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Financial Counselling 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 counselling, money management, financial literacy, financial counselling for gambling related issues, a no interest loan scheme (NILS) and a Financial Counselling 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



NO INTEREST LOANS SCHEME- KATHERINE

The Somerville No Interest Loans Scheme provides people on low incomes with flexible and affordable credit for the purchase of essential household items.

This service is currently available to people in the Katherine 0850 postcode area.

What items can be purchased?

Loans can be used for purchase of basic household items. e.g. Fridge, Washing Machine, Beds, Mattress or Dining Table.

What do applicants need to do?

All applicants are required to attend an interview to discuss their application.

Information required includes name, address, accommodation status, income source and purpose of loan.

We will also require proof of identity, tenancy agreement and details of your income and expenses as well as total debts outstanding

Who is eligible?

People applying for loans must meet all of the following criteria:

- Centrelink recipients or low income earners eligible for a current Health Care Card.
- Applicants must reside in the Katherine 0850 postcode area.
- The applicants name must be on a lease agreement.
- Applicants must have the ability and willingness to repay the loan.

Somerville No Interest Loans Scheme is nationally accredited under the Good Shepherd Microfinance model.

Our Financial Counsellors can also 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 who may provide further assistance.

This service is funded through the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, National Australia Bank and private donation.

Other programs Financial Counsellors provide:

- ◇ **Financial Counselling for Gambling Related Issues:** Counselling for existing or recovering gamblers and their families.
- ◇ **Financial Literacy:** Workshops and presentations to help people gain skills to better understand and manage their finances.
- ◇ **Cashed Up:** A financial literacy program aimed at Middle and Senior School students.
- ◇ **Money Management Workers:** Assistance to better manage and understand financial options.

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

(08) 8972 5100

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

