## WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SAID ABOUT ..



# finding a place to live after

leaving care in the Australian Capital Territory

Safe, secure, and affordable housing is necessary for wellbeing, sense of security, good physical and mental health, engagement in education and employment, and social and communiy connectedness.

CREATE asked 25 young people with a care experience aged 17 - 21 in the ACT about their thoughts and experiences finding housing after leaving care

#### 58%

didn't know where to start when finding a place to live.

### 47%

experienced homelessness at some point after leaving care thought it helpful to some degree to be able to return to a supported place

89%

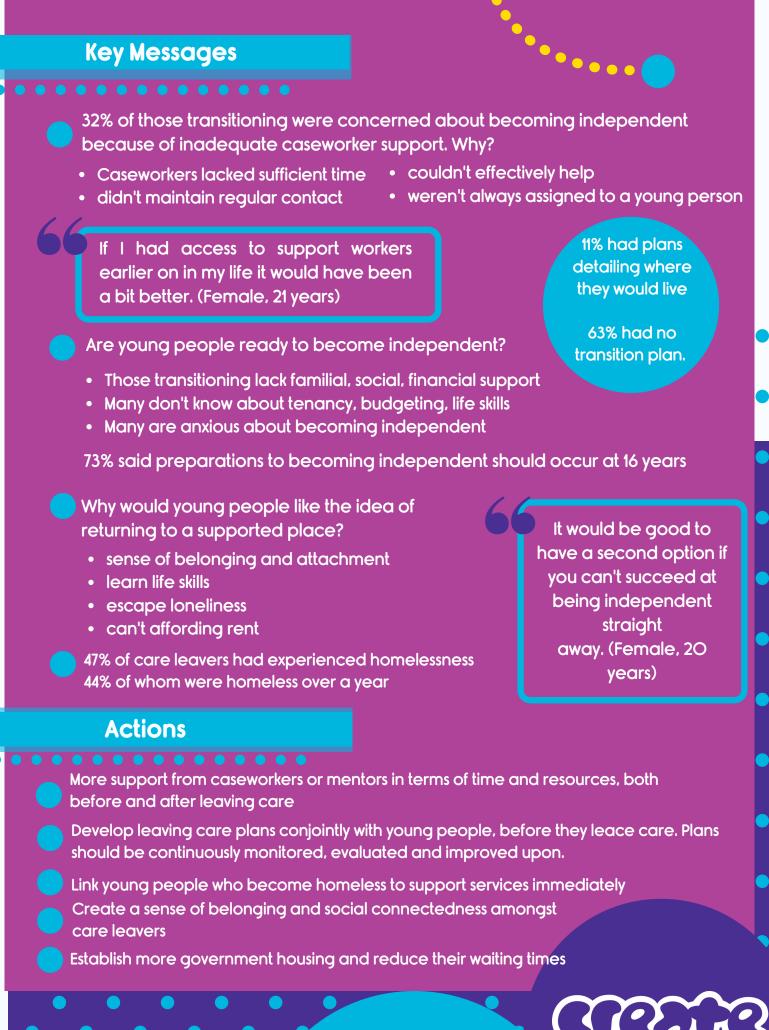
32% concerned about inadequate caseworker support

Affordability is one big thing (Female, 21 years)

I was alone. Doing everything by myself. I didn't know anything or that anyone could help really. (Female, 18 years)

I was sort of keen to be independent but also terrified. (Female, 21 years)

#### **Key Messages**



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