

Beyond Bricks and Mortar

Why youth homelessness requires a supported housing continuum

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Stuck in the crisis cycle

In 2024–25, 40,500 children and young people sought help from homelessness services on their own.

64%

of those who started homeless were still homeless at the end

25%

seeking medium-term or transitional housing got it

4.3%

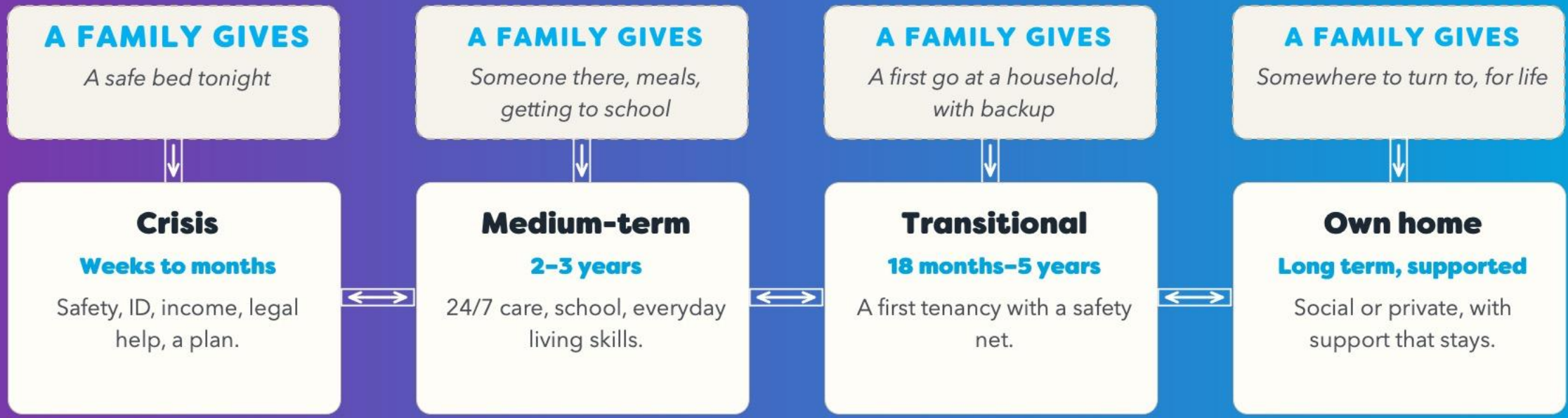
needing long-term housing got it

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rentals affordable on Youth Allowance

Sources: AIHW SHS Annual Reports 2024–25, 2022–23 (25%, 4.3%); Anglicare Snapshot 2025.

The continuum - Stepping in for the family home



Support follows the young person, not the bed, the lease or their age

Yfoundations, Federal Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27 and Youth Housing Models Background Paper (2024).

4 Eight moves in three years



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Housing First for Youth, across the whole system

01 Immediate access to housing, no preconditions

02 Youth choice and self-determination

03 Positive youth development

04 Individualised, youth-driven support

05 Social and community connection

ADULT MODELS DON'T TRANSFER

71% Young people

83% Adults

still in their tenancy at 12 months, 50 Lives 50 Homes, WA

The continuum is what Housing First looks like when you take young people's development seriously.

Principles: Gaetz (2014). Tenancy data: Vallesi, Quinn and Wood (2021), University of Western Australia.


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