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Youth Partnership Project wins gong at Community Services Excellence Awards, WA

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The Youth Partnership Project, supported by Save the Children, took out the category for outstanding commitment to collaborative place-based service or solutions at the WA Community Services Excellence Awards.

The YPP has been credited with developing an innovative youth early intervention model that identifies the most vulnerable young people in the community and provides them with support through a collaborative approach, reducing the number of people entering the juvenile justice system.

The project engages state and local governments, the not-for-profit sector and local elders to improve outcomes for young people with complex needs, through a collaborative place-based approach.

YPP project manager Karina Chicote said the YPP proved a collaborative approach could create better outcomes for young people with complex needs.

"By engaging government, organisations and the community we can be more effective and aligned in helping young people thrive in their communities," Ms Chicote said.

"It is time to change the story of Western Australia's most vulnerable young people and this award shows projects such as the YPP have the very real capacity to do this."

West Australian Community Services Minister Simone McGurk said the awards recognised the vital role individuals and organisations in the community services sector played in making a positive difference to WA communities.

"Large or small, metropolitan or regional, community service organisations provide a lifeline to some of society's most vulnerable people as well as opportunities and activities that provide for better, happier lives," Minister McGurk said.

"They also highlight the innovation and energy of a sector that continues to find meaningful solutions to some of life's most challenging issues."

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