

Who we are

Samaritans offers life changing support and advocacy to youth and those in need.

A Newcastle Anglican social justice agency, Samaritans delivers more than 100 programs to thousands of individuals and families each year.

Samaritans provides support across the Central Coast, Newcastle, Hunter, Mid North Coast and Central Western regions of NSW.



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we will help you
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Homeless Youth Assistance Program (HYAP)



Brokerage and support for
unaccompanied young
people aged 12-15 who are
homeless or at risk of
homelessness.

What is HYAP?

The Homeless Youth Assistance Program (HYAP) is a brokerage and support service for the community sector, supporting unaccompanied young people aged 12–15 years. The primary objective of the HYAP program is family restoration.

HYAP is available to support unaccompanied young people who are connected to a Specialist Homelessness Service (SHS) or Non-SHS in the Hunter and New England Area Health Districts.

How it works

HYAP is available to support unaccompanied young people who:

- are at risk of homelessness
- are disengaged with education
- have mental health concerns
- are impacted by domestic violence, trauma and or/family breakdown
- had interaction with the justice system.

Case Management and Coordination

Samaritans HYAP can provide family restoration and counselling with a case worker. The Case Coordinator can provide assistance to services and find support for the unaccompanied young person.

How could I use HYAP?*

- Family restoration
- Cultural-specific expenses
- Education expenses
- Legal expenses
- Clinical support

* Eligibility and conditions apply.



How to access HYAP

A service can apply for brokerage on behalf of a young person at risk in the following ways:

- SHS Services can make a direct application to HYAP via Client Information Management System (CIMS) referral.
- HYAP requires all unaccompanied young people who are referred for brokerage funding to have a case plan and be supported by a case worker. As they will be unaccompanied, there will need to be a Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) helpline report number listed on the referral.
- Call or email HYAP to request the information pack to guide you through the referral process.