

# Staying On Agreement



## Card Sort Activity- Practice Tool

The card sort activity is a non-threatening way to set up a Staying On Agreement.

The cards can be used to open discussion on the expectations on the living arrangement once the young person is 18 and provide an opportunity to talk about any issues that may arise and how these may be addressed.

It can be used to work out any house rules and expectations and the young persons contribution, support available through the Home Stretch team and roles and responsibilities within the Staying On Agreement.

The cards can be cut out and additional topics added if relevant.

## Card Sort Activity – Step by Step Guide

**People involved:** Young Person, Carer/family, Transition Coach, Staying On Facilitator, Other Supports/ Family as relevant

**Activity options:**

**Group discussion**

1. Place all the cards on the floor
2. Carers and Young People select those that are most important to them to talk about when living together.
3. Discuss what the expectations are around each card
4. Discuss any current issues and possible ways to deal with them if they arise
5. Come up with an agreement about how to make it work.
6. Fill in the "Staying On Agreement template" with what has been agreed upon and sign.

**Take turns**

1. Young person to meet with transition coach to discuss topics important to them
2. Carer to meet with Coordinator to discuss topics important to them
3. Young Person and Carer to meet together to discuss all topics and ways to deal with any issues that arise.
4. Come up with an agreement about how to make it work.
5. Fill in the "Staying On Agreement template" with what has been agreed upon and sign.

\* The process can be repeated for Staying On Reviews

Nailing it!

Not on my  
radar

Agree

Don't  
agree

Acknowledging existing house rules, elements that aren't relevant, as well allowing space matching and differing opinions...

Not sure

Think about  
it

To be talked  
about

Not  
relevant

Young people and carers might have differing opinions or not sure where they sit with something just yet. Give time to think about and address at a review, or amongst themselves.

# Important

# Not Important

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Looking after  
my space

Finding a  
place to live

Other people  
living here

Moving out

Living together...

Using the  
car

Staying On for  
How Long?

House Rules

Living together...



Smoking

Staying  
healthy

Drinking at  
home

Using drugs

Partners  
staying over

Friends &  
family staying  
over

Dealing with  
conflict

Talking to the  
Department

Connecting  
with family

Getting  
around

Coming &  
going

Handling  
crisis

Supporting relationships

Exploring  
culture

Customs  
and rituals

Connection  
to Country

Used to work out the young persons  
contribution

*What can I  
contribute to?*

Gardening

Internet

Fuel

Cleaning

Doing a  
shop

Laundry

Ironing

SOA: Contributing to the household

Cooking

Bills

Insurance

Anything  
Else

SOA: Contributing to the household



Talk about the different Roles & the  
Agreement

Home Stretch  
Coach

Home Stretch  
Coordinator

Young Person

Carer

SOA: To explain the different roles & responsibilities within the Staying On Agreement

Case  
Worker

Someone  
else

SOA: To explain the different roles & responsibilities within the Staying On Agreement

Reviewing the  
Agreement

Reviewing the  
Payment

Confidentiality

SOA: To explain the different roles & responsibilities within the Staying On Agreement