

A pathway out  
of homelessness  
for pregnant women  
and their babies

## FOR REFERRALS:

Health professionals and support services are encouraged to refer eligible women to the Cornelia Program. For enquiries, please send an email to: [corneliaprogram@thewomens.org.au](mailto:corneliaprogram@thewomens.org.au) or call the Royal Women's Hospital during business hours on 03 8345 2000.

The Cornelia Program is a collaboration between the Royal Women's Hospital, HousingFirst and Launch Housing.

Are you pregnant and  
experiencing homelessness?

Do you need help with housing  
and social support?

The Cornelia Program provides pregnant women who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness with a supportive pathway to safe accommodation, community services and compassionate health care.





## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

**The Cornelia Program offers eligible women a safe and secure home for up to 12 months.**

It is a friendly and supportive program located at a brand-new social housing site in St Kilda.

Women are able to access specialist maternity, post-natal and other health care, as well referrals to other specialist services. The team also provides guidance and advice on accessing financial support and when the time is right, will help mothers to exit the program into stable long-term housing.

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE CORNELIA PROGRAM?

You may be able to join the Cornelia Program if you are pregnant, close to giving birth or have recently given birth (up to six weeks) and you:

- Are experiencing insecure housing or homelessness;
- Have no other children currently in your care; and
- You are willing to live alone with your newborn child.

## WHAT IS THE CORNELIA PROGRAM?

**Finding yourself pregnant, when you don't feel safe and supported is scary.**

Every mother wants the best for her baby, but sometimes, it's incredibly hard when you are facing major challenges in your life.

The Cornelia Program provides safety and support for pregnant women and mothers who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless.



**Safe and secure home**



**Friendly and supportive**



**Stability and care**

## HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

**If you think the Cornelia Program might be suitable for you, please talk to your worker, a medical professional or call the Cornelia Program team at the Royal Women's Hospital during business hours on 03 8345 2000.**