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NT Youth Moving On With Help From Government

A new service to assist young Territorians transition to independent life after leaving out of home care was launched today by Children and Families Minister Kon Vatskalis.

Moving On is a Northern Territory-wide service funded by the NT Government and operated by Anglicare NT that connects young people leaving care to services that will help them live independently and understand their responsibilities as adults.

Mr Vatskalis said that transitioning to adulthood can be daunting, especially for young people who have been in care.

“It is our role as a Government to look after our youth, and part of this is to offer after-care support to ensure these young adults are equipped with the life skills they require to survive in the real world,” he said.

“Children in care are among the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our community and as a result there is a strong link between young people leaving care and youth homelessness.

“By partnering with Anglicare NT to establish the Moving On service we are endeavouring to reduce homelessness for young people leaving care and provide advocacy, support, assessment, referral and case management to these young Territorians.”

The Northern Territory Government is providing $200,000 a year to Anglicare NT to deliver the Moving On program which aims to assist young people to ‘move on’ from care by focusing on improving the health, wellbeing and economic outcomes for young people who have exited the care system.

Anglicare is one of the largest providers of government-funded welfare, social justice and community development programs in the Territory. Anglicare NT aims to make a difference in the lives of Territorians with over 75 programs operating in urban, rural, regional and remote communities.

The Moving On service responds to a recommendation of the Board of Inquiry’s report into the Territory’s child protection services, Growing them Strong, together.

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