

# Getting It Together Scheme

Brokerage for young people affected by Alcohol and Other Drugs

# Program Description

GITS is an early intervention program designed to assist vulnerable young people aged between 12 and 25 years of age (priority is given to those under 18 years of age) with alcohol and/or drug problems.

The geographic coverage for the Samaritans GITS provider include Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Newcastle, Cessnock, Dungog.

The goal of the program is to provide services and support to enable vulnerable young people to transition to or resume self sufficient living, free of dependence on alcohol and/or drugs.

GITS providers deliver either brokerage or brokerage and case management.

The Samaritans GITS tender is for brokerage only although applicants must be engaged with a caseworker and the application must be made by their caseworker.

# The Application Process

- All applications must be typed and sent via email to [gits@Samaritans.org.au](mailto:gits@Samaritans.org.au) – no hand written applications.
- Applications can be made for a maximum of \$300 per young person per financial year.
- Priority is given to young people under the age of 16 although applications for young people 17-25 will be considered.

# Section One

- Section one of the application includes details of the young person you are applying on behalf of.
- This information is for FACS data reporting and to ensure target groups are being prioritised.
- If these details are not filled out completely your application will be returned for amendments.

1. Referral Agency Details		
Worker's Name:	Mary Smith	
Name of Service or Agency:	YOUTH Co. Maitland	
Referrer's Contact Details:	Phone: 4912 345	Email: mary.smith@youthco.org.au
	Mobile: 0400 000 000	Address: 123 Main Rd Maitland
2. Client Details		
Name: Kate Doe	Age: 16	
Gender: Female	DOB: 01/02/2002	
Does young person have a diagnosed disability?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Provide details of the young person's cultural background: <i>i.e. Iranian, Australian, Chinese</i> Australian Aboriginal/Maori		
Does young person identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the young person come from a CALD background?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Purpose of Brokerage Please choose one option from the below list:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Meals	
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial/Material Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Rent in Advance	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Rental Bond	
<input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Transport	

# Section Two

- **Details of Requested items:** What is the brokerage being used for and what is the approximate cost?
- **Outline the young person's history of AOD:** What is the history of AOD? This can be the young person's AOD use or the affect of AOD within the family unit or community.
- **Outline young person's current situation and how brokerage will be used to support them:** What barriers does the young person face? How does this link to AOD and how will brokerage alleviate some of the stressors associated with these barriers.
- **What else to include:** What are the strengths of the young person? Are they linked in with services? Have they expressed a want to cut down their AOD use? How will brokerage support the strengths of the young person?
- Any other information that helps paint a picture of where the young person is at in their life, attending school, what their family unit looks like etc

Details of Requested Items:	
Item	Approx. Cost
Clothing	\$ 150
Gym Membership	\$ 150
<b>TOTAL (max. \$300)</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>
Outline Young Person's History of Alcohol and/or Drug misuse/barriers:	
<p>Clothing &amp; Gym Membership KATE has a long history of Alcohol and marijuana use. Kate currently resides with her Aunty and 2 cousins in Government housing. She left home due to her parent's alcohol abuse, DV and family violence. KATE states that since a very young age she has been partaking in alcohol &amp; marijuana use due to exposure during her childhood home and with her community and family friends. Kate has AFS due to her mother's drinking while she was in utero.</p>	
Outline young person's current situation and how brokerage will be used to support them:	
<p>KATE is not currently linked in with Centrelink and is experiencing financial hardship. KATE does not have any clothes that are suitable for her to commence employment seeking or sit for job interviews. She also does not have clothes for fitness and social activities. Kate is a very active and driven young woman who is very eager to quit drug use and start fresh in her Aunty's home. She hopes that being in an environment without D&amp;A will enable her to 'kick her bad habits,' meet new friends and get healthy via Gym Memberships for Zumba groups and a fitness coach.</p> <p>KATE currently is involved with YOUTHSPACE and is undergoing Alcohol and Other Drug counselling through their D&amp;A Partnership Program. KATE states that she would like to obtain clean casual clothing so she can feel comfortable in the community and not feel judged.</p> <p>KATE also states she would like to be able to be dressed professionally and approach perspective employers with the goal of obtaining some casual employment. KATE has recently reduced her use of marijuana and has a good record in attending all YOUTHSPACE and Youth Co Maitland appointments.</p>	

# Section Three- Brief summary of case plan

- A key deliverable of GITS is that the young person is linked in with a Case Worker. As Samaritans only oversees the brokerage aspect of the support, it is important that the application details the case plan goals of the young person and how brokerage will be useful to these goals.
- Although only a brief outline is needed, a full picture of the young person's goals is helpful when reviewing applications.

## **Detail the Case Plan your service is implementing with the young person:**

- 1) Assist in developing a resume.
- 2) Assist in applying for jobs, interview skills, and job seeking skills.
- 3) Assist in gaining suitable identification.
- 4) Assist with process of Centrelink application
- 5) Assist with funding for clothing/interview clothing.
- 6) Assist with promotion psycho social & health promotion activities.

## Section Four- Expected outcome/s of brokerage in relation to Case Plan

- The broad goal of the GIT program is that young people who access GIT services transition to or resume self-sufficient living, free of dependence on drugs and/or alcohol.
- This section should detail how the goals stated in their case plan will be achieved and supported by brokerage.

### Outline the expected outcome/s of brokerage in relation to the Case Plan:

If KATE is granted brokerage for the above requested items the hope is that she will be able to feel more comfortable when in the community and more confident within herself, allowing her to reach her full potential and personal goals. The brokerage will assist KATE to be able to approach perspective employers in regards to job applications and attend psycho social & health promotion activities. The hope is this support will aid KATE to continue on a positive path away from Drug and Alcohol environments and dependency.

# Section Five- Payment Options

- *Your Service will purchase goods and send invoice for reimbursement invoice made out to: Samaritans GITS Program GITS along with proof of payment*
- *Your Service will send invoice directly from the supplier outlined in application- invoice made out to: Samaritans GITS Program*
- *Can you please order vouchers for company mentioned in application (Kmart, Woolworths, Big W, Coles/Myer)*

## *Internal Transfers (Samaritans Only):*

- *Use a Samaritans purchase order form as you would normally. Fill in all sections and get it signed by your Senior Worker/Manager*
- *The 'ORIGINAL Yellow FORM' is then sent to **me** rather than finance to finalise the payment. Use the GITS# reference Number from your application in the item description so I know which Young Person the account is for.*