

## OFFICES

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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 Counselling  
for  
Gambling Related  
Issues**

## FINANCIAL COUNSELLING FOR GAMBLING RELATED ISSUES

One of the adverse affects of gambling is extreme financial difficulties.

Financial Counsellors provide an assessment and strategies to assist people to achieve outcomes that minimise the effects of their situation.

- Debt problems?
- Money worries?
- Problems with finance providers?
- Behind with payments?
- Unable to pay bills?
- Illness or unemployment causing money problems?

### What do Financial Counsellors do?

Experienced Financial Counsellors can assist with a wide range of finance related issues including money management, general debt and bankruptcy.

Our Financial Counsellors are located in the Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine offices. They can also assist people in the rural areas through telephone counselling.

Financial Counsellors work at developing options for people and facilitating alternatives.

### A Financial Counsellor can help to:

- Assess your financial circumstances.
- Organise a budget that suits your needs.
- Provide options for your debts.
- Negotiate repayment plans with your creditors on your behalf.
- Inform you of government assistance that you may be entitled to.

- Provide information about bankruptcy.
- Help with some consumer problems.
- Refer you to other organisations which may provide further assistance.

### Who can use this service?

The service is available to existing or recovering gamblers and/or anyone who is experiencing financial difficulties related to gambling.



*These services are funded by the Northern Territory Government and are provided free to the public.*

Other programs Financial Counsellors can provide include:

#### ◇ **Financial Literacy**

Workshops and presentations to help people gain skills to better understand and manage their finances.

#### ◇ **No Interest Loans Scheme**

Flexible and affordable credit for low income earners to purchase a range of household items such as a fridge, washing machine, beds and more.

#### ◇ **Tax Help**

Our accredited Financial Service's staff run a free 'Tax Help' program to assist low income earners complete their Tax Returns.

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

The number to call for the National DebtHelpline is: **1800 007 007**

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