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National Debt Helpline 1800 007 007



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SERVICES OFFERED

DISABILITY SERVICES

Providing high quality community-based supported accommodation to people with developmental disabilities including acquired brain injuries, intellectual disabilities, high physical support needs and significant challenging behaviours.

FAMILY SERVICES

Provides targeted family support services, free counselling services, community programs, and short term accommodation. We assist anyone experiencing a crisis or problem in their life.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Provides assistance, advocacy and support to all people who may be experiencing financial difficulties. Programs include financial literacy, financial counselling including financial counselling for gambling related issues, a no interest loan scheme (NILS) and a National Debt Helpline.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES KATHERINE

Is a Youth Homelessness Prevention Program providing support and counselling to young people and their families.



VISION STATEMENT

People are able to gain improvement in their quality of life by achieving the highest attainable standard of social and economic outcomes.

VALUES

- Recognition of the intrinsic worth of every human being
- Generosity from the heart
- Service to the community
- Justice within our society

MISSION STATEMENT

To impact positively on the dignity and quality of life of people who are affected by social and economic disadvantage.



Your LOCAL Community Service



FINANCIAL SERVICES

Somerville's Financial Counsellors are available to assist with a wide range of finance related issues including money management, general debt and bankruptcy.

They are located in Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine offices but also assist people throughout the Territory. The number to call for the National Debt Helpline is 1800 007 007

Financial Counsellors provide information, options and advocacy for individuals and families who are experiencing financial difficulties including:

- debt problems
- problems with finance providers
- being behind in payments
- being unable to pay bills
- illness or unemployment.

Financial Counsellors can help to:

- assess your financial circumstances
- organise a budget that meets your needs
- provide options for your debts
- negotiate repayment plans with your creditors on your behalf.



Other programs our Financial Service team provides include:

- ◇ **Financial Counselling:**
Assists with negotiation of debts, hardship and bankruptcy.
- ◇ **Gambling Related Financial Counselling:**
Counselling for current or recovering gamblers and their families.
- ◇ **No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)**
- ◇ **Emergency Relief For Utilities Bills**
- ◇ **Tax Help**

Our Family Services team also provide a range of programs including:

- ◇ **Family Support and Counselling**
A confidential, professional counselling and support service for a wide range of people including families, couples, individual adults, children and adolescents. This service can assist with a wide range of issues including: parenting; relationship difficulties; depression; anxiety; stress; grief and loss; trauma; emotional difficulties; self esteem and family violence.
- ◇ **MyTime**
The MyTime networking group is specifically designed to connect people in a relaxed and friendly environment. Groups run weekly and cover such topics as: Self Care; Healthy Relationships; Communication; Coping with Change; Anxiety and Depression.
- ◇ **Supported Accommodation**
This program provides support for homeless people seeking accommodation. Workers provide ongoing counselling and support to help people access and maintain more permanent accommodation and provide stability for families.

All services are confidential and are available by appointment. Staff are able to assist during normal office hours.

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Please Note: Calls from mobile phones may incur additional costs.

These services are funded through Australian and Northern Territory Government support and private sponsorship and are provided free to the public and small businesses.



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get back on track with **free** financial counselling