

The Asylum Seekers Centre provides practical and personal support for asylum seekers living in the community.

Our services include casework, accommodation, financial relief, employment assistance, health care and counselling, education, advocacy, food and recreational activities.

We are a not-for-profit organisation and rely on grants, donations and volunteers to undertake our work.

The Asylum Seekers Centre is a place of hospitality and welcome. It is an oasis for many people, a safe place for those who have fled situations of great danger.

Call us
02 9078 1900

Read more
asylumseekerscentre.org.au

Email us
reception@asylumseekerscentre.org.au

Visit us
Becher House
43 Bedford Street
Newtown 2042
NSW Australia

Open
Monday – Thursday
9.30am – 4.00pm



Getting to us
We are located in Newtown, close to Newtown Station and about 4km south west of Sydney's central business district.

By train
Catch a train to Newtown Station. Cross over King St and Enmore Rd, go down the steps and turn left into Bedford Street.

Becher House is a brightly coloured building about 250m on the right, opposite the train tracks.

By bus
Buses 411 and 429 run from the CBD, past Sydney University to Newtown Station.

The 426 bus runs from Stand B, Circular Quay.

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Health Service





If you are ineligible for Medicare and do not have any financial income, we can assist you with your general health care.

Our services include health care assessments, medical and oral health consultations, mental health counselling, physiotherapy, osteopathy, referrals, education and advocacy. All of these services are supplied pro bono by our broad network of health care providers.

Clinics and Referrals

Regular clinics are run in:

- General Practice Medicine
- Mental Health Counselling
- Oral Health
- Physiotherapy
- Osteopathy

We also assist with referrals to external health care specialists which can be accessed at no cost.

- Optometry
- Pathology
- Radiology
- Children's Health

Advocacy

We advocate for fee-waivers for specialist consultations and emergency treatment at public hospitals.

Education

We provide:

- General health information in your own language
- Women's health information

Confidentiality

Any information you give to the Health Service staff is confidential. This means that we will not pass on your personal information to any other person or organisation without your prior consent (unless we believe there is a serious risk to your safety or somebody else's safety).

To Make an Appointment

To make an appointment, telephone the Health Service at the Asylum Seekers Centre: (02) 9078 1900 or email reception@asylumseekerscentre.org.au

If you have difficulties speaking or understanding English: Call 131 450 and ask for an interpreter who speaks your language. Ask the interpreter to telephone us on 9078 1900. This is a free service.

When you call, we will ask you:

- What type of health care assistance you need
- If you are homeless
- About your visa
- If you are receiving help from another organisation.

Emergencies

For medical emergencies go to the Emergency Department of your nearest public hospital, or call 000 for an ambulance if you cannot get there on your own.