

Taldumande Youth Services

HONOUR MY CHOICE

Taldumande Youth Services is a well-established 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.

FORCED MARRIAGE IS ILLEGAL IN AUSTRALIA

IT IS A SLAVERY-LIKE PRACTICE, A FORM OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS



A New Pathway

Since 2015, Taldumande has offered an accommodation service tailored to victims and survivors of forced marriage for girls and young women aged 16-21. 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.

Specialised case managers can offer support on a daily basis using practical support tools focusing on independent living skills and capacity building. This approach facilitates the young person's collaboration on setting and attaining personal goals, and the development of a strong working relationship with the young person and all relevant services.

If a child or young person you know requires support, or to book an Honour My Choice workshop to explain the program in more detail at your school or service, please contact our specialised Taldumande case managers at Honour My Choice for further information and a confidential consultation.

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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.



Forced Marriage is **ILLEGAL** in Australia

The Honour My Choice program aims to help stop the crime of forced marriage

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 offers trauma-informed and culturally sensitive wrap-around case management support for children and young people affected by forced marriage, as well as educational resources for schools and front-line community workers who are in a position to identify the young people of concern.

This free program provides your staff with specialised training in how to incorporate the comprehensive Honour My Choice resources into your existing teaching materials, in a way that is easy and efficient. Our staff will assist you to specifically tailor the program to your curriculum, services and student/client cohort.

Personalised assistance is available for children and young people escaping forced marriage

Honour My Choice can:

- 1** Provide schools and community services with a resource kit for children and young people who are at risk of or experiencing forced marriage.
- 2** Provide teachers with a syllabus unit that explores forced marriage through the domestic and family violence lens, and which adheres to the NSW Curriculum standards for Stage 5 English. It can also be tailored for the following Stage 5 and Stage 6 learning areas: Humanities, Social Sciences, Civics and Citizenship, Social Justice, Religious Education, Health and Physical Education, and Life Skills.
- 3** Offer specialised casework coordination for children and young people.
- 4** Support young people to access accommodation.



Honour My Choice engages young victims/survivors of forced marriage with holistic, collaborative, and practical supports

Inclusive Eligibility: Each child and young person will be eligible for support regardless of their decision to leave the family, stay at home or engage in the legal process. Honour My Choice will truly honour the choices of children and young people and aims to educate and foster awareness about forced marriage and its implications.

Honour My Choice provides specialist guidance on how to support a young victim/survivor in a confidential and compassionate way

Specialist Case Management: The program provides case management for children and young people who have been identified as at risk of or escaping forced marriage. Our skilled case managers will support these children/young people to make informed decisions and provide intensive assistance for them to be connected to appropriate services which may include accommodation, employment, legal, financial, and health/mental health support.

