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**The Asylum Seekers
Centre provides personal
and practical support to
people living in the
community who are
seeking asylum.**



How we help



- Employment assistance
- Health
- Personal practical & administrative assistance
- Legal
- Nutrition, education & social support

How we help

In 2017 we worked with more than 2,500 people seeking asylum:

- 725 were children
- 1,014 were new to the Centre
- From over 80 countries



People arrived by plane and by boat.

Challenges faced by people seeking asylum

People seeking asylum demonstrate great resilience and also face serious challenges.

The process of applying for protection is lengthy and uncertain - some people wait years for a decision.

During this time, many:

- Face financial hardship
- Struggle to afford accommodation
- Lack legal assistance
- Become socially isolated
- May not be able to find a job
- May have to reapply for Medicare regularly.



Our Health service

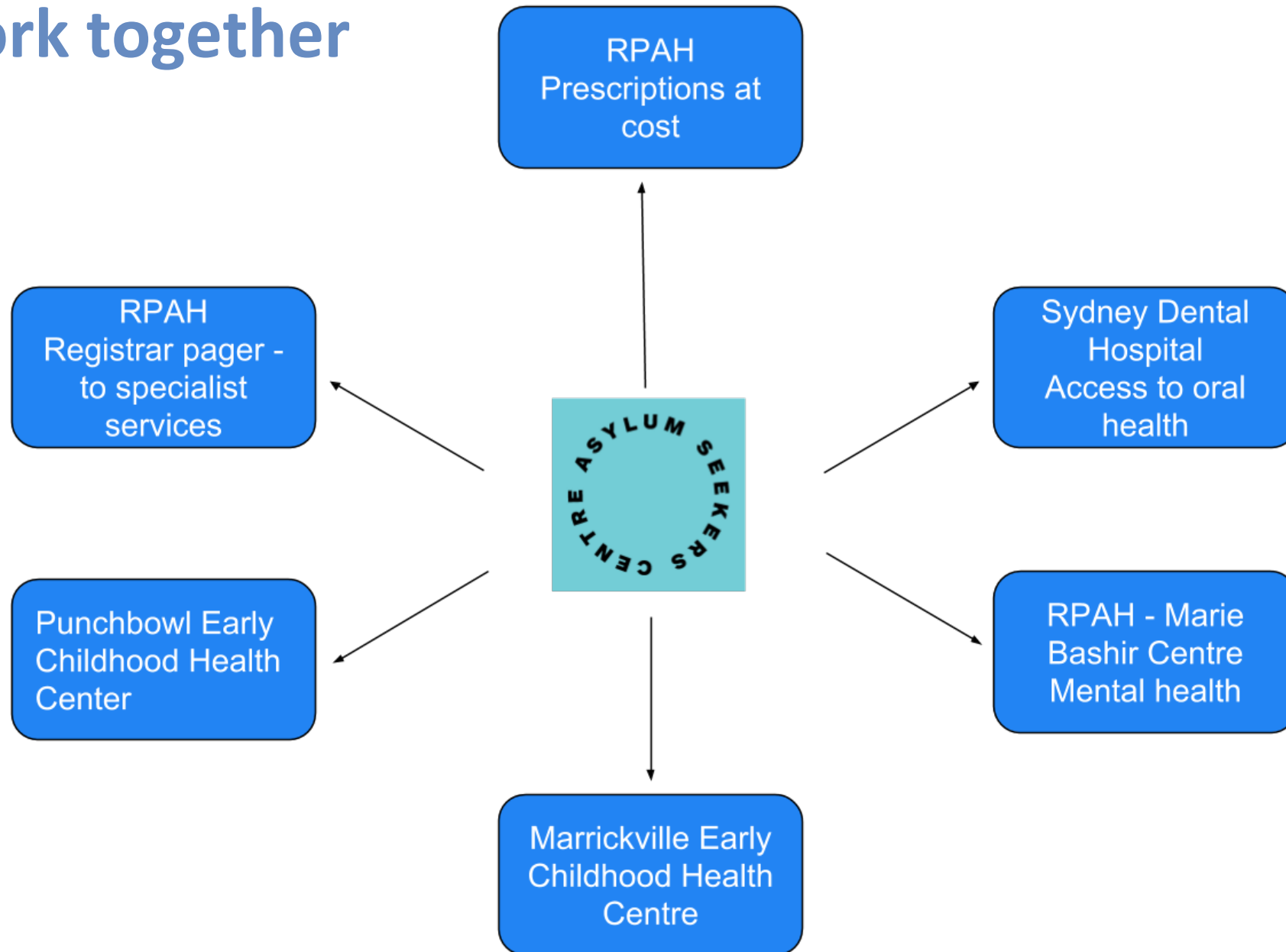
Our Health service provides:

- General medicine and nurse led clinics.
- Physiotherapy.
- Prescription medicines.
- Fortnightly optometry clinic.
- Fortnightly family planning clinic.
- Referrals for specialised counselling and dental clinics.

During 2017 we provided 2,510 health assessments and 1,025 pharmaceutical prescriptions.



Some of the ways SLHD & ASC work together



Synchronised collaboration



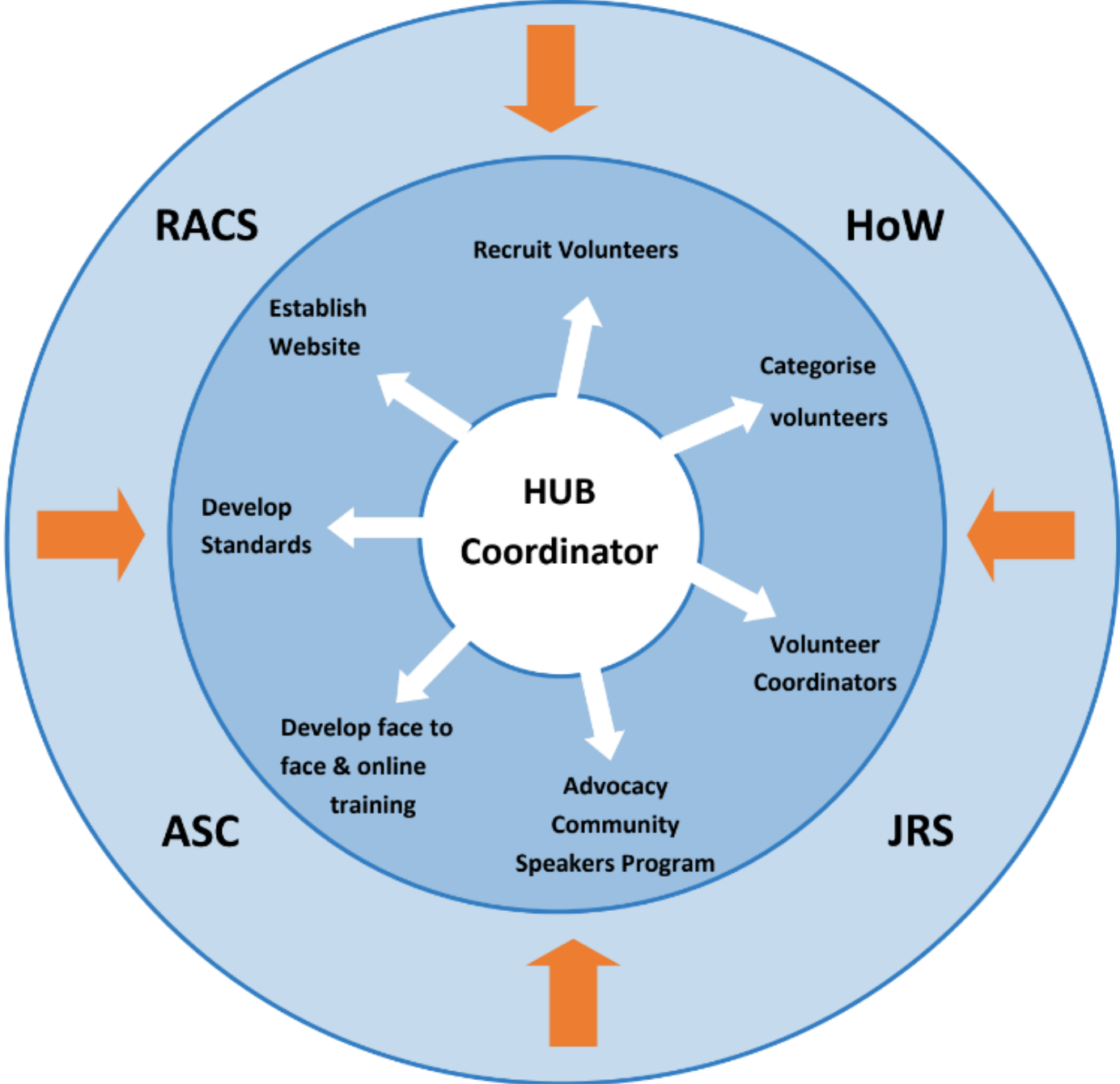
NAPSA's first initiative



**WORKING TOGETHER FOR A WELCOMING
COMMUNITY**



The HUB



Practical ways you can support people seeking asylum

- **Become an employer partner** - asylumseekerscentre.org.au/employment/
- **Make a donation** - asylumseekerscentre.org.au/donate
- **Donate to our Food Bank or organise a food or toiletry drive**
asylumseekerscentre.org.au/food-and-toiletry-donations/
- **Host a community fundraiser** - asylumseekerscentre.org.au/support-us/
- **Raise community awareness by booking a speaker for your social group, school or fundraising event** - asylumseekerscentre.org.au/community-speakers-program/
- **Donate your old tablet, laptop or mobile** - asylumseekerscentre.org.au/laptop-donation/
- **Visit the Hub** - <https://www.nswhumanitarianhub.org.au/>



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