in different areas of my life: emotional; financial; relationships with friends and family; and independent skills. I've learnt a lot of life skills and I'm better able to support myself to become independent.

And I was supported in EVERYTHING.

Because of the Safe and Connected Youth Program I am now more resilient, more confident, and empowered, and I can trust people again. If it wasn't for the Safe and Connected Youth Program I would be in an abusive home, on drugs, and not attending school. And I definitely wouldn't have been able to maintain my place in accommodation for as long as I have. The Program has had a major positive effect on my life.

I always felt trusted and respected by my workers. My privacy and confidentiality were always respected. I always felt safe in what I said, and I knew that it was never going to be used against me. When we had family mediation, I felt like my word mattered and that I was heard. My case worker advocated for me to access different services and supports and helped me to resolve any conflict and issues that came up.

If I had to give one piece of feedback, I'd say "Keep up the good work".

Questions
