



## Promoting Homeshare in Australasia





# Younger Persons HOMESHARE

YPH

**“Supporting people  
to live at home with dignity”**

*Perth Home Care Services*



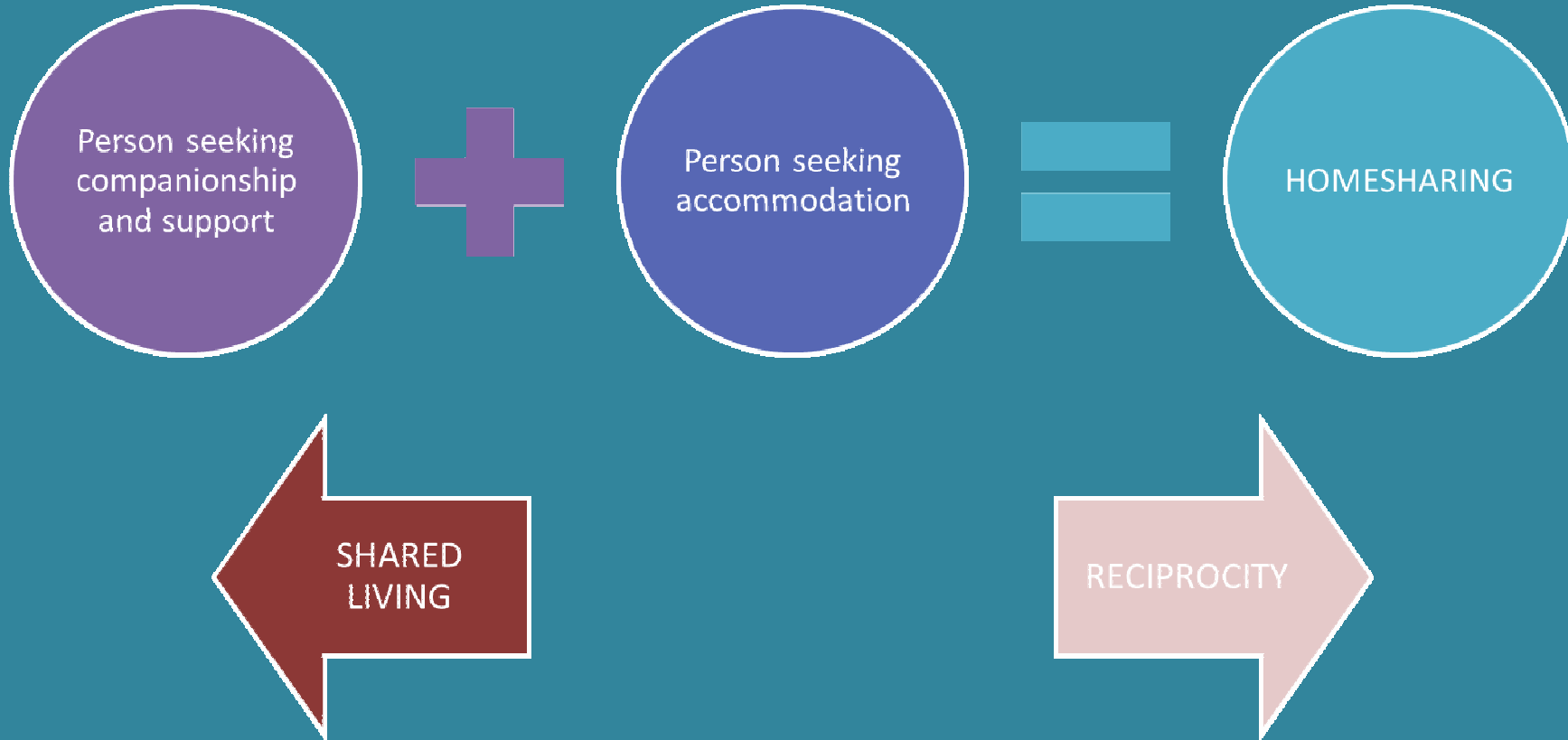
## The YPH Project

- Extend the Homeshare concept and test the model for householders with disabilities
- Establish whether Homeshare has potential as an alternative accommodation option for people with disabilities
- Determine whether Homeshare services could be purchased through Individualised Support Package (ISP) funding (Disability Act 2006), which focuses on supporting people to continue living in the community and housing of choice.



## Disability Act 2006

- Disability Act 2006 defines disability in relation to a person as:
  - sensory, physical or neurological impairment or acquired brain injury or combination thereof
  - an intellectual disability
  - a developmental delay





## What does Homeshare do?

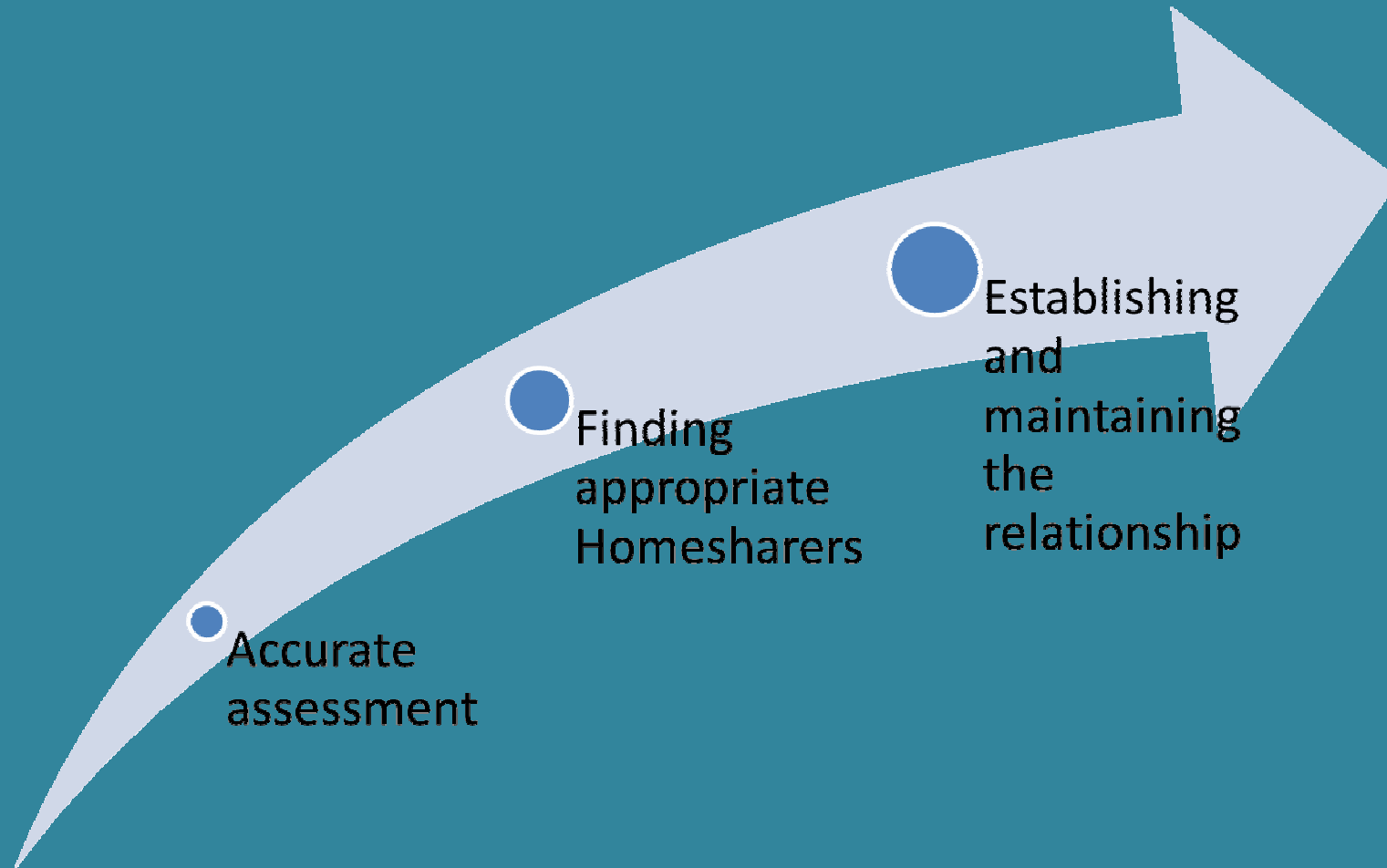
- a professional screening, matching and monitoring service for people with a disability wanting to find an appropriate person to share their accommodation





## KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. Skilled and experienced staff
2. Well designed assessment tools & processes,
3. Clear selection criteria for Homeshare participants



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## YOUNGER HOUSEHOLDER SITUATIONS

Maintaining independence

Supporting Householder and carer

Attaining or achieving independence



## KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OPH AND YPH

### OLDER PEOPLE

- Maintaining householder in their established home connected to their community and networks.
- Power is well established with the householder
- Health may be deteriorating, focus on well being and maintenance of independence.

### YOUNGER PEOPLE

- Aiding in the establishment of a new home and connections with communities.
- Learning to live away from home and how to run your own home and life.
- Challenge for families with the change of their role.



## Review of Disability Homeshare 2010

Homeshare Disability has proved to be a very worthwhile program empowering people with disabilities to:

- lead their lives with dignity;
- achieve or maintain independence and
- be included in society



## Review of Disability Homeshare 2010

### Recommendations:

- Ensure appropriate systems are in place to market the program
- Clarify and strengthen the eligibility criteria for householders
- Ensure coordinators are clear on their role and work within this role



## TARGET GROUP FOR DISABILITY HOMESHARE

Any person with a disability provided they have the appropriate supports to maintain them in their home and are ready to share.



## ABILITY to share

- Physically
- Emotionally
- psychologically
- spiritually

## READINESS to share

- Understands the principles of Homeshare – shared living & reciprocity
- Accepting of sharing
- Accommodation set up ready to share

## SUITABILITY to share

- Socially able to share – ‘good to live with’
- Physical environment appropriate
- appropriate level of support in place to maintain person in their home



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## **Homesharer – Key selection criteria**

- Genuine interest in the lives and experiences of older people &/or people with a disability
- Capacity to share the home of the older householder or HH with a disability
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Mature, sociable, emotionally stable and resourceful approach to life
- Time in daily & weekly routine for company and helping.



## Why is Homeshare important?

- Reduces isolation of both parties.
- Safety in the home for the householder.
- Reduces or delays admission to residential care.
- Homesharer receives affordable accommodation.
- Both parties develop new skills, relationships and increased empathy for cultural differences.



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