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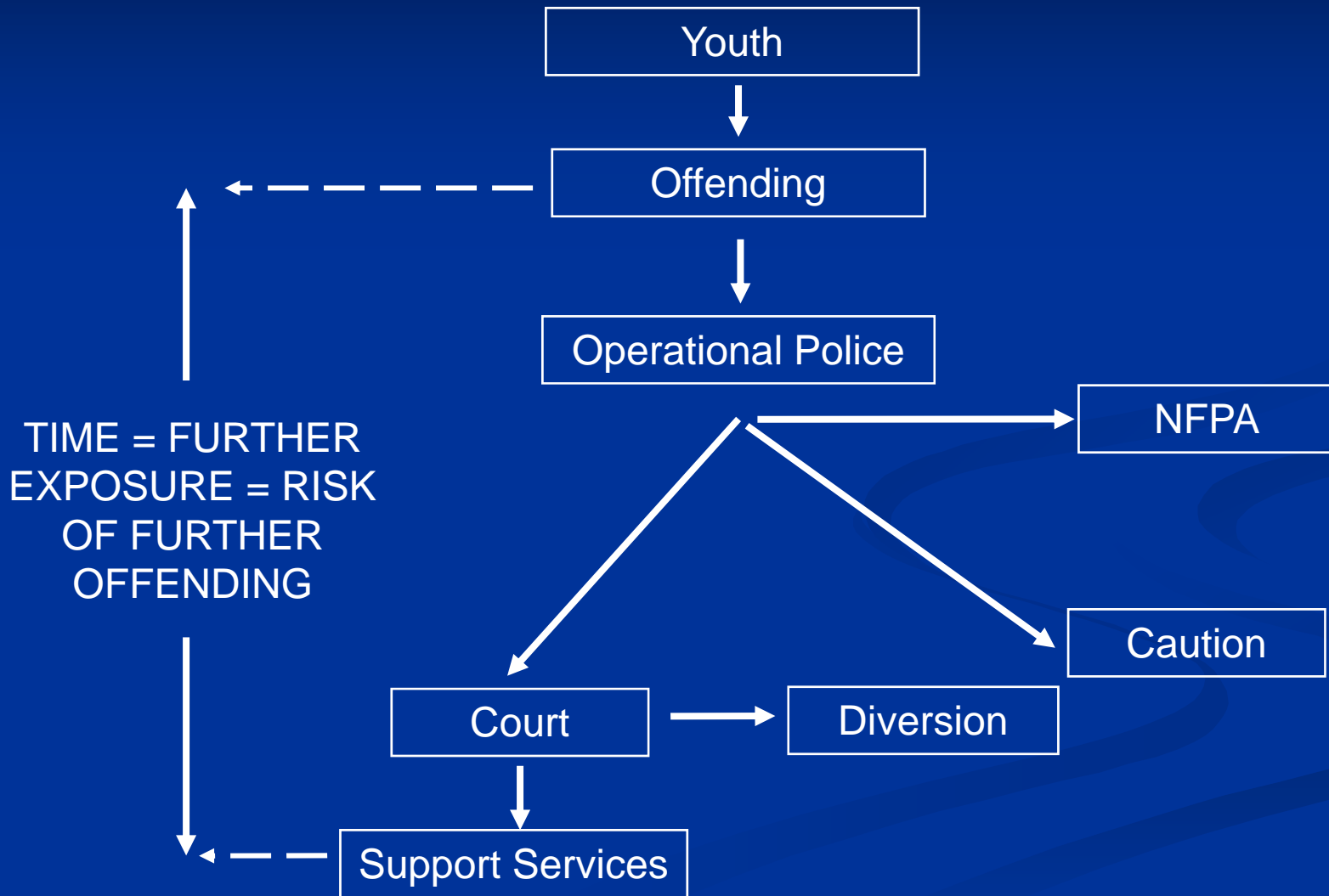
Youth Assist Program

# **Police & Community Youth Assist Program**

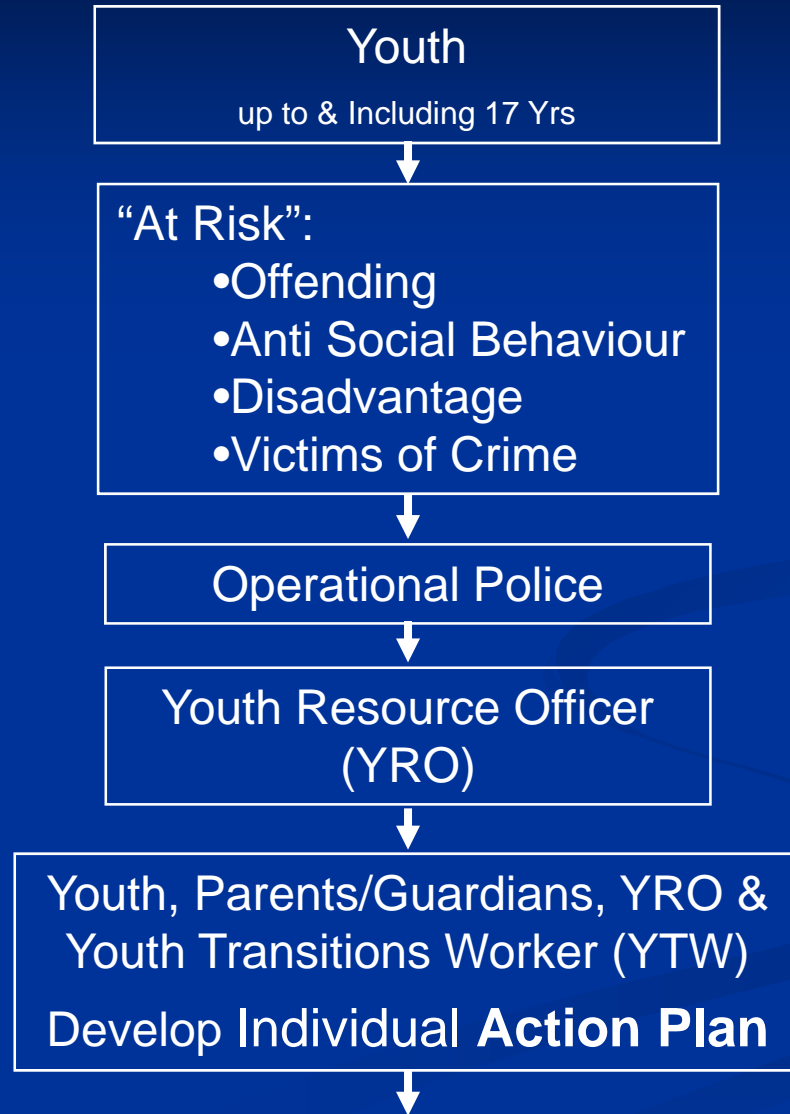
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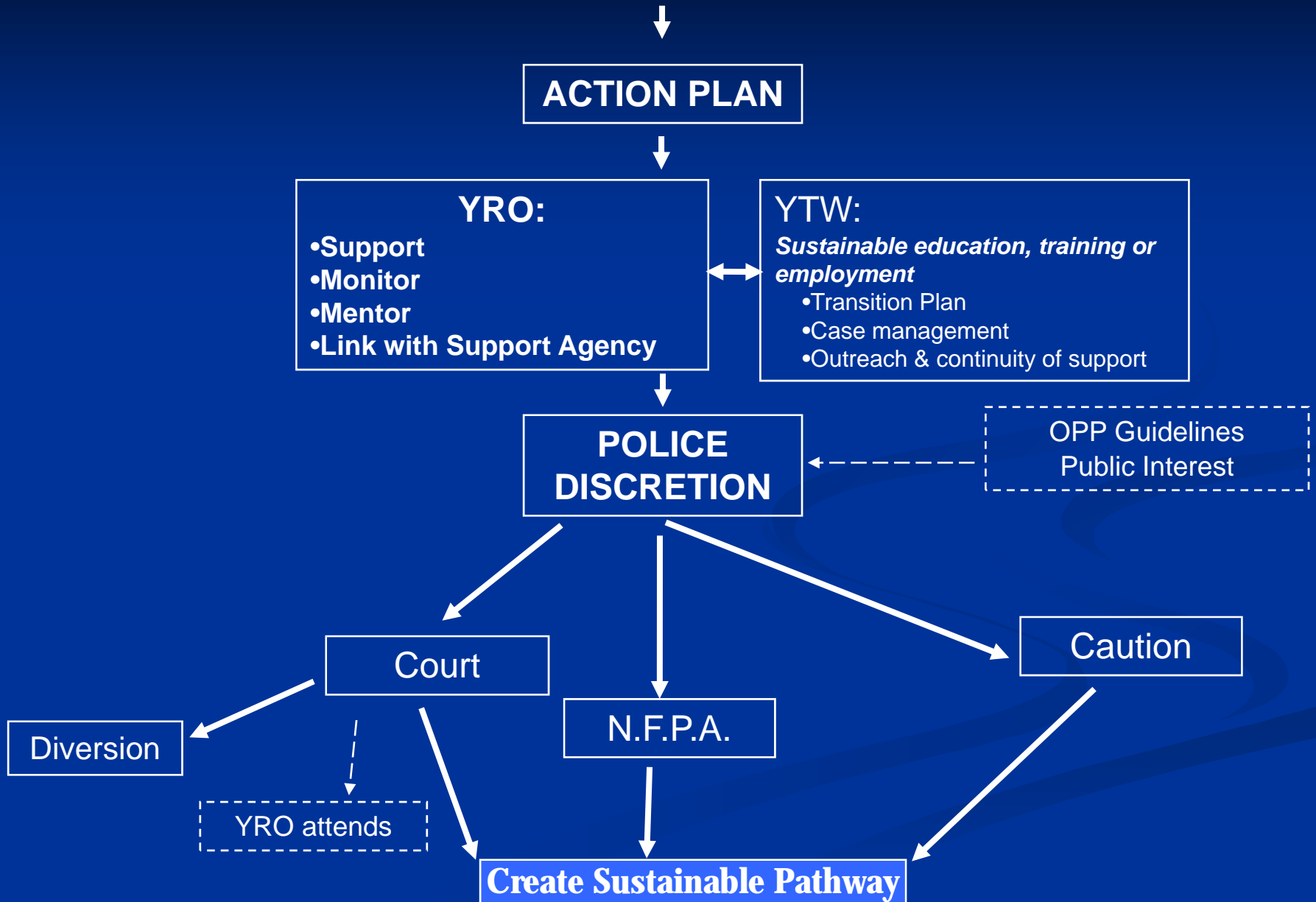
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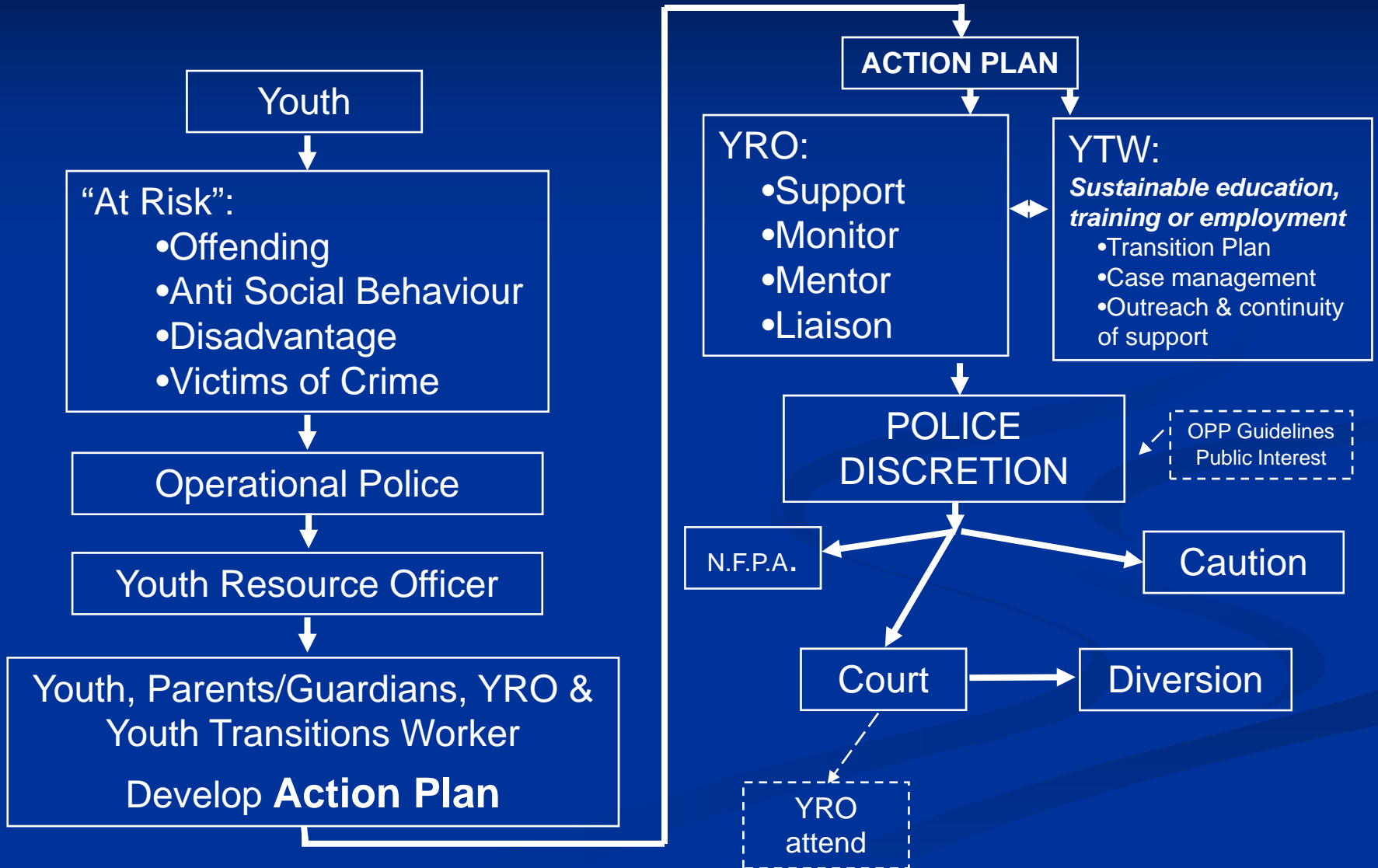
# Youth Assist Process



# Youth Assist Process *Continued*



# Youth Assist Process - *Summary*





# Partnering Agencies

## **Family Conflict/Relationship Problems:**

- Anglicare FIYS Family Integrated Youth Service
- PYFS Peninsula Youth & Family Services

## **Substance Abuse:**

- YSAS (Youth Substance Abuse Centre)
- PENDAP (Pen Drug & Alcohol program)

## **Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault:**

- Frankston WAYSS Ltd
- SECCASA South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault
- SOCIT (Sex Offence Crime I/V Team.)

## **Health Issues:**

- Frankston Integrated Health Centre
- Youth Resource Centre

## **Anti-Social Behaviour & Isolation:**

- Youth Resource Centre
- Frankston Ambassadors (Frankston Council)

## **Mental Health:**

- Frankston CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service)
- Headspace Peninsula

## **Accommodation:**

- Youth Resource Centre
- Crisis Centre
- WAYSS Ltd.

## **Employment, Education & Training:**

- Department of Education
- Taskforce Community Agency
- LLEN Local Learning & Employment Network
- PYFS Peninsula Youth & Family Services
- Chisholm Institute
- Mission Australia.
- Secondary College Well-Being Team

## **Child Protection:**

- Department of Human Service

## **Cultural Barriers:**

- Vic Pol Aboriginal Liaison Officer
- Community Elders
- Vic Pol Multi Cultural Division

## **Legal Advice:**

- Peninsula Community Legal Service



# Policy “Fit”

“The Way Ahead 2008 – 2013”

**Attorney Generals Justice Statement**

**Vulnerable Youth Framework 2008**

## *Child & Youth Policy:*

- ☑ Early preventative intervention
- ☑ Addresses causes not the symptoms of problem behaviour
- ☑ Integrated and holistic approach embracing the family, peer, community, education and employment networks that is considerate of cultural influences
- ☑ Building capacity at the local level to identify, intervene and respond to the factors that influence youth over representation in crime & road statistics
- ☑ Reduces the likelihood of further harm occurring by responding at the earliest opportunity
- ☑ Diversion from the negative effects of exposure to the criminal justice system
- ☑ Focuses on community partnerships, referral and the use of discretionary powers in utilising pre-court and non court options

## *Youth Resource Officer Role:*

- ☑ Provide a policing youth framework that increases the capacity of police to deal with police/youth issues, whilst addressing the needs of effective operational policing partnership with the local community & government agencies.
- ☑ To engage all sectors of the community which develops the capacity of local communities to deal with youth issues.
- ☑ Provide a service which best suits the needs of the organisation, local police and young people.
- ☑ Work with local partners in identifying local youth issues and developing strategies with appropriate performance measures for success.
- ☑ Work with local communities and partners to develop systems, support and services to provide young people with positive pathways for developing to their full potential.
- ☑ Support and increase the capacity of local operational police to identify and address youth issues.
- ☑ Provide an equitable policing service to both rural and metropolitan Victoria.