

wOrking tOgether for **systems change**

Changing systems and strengthening community require joint action. In 2021-22 YFS worked with government, community and other not-for-profits to promote fairer, more inclusive systems, services and communities.

YFS continued to support Logan's strong collaborations including Logan Together, housing-focused networks and youth-focused initiatives, knowing that we are stronger together.

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**We wake up and still think
is this real, are we really
living here. It's just mind
blowing at this stage,
it doesn't feel real.”**

Chace - YFS Housing 1st participant

With support from the YFS Housing 1st team Chace and Marcella are now both thriving in their new home and planning for their future goals.





Our story:

Logan Zero aims to end homelessness

The Logan Advance to Zero campaign is a new initiative to end homelessness and rough sleeping in the region through a coordinated, collaborative and person-centred approach.

YFS is hosting Logan Zero in Logan, thanks to a grant from the Sisters of Mercy Brisbane Congregation. We are working closely with Micah Projects to link Logan and Brisbane Zero initiatives, as part of a national movement to end homelessness in Australia led by Australian Alliance to End Homelessness.

Logan Zero has begun a by-name list to improve knowledge of who is experiencing homelessness in Logan and their needs so we can coordinate better responses. In the first nine months, 327 households were added to the by-name list.

Initial data collected by Logan Zero partners shows that people experiencing homelessness also have significant complexities around mental and physical health, safety and lack of supports. This makes holistic support critical to gain and sustain housing, with 80% of people needing ongoing support to maintain housing.

Logan Zero contributed to collaborative efforts in Logan to link people experiencing homelessness with housing and supports, particularly those most in need.

Quick statistics

168,122

people reached through Not Now, Not Ever in Logan social media

2,192

young people participated in 104 R4Respect sessions

 2021-22 Highlights:

Powerful together

YFS Financial Counsellors worked with the State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) to introduce changes to the agency's treatment of debts incurred by victims of domestic and family violence. They participated on a SPER Working Group which achieved some important changes to the SPER process. YFS is already seeing the impact of these changes for its domestic and family violence victim-survivor clients.

Our youth-led respectful relationships team R4Respect partnered with the Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) to launch the 2021 National Community Attitudes Survey, appearing in videos, webinars and on a panel. The team participated in the national conversation about respectful relationships education alongside Our Watch.

In a joint initiative between Logan City Council, Centre for Women and Co, YFS and others, the Not Now, Not Ever in Logan community action group delivered the Powerful Together domestic and family violence prevention campaign.

Scenic Rim police, courts, corrections, Child Safety and YFS' Shine domestic and family violence service staff worked together in a High Risk Response initiative to improve responses to 51 people impacted by domestic and family violence, leading to improved safety for victims and accountability for perpetrators.

YFS' Next Step Plus team held the state's largest Transition to Adulthood event in November for young people in out of home care, with support from local businesses and Child Safety offices.

211

young people with out of home care experiences supported by Next Step Plus

