

Patient Travel, Accommodation, Child Nutrition & Social Support Services

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These services are based in Alice Springs. The Hospital Liaison team provides travel and accommodation, translation, and social support services to Anangu whilst in Alice Springs for inpatient or outpatient clinical services. A Social Worker adds value to this work, providing social work assessment and counselling as well as liaison and advocacy on behalf of Anangu with a range of agencies. Anangu in Alice Springs frequently confront difficulties of income and housing security, and access to mainstream services whilst in town.

The Health Council is now in its tenth year of providing a Child Health, Nutrition, Education and Support Program based in Alice Springs for mothers, carers and their infants on the APY Lands. This specialized program, focuses on interventions to improve child health outcomes, targeting children from 0-5 years of age who experience growth faltering.

Clients are accommodated at Stuart Lodge and Sid Ross Hostels where we provide nutrition education to mothers and carers to ensure children are provided with age appropriate nutrition, high calorie snacks, and drinks, and appropriate medical or allied health interventions and support. This includes breast-feeding advice for mothers with newborn babies.