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JUVENILE
JUSTICE
SUMMIT

9–10 MARCH 2011
RENDEZVOUS HOTEL MELBOURNE

FEATURING PRESENTATIONS FROM:

- John Hubby, Department of Human Services NSW
- Heather Harker, Department of Corrective Services WA
- Jackie Bray, Director, Department for Families & Communities SA
- Pam Phillips, Department of Communities, Queensland
- Kathryn Anderson, Victorian Department of Human Services
- Mark Byrne, Department of Human Services Tasmania
- Professor Chris Cunneen, James Cook University
- Mark Watt, Whitelion
- Elizabeth O’Connell, Service to Youth Council Inc
- Cass Herring, New Pathways Residential Treatment Services
- Leah Berry, Youth Off The Streets
- Kellie Checkley, Shire Wide Youth Services

DON’T MISS THE ESSENTIAL
POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP:
FRIDAY 11TH MARCH, 9.00AM–12.30PM

Health Services for Young People in Contact
with the Criminal Justice System

- Julie Carter, Service Director Adolescent Health,
  Justice Health NSW

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2nd Annual National Juvenile Justice Summit

Conference Day One: Wednesday 9 March

8.30 Registration and Coffee
9.00 Opening Remarks from the Chair
Bernie Geary OAM, Child Safety Commissioner, Office of the Child Safety Commissioner Victoria

9.10 The Over-Representation of Indigenous Children and Young People in Juvenile Justice
The over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in juvenile justice systems is an enduring problem recently exacerbated by more punitive approaches to matters such as bail and remand. However the level of incarceration is not the same across all states, nor are all the issues faced by Indigenous young people the same irrespective of whether they are from remote, rural or urban communities. The presentation explores some of these issues to think about how we might improve the current situation.
Professor Chris Cunneen, The Cairns Institute, James Cook University

State Government Updates – New Government Programs and Expectations

9.50 Young People on Remand: NSW Approach and Strategies
- Overview of remand statistics in NSW
- Legislative framework
- Remand reduction strategies
- Interagency focus across government
John Hubby, Chief Executive, Juvenile Justice, Department of Human Services NSW

10.30 Morning Tea

11.00 Youth Justice in Western Australia – Making a Positive Difference
- Update on developments from the 2010 address
- Service delivery performance improvements
- The expansion of YJ services to regional and remote WA
- The integration of community and detention based services
- Applicability of the YJ model/philosophy into the development of services for 18-24 year olds-The Young Adult Facility
Heather Harker, Deputy Commissioner Juvenile Justice, Department of Corrective Services WA

11.40 Innovations in Youth Justice Program and Service Delivery in Queensland
Pam Phillips, Director Youth Justice Program, Department of Communities, Queensland

12.20 Lunch and Film Screening: 2506
2506 is a 15 minute film made by young people in Berkeley assisted by not-for-profit organisation, Beyond Empathy. The film is a unique blend of hip-hop and music cinema and tells the story of young love, crime and regret. Beyond Empathy (BE) uses the arts to influence change in the lives of individuals and communities experiencing recurring hardship.

1.30 Case Study: Government, Community and Business Working Together for Positive Outcomes for Young Offenders – The TOLL and Whitelion Partnership
- Whitelion – Connecting young offenders to the community for positive outcomes
- The TOLL Second Step program – Offering employment to young offenders
- The partnership between Whitelion and The Toll Group
- Education, employment & training aspects of the Second Step
- Changing lives – Examples of Second Steppers whose lives have been transformed as a result of the Second Step/ Whitelion relationship
Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer, Whitelion
Ruth Oakden, Senior Chaplain and Second Step Program Manager, TOLL Group

2.10 Case Study: Challenges, Possibilities and Future Directions: The NSW Children’s Court
This presentation will discuss findings from the NSW component of a national study into Australia’s Children’s Courts.
- Assessment of the status of, and current challenges faced by, the court across child welfare and criminal jurisdictions
- The issues and challenges that NSW judicial officers and other stakeholders believe the court faces over the next decade
- Judicial officers’ and other stakeholders’ assessments of, and degree of support for, child welfare and juvenile justice jurisdiction reforms recently canvassed in Australia and overseas
Dr Jane Bolitho, Lecturer – Coordinator Criminology Program, UNSW
Associate Professor Patricia Hansen, Head, School of Social Work, Australian Catholic University

2.50 Afternoon Tea

3.20 Case Study: A Through-Care Approach to Working with Young Offenders in South Australia
- Skills building for young offenders: The Ignition Program (Social competency and independent living skills)
- Collaboration between SYC and the government sector
- Two pronged approach: Addressing homelessness in order to address offending behaviours
Elizabeth O’Connell, Youth Agency Manager – Youth Justice, Service to Youth Council Inc
Yasmin Aleem, Youth Justice Case Manager, Service to Youth Council Inc

4.00 An Update on Bail Issues for Children and Young People in NSW
Jenny Bargen, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Sydney Law School 2011

4.40 Closing Remarks from the Chair

Networking Drinks

Conference Day Two: Thursday 10 March

8.30 Registration and Coffee
9.00 Opening Remarks from the Chair
Jenny Bargen, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Sydney Law School 2011
9.10 Pathways into Youth Justice: Reducing the Over-Representation of State Out-of-Home Care Leavers in the Youth Justice System

Local and international research suggests an over-representation of young people leaving state out of home care in the youth justice system. This session presents the findings of a Victorian pilot study conducted in partnership with Whitleton based on interviews with Whitleton workers, and young people who had experienced both the state out of home care and youth justice systems. This presentation will examine:

- The extent to which leaving care plans and policies address and minimise involvement with youth justice
- The ongoing role of youth justice post-care in addressing personal disadvantage particularly when young people are in custody at the time of their exit from care
- The availability of preventive practices and policies to reduce the number of care leavers involved in the youth justice system

Associate Professor Philip Mendes, Department of Social Work, Monash University

10.30 Victorian State Update

Kathryn Anderson, Director Youth Services & Youth Justice, Victorian Department of Human Services

11.00 Morning Tea

11.40 Case Study: New Pathways Residential Treatment Services: Alternative Support, Intervention and Diverisory Program for Young Offenders

New Pathways Residential Treatment Services offers an alternative to custodial sentences for young people who have exhibited sexually abusive behaviours, providing holistic therapeutic intervention for young people, including education, living skills, and processing their own traumatic histories.

The program is aligned with the proposed National Child Protection Framework Strategy, particularly supporting outcome 6: Child sexual abuse and exploitation is prevented and survivors receive adequate support.

Current research purports an adolescent who has successfully participated in therapeutic intervention has been found to have a relatively low recidivism rate (quite often below 10%).

The success of the New Pathways program stems from the evidence based practice, in the form of a number of therapeutic models of intervention for Out of Home Care settings.

- Successes and challenges

Cass Herring, Cluster Manager, New Pathways Residential Treatment Services
Leah Berry, Clinical Coordinator, Southern Region – Youth Off The Streets

12.20 Interactive State Government Roundtable Discussion

The opportunity to join with your peers and hear from state government representatives on current initiatives and updates. There will also be the opportunity to put your questions directly to state representatives.

John Hubby, Chief Executive, Juvenile Justice, Department of Human Services

STATE GOVERNMENT UPDATES

9.50 Reform Youth Justice South Australia

- New youth training centre
- Change management
- Programs and education

Jackie Bray, Director, Youth Justice, Families SA, Department for Families and Communities

11.00 Lunch

POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2011, 9:00AM – 12:30PM

Health Services for Young People in Contact with the Criminal Justice System
- Mental health
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Communicable diseases

The expert presenters will discuss mental health, alcohol and other drugs and communicable diseases in relation to young people in custody and in transition from care. Roundtable discussions will follow the initial discussion offering practical solutions for your jurisdiction and organisation in relation to the challenges in assisting young people with mental health and drug and alcohol issues.

Julie Carter, Service Director Adolescent Health, Justice Health NSW

WHAT PAST ATTENDEES SAID ABOUT THE EVENT

- “It reinforces what we are working towards and is backed up by stats and research.”
  NSW Police

- “Excellent to have conference regarding this area of work and great mix of government, community sector and academic presenters, well done!”
  Department of Disability Housing & Community Services, ACT

- “Very interesting and professional, gathered new skills and information.”
  Salvation Army

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