



Youth Housing

FOCUS Ireland

Irish Legislation and Policy

- Child Care Amendment Act 2015
- National Aftercare Policy

Currently seeking a Prevention Strategy for Youth Homelessness

Goals

Two Key Goals :

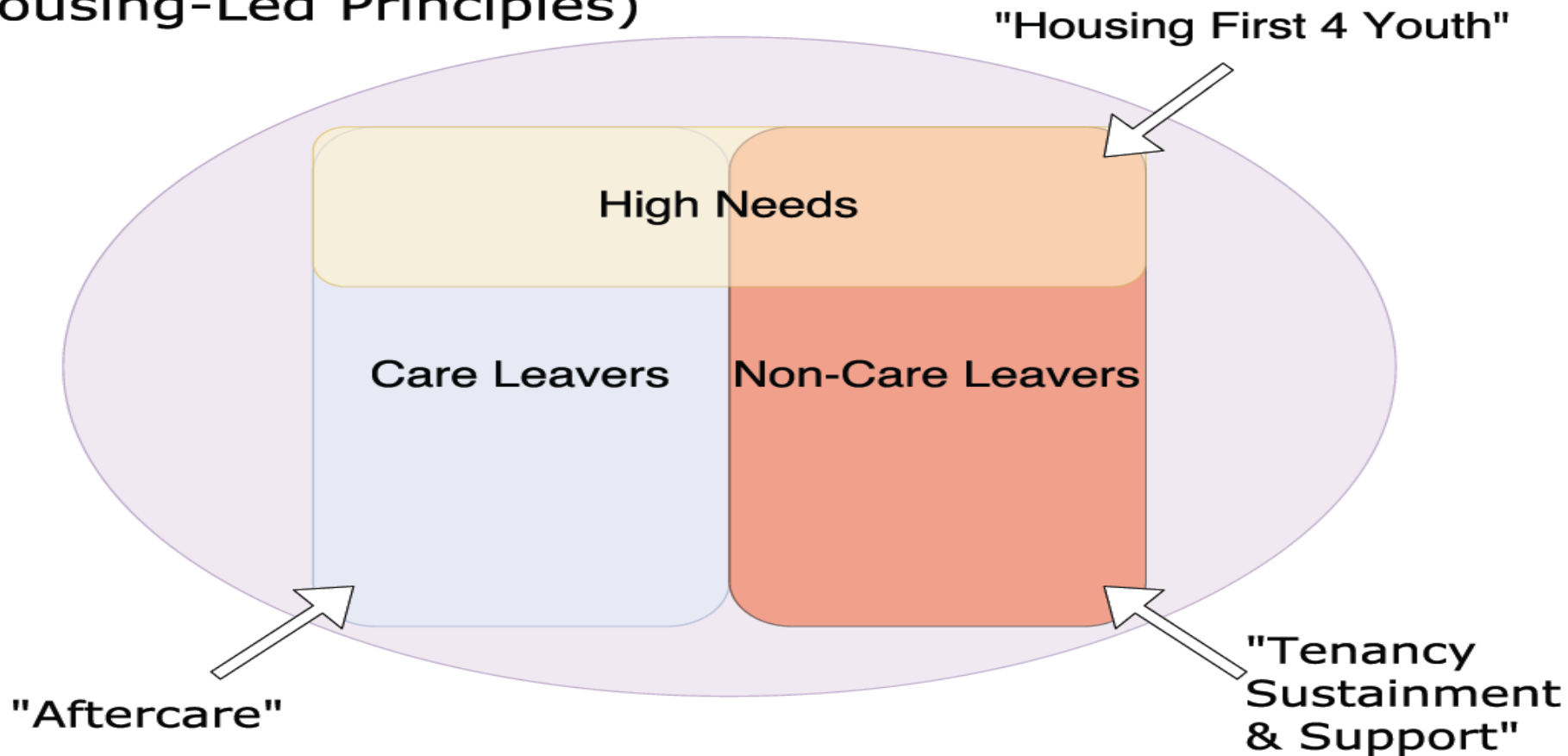
- Prevention
- Sustained Exit

Housing Led Approach

- ❖ Secure Occupancy
- ❖ Preventing Loss of existing tenancies
- ❖ Preventing a re-occurrence of Homelessness
- ❖ Providing floating support and ICM
- ❖ Employing flexible housing tenancies

Youth Housing Focus Ireland's Model

Youth Housing
(Housing-Led Principles)



Focus Ireland Service Over view

Types of Services for Young People:

1. Aftercare Residential
2. Aftercare Support and Settlement
3. Housing First for Youth
4. Youth Housing

Partnership

Key to success

Focus Ireland , Tusla- Child and Family Agency , City Municipality and Health Service.

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Focus Ireland's Model Principles:

- ❖ Recognise unique and differing needs of Young People
- ❖ Working with young people 18-26.
- ❖ Partnership
- ❖ Flexible models of housing

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Focus Ireland's Model

- Long Term Housing using a variety of housing
- Transitional Housing flexible timeframes
- Rolling Housing Model
- Zero discharge to homelessness
- Consumer choice and Self determination

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Focus Ireland's Model

- Access to housing with no preconditions
- Develop client centred flexible individual support plan
- Support the transition of YP into full independent living
- Preparation for leaving care (16 yrs)
- Social and Community integration.
- Real participation of Young people

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Focus Ireland's Model

- Maintain relationships with carers & families and develop a network of community support.
- Practical Skills – Home and lifestyle
- Maximize the education, training and employment outcomes
- Youth Housing Staff will have a case load of 10-15 depending on level of need.

Challenges

- Silo thinking within the statutory bodies
- Housing availability and quality
- PR landlords willing to rent to young people
- Flexibility of service provision vs Orthodoxy.
- Welfare entitlements available to young people.

Challenges

- Managing Set Backs, failure is acceptable - Door is always open
- Life Choices young people make may be frustrating
- Research: promotes & outlines positive outcomes & emphasises challenges - Research fatigue ?

Engagement with Others

- European Youth Platform.
- Housing First Hub
- Feansta Youth
- Canadian Homeless Hub
- Irish Coalition to end Youth Homelessness
- Youth Homeless Conference in Cork
- Evaluation of Youth Housing conducted in Limerick Launch mid Summer

No
questions,
thank you.



Any
questions?

