Youth Assist Program
Police & Community
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Frankston

July 2007 Pilot
Current Process

Youth → Offending → Operational Police

TIME = FURTHER EXPOSURE = RISK OF FURTHER OFFENDING

Support Services → Court → Diversion → NFPA → Caution
Youth Assist Process

Youth
up to & Including 17 Yrs

“At Risk”:
• Offending
• Anti Social Behaviour
• Disadvantage
• Victims of Crime

Operational Police

Youth Resource Officer (YRO)

Youth, Parents/Guardians, YRO & Youth Transitions Worker (YTW)

Develop Individual **Action Plan**
Youth Assist Process *Continued*

**ACTION PLAN**

**YRO:**
- Support
- Monitor
- Mentor
- Link with Support Agency

**YTW:**
*Sustainable education, training or employment*
- Transition Plan
- Case management
- Outreach & continuity of support

**POLICE DISCRETION**

- Court
- N.F.P.A.

- OPP Guidelines
  - Public Interest

- Caution

**Create Sustainable Pathway**
Youth Assist Process - Summary

Youth

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Develop **Action Plan**

**ACTION PLAN**

**YRO:**
- Support
- Monitor
- Mentor
- Liaison

**YTW:**
**Sustainable education, training or employment**
- Transition Plan
- Case management
- Outreach & continuity of support

**POLICE DISCRETION**

N.F.P.A.

**Caution**

Court

Diversion

YRO attend

OPP Guidelines
Public Interest
ACTION PLAN

Individual Needs Based Strategy

Linking to Partnering Community Agency

- Employment
- Education
- Training
- Family Conflict Relationship Problems
- Mental Health
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Physical Or Sexual Abuse
- Cultural Barriers
- Legal Advice
- Accommodation
- Health Issues
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Abuse
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.