

One third of Australia's homeless are children.

Today in South Australia, almost 1 in 70 people are struggling to find a safe place to call home. A third of these are children. Housing stress, unemployment, family breakdown, violence and mental health issues are key factors.

Each year Baptist Care's homelessness services provide more than 27,000 nutritious meals and close to 5000 bed nights. These go hand in hand with a range of other vital support services supporting at-risk and vulnerable people to have access to the basics.

Food and relief.

Fighting hunger in Adelaide is a cause very close to our hearts. Baptist Care's homelessness services, situated in Millers Court, Adelaide (just off Wright Street) offer a safe place to come for food, shelter, support, advocacy and referrals.

Our pantry is stocked with non-perishable food and household items, thanks to generous donors and Emergency Financial Assistance government grants. We provide more than 900 emergency relief parcels every year.

Health and wellbeing.

Without a home, you cannot prepare a meal, have a shower or clean your clothes. If you can't wash yourself or your clothes you smell and people avoid being with you. Most of the time you are simply ignored. Anyone who comes to our WestCare Centre is welcome. Our facilities provide dignity and are offered with respect. There is no charge for those unable to pay.

Hot Showers Soap and clean towels provided

Clean Laundry Access to a washing machine, detergent and a washing line.

Health Care Chat with our friendly nurse who can advise you on health matters and refer you to other services, if you need them.

Who we are.

Beginning in 1913, Baptist Care SA has grown to over 1100 dedicated staff and volunteers, working tirelessly to help South Australians achieve their full potential. We're committed to working with the State's most disadvantaged, championing local issues and connecting with people to enable positive change.

It isn't easy tackling such tough issues, but our clients' successes mean it's often extremely rewarding.

Learn more about us at
www.baptistcaresa.org.au



Eastern Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service (EAASHS) and Community Transition Worker
11 – 19 Millers Court Adelaide SA 5000
T **08 8118 5200**
baptistcaresa.org.au

WestCare Centre
11 – 19 Millers Court Adelaide SA 5000
**Open Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm
and Sundays, 11.30am – 1pm**

Inner Southern Youth Homelessness Service (ISYHS)
Unit 3 / 5–7 Stephen Street, Melrose Park SA 5039

To access via public transport, go to 1069 – 1075 South Road, Melrose Park, situated between bus stop number 17 and 18, and walk through the car park towards Stephen Street
T **8177 4900**

If you need assistance outside business hours please contact the SA Homelessness Gateway on 1800 003 308

Support and accommodation.

Finding the right sort of support when you're homeless can be hard. We offer a range of programs that can help.

We can help you find the most appropriate services to meet your needs, even if we don't provide them ourselves. We can also provide case management services as needed.

Helping young people.

Young South Australians struggling with life have been coming to us for help for more than 20 years. Many are working through complex issues of family breakdowns, domestic violence, homelessness, drug addiction and more.

Our Inner Southern Youth Homelessness Service provides support to those aged 15 - 25 who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. Our youth-specific case workers help individuals overcome the obstacles preventing them from moving forward

We offer:

Crisis Support - 24 hour supported residential accommodation service with a comprehensive range of personal supports

Support to successfully move to independent housing - If you are ready to be more independent, we can offer a place in a semi-supported unit. You still receive all the support you need - with the clear aim of equipping you to be able to live on your own. This program operates across the City of Marion, the City of Holdfast Bay and the City of Mitcham.

Aboriginal support.

In our **Eastern Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness program**, we work with Aboriginal men and women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and help them find and maintain long term stable housing.

We use Aboriginal-specific case management workers to help identify the barriers and challenges that are preventing an individual from finding a long term home. We assess each person's accommodation and support needs and try to find solutions. We work in partnership with a range of Community Housing Organisations to achieve this.



A warm welcome and a safe place.

An introduction to our Homelessness Services.