



Fact Sheet

Central West Post Release Support Program

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The Post Release Support Program aims to assist juvenile offenders overcome offending behaviour and reintegrate into their community.

The program aims to provide clients with knowledge and skills, allowing them to address their offending behaviour after they are released from a juvenile justice centre.

Target Groups

Juvenile offenders who are preparing to leave a detention centre or who have recently been released.

Evidence shows that clients exiting JJ Centres are at high risk of re-offending, this program strives to ensure that clients leave with the opportunity of participating in education, training, employment and a variety of other programs.

The program operates in the Central West of NSW, with referrals being received from the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice.

The program supports the client in the first 12 weeks after their release, ensuring that positive networks are in place to continue to support the young person upon exit of the program.

Service Activities

Post Release Support program provides individual and flexible case management through accessing a variety of networks in the community. The Program allows clients to set achievable goals and links with appropriate services, reducing the risk of re-offending.

Service delivery methods:

- Assessment
- Case Management
- Crisis Intervention
- Coordinating strong linkages
- Case conferencing
- Home visits/Outreach

The services we offer to our clients also include:

- Advocacy and referrals
- Access to Recreational activities
- Living skills
- Support network
- Court support
- Help to re-establish links to family
- Practical assistance

Outcomes

Anticipated outcomes include:

- Reduce risky and offending behavior
- Assist with gaining stable accommodation
- Engagement in Education & Training
- Linkages with support services
- Assistance with living skills

Example 1:

The Central West Post Release Support Program develops flexible alternate programs for clients that have included: Small Motors Course, Paving Course & Landscaping Course. These programs are developed to suit the changing needs of the client group.

Example 2:

The Central West Post Release Support Program supported a client who had recently been released from Detention. The Case Worker supported the client with developing a resume, assisted with job search activities and applied for a position with a local carpet layer. The client was supported with transport to attend the interview. The was offered the position and the PRSP assisted with mentoring during the first few weeks.

This resulted in the client maintaining full time employment with the Carpet Layer.

Funding Sources

NSW Department of Juvenile Justice

Mission Australia

Mission Australia is one of the nation's leading charities and community service organisations, having helped change the lives of individuals and families in need for almost 150 years. Mission Australia's vision is 'to see a fairer Australia by enabling people in need to find pathways to a better life'. Mission Australia currently operates more than 450 services throughout metropolitan, rural and regional Australia – in every state and territory. Our services are made up of community, employment and training services aiming to provide:

- Pathways away from homelessness;
- Pathways to strong families and healthy, happy children;
- Pathways through a successful youth;
- Pathways to skills and qualifications; and

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