

Home Stretch WA Community of Practice District Office Champion Working Group



What is it?

- A space where we can understand and learn together about how to make Home Stretch WA a success for the Department of Communities (DoC) Metropolitan District Offices.
- This group will provide guidance and support to the Community of Practice (CoP), ensuring Home Stretch WA practice and related policy, continue to evolve and integrate successfully with other parts of the system.
- It is also a forum for ideas and solutions to emerge as we tackle the problems of demand management, Leaving Care Planning and NDIS intersections.

When and for how long?

- Meetings will be for 60 minutes every 6 weeks.
- They will be virtual through Teams or in-person.
- Further opportunities to collaborate, give feedback or consultation may also occur between meetings.
- Contribution and input between each meeting are optional and may include reviewing practice resources and other content from the CoP.
- One representative will be nominated by a group to attend the Home Stretch WA Expert Panel Meeting (CoP Practice Governance Group with Providers).

Who attends?

- Convened and co-chaired by Home Stretch WA DoC District and CoP Manager.
 - Members are District Office champions of Home Stretch WA/Leaving Care or their nominee.
 - Representative from Home Stretch WA CoP (Manager or another representative)
 - DoC Home Stretch WA Rollout Team – Julie Kenyon
- Others by invitation (DoC SCPU or policy/practice staff).

What's the point of the group?

- Home Stretch WA is built around the principle of creating a smooth transition for young people. It will only work if Transition Coaches can work effectively with Child Protection Workers.
- Districts hold significant practice knowledge around leaving care planning and preparation and must play a key role in guiding the roll out of Home Stretch WA.

What will we talk about?

- The agenda will balance formal discussion with informal reflection and opportunities for discussion and collaboration.
- Some suggested areas for discussion are:
 - Home Stretch WA Practice and Policy – focus on Smooth Transition from a District Perspective (awareness, referral, onboarding process)
 - Input, consultation, and collaboration on 'Working Together' practice resource and related tools.
 - Meetings will elevate a District perspective into planning but must create a safe forum for open discussions.
 - Development of good practice and policy recommendations to support young people to connect and engage with Home Stretch WA.
 - Access and review of Home Stretch WA CoP outcomes data and dashboard (once established).
 - Access to all the Home Stretch WA documents, resources and tools used by service providers.