

Honour My Choice

TALDUMANDE YOUTH SERVICES

Taldumande Youth Services is a well-established lead youth organisation that supports vulnerable and homeless children and young people aged 12–24 years, and their families, across Sydney. On any given night, Taldumande has over 70 children and young people staying in their accommodation.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OR SURVIVOR OF FORCED MARRIAGE, HONOUR MY CHOICE CAN HELP YOU

Taldumande's Honour My Choice program is a leader in prevention and care of children and young people who are victims/survivors of forced marriage. Honour My Choice is a free program that helps children and young people who are involved in a forced marriage. It will provide you or someone you know with education about forced marriage, and it will connect you with services that can provide you with much needed assistance such as accommodation, mental health support and legal help.

A New Pathway

Since 2015, Taldumande has offered an accommodation service tailored to girls and young women aged 16–21 who are escaping forced marriage. Our houses are spacious and furnished, you have your own bedroom, and they have everything you need. A New Pathway program offers daily support from friendly staff, so you can set personal goals, and work on your living skills. When you are ready to move to more independent accommodation, we can assist you to transition to other Taldumande properties or we can connect you to a variety of suitable accommodation services in the community. Specialist case management and accommodation is also provided to young male victims of forced marriage either through one of our other Taldumande properties or in collaboration with external accommodation services.

FORCED MARRIAGE IS ILLEGAL IN AUSTRALIA

YOU ARE NOT ALONE AND YOU CAN GET SUPPORT

If you or someone you know requires support, please contact one of our friendly caseworkers at Honour My Choice for further information and guidance:

☎ (02) 9460 3777 Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

✉ administration@taldumande.org.au

🌐 www.taldumande.org.au

If you think someone is currently in, or at immediate risk of a forced marriage, call the Australian Federal Police on 131 AFP (131 237).

In an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000).

This modern slavery grant project received grant funding from the Australian Government.

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Honour My Choice can:



1. Provide information and resources about forced marriage.



2. Connect you to a friendly caseworker who will coordinate the support you need.



3. Support you to access safe accommodation either through Taldumande Youth Services or with another suitable service.

Honour My Choice can help you recover and rebuild your life

What can you expect from Honour My Choice?

A friendly and experienced caseworker will work closely with you and your school to help provide the support you may need. You can meet with your caseworker in a confidential place at your school, or in another safe place where you feel most comfortable.

Honour My Choice can assist you early so that your situation does not get worse. You will be provided with information to increase your awareness about all the options that are available to help you, so that you can decide what is best for you and your future.

Honour My Choice is provided free of charge to all children and young people entering the program and is available whether you decide to leave your family, stay at home or seek legal assistance. Honour My Choice will empower you to make your own decisions and will truly honour the choices that you make.

Our friendly and highly skilled caseworkers can provide you with help and support every step of the way, whether you are residing in Taldumande accommodation, in a private rental, or with another service.

