

BACK ON TRACK

CUTTING YOUTH CRIME

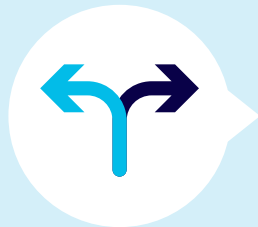
YOUTH JUSTICE CONFERENCING AND VICTIM SUPPORT



Court-ordered youth justice conferencing and victim support programs



Alternative sentencing options



Youth diversion

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Youth Justice Conferencing makes sure young people who do the wrong thing understand and acknowledge the consequences of their actions while providing closure to victims.

Young people are required to undertake actions that give back to the community, make amends for their offending and prevent re-offending.

The Courts can order a young person to attend a youth justice conference after a guilty finding. Police also refer to their own youth justice conferencing. The offender, victim, a facilitator and when appropriate, other individuals or community members affected by the crime, participate in the conference. Young people must face the victims of their crime and agree to undertake actions to provide restitution to the victim and the community.



MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL – CENTRAL REGION EXPANSION OF COURT-ORDERED YOUTH JUSTICE CONFERENCING:

- The Community Justice Centre in Alice Springs will increase restorative youth justice conferencing in Central Australia.
- On-going court-ordered youth justice conferencing options will be provided in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek for the first time. Conferencing services will start in October 2019.
- Jesuit Social Services will continue to deliver youth justice conferencing services in Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine.
- A pilot program will develop youth justice conferencing options in three remote communities. Through Local Decision Making, elders, community organisations and law and justice groups will design and build the youth justice conferencing model with a focus on rehabilitation and job creation for at risk young people.



VICTIM SUPPORT PROGRAM:

- Victims of Crime NT have been provided with a five year funding contract to provide support and assistance for victims to participate in youth justice conferencing and make sure they have a voice, can achieve outcomes and reach closure.
- It will increase the profile of youth justice conferencing as an option for victims of youth crime as part of the sentencing, youth diversion and resolution process.

