

Crims made to pay

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The State Government has decided to re-inject money taken from drug dealers and other criminals in Thornlie, Maddington and Gosnells areas into early intervention programs to prevent future crime.

Member for Thornlie Chris Talentire said the government understood the issues of anti-social behaviour and criminality in the area and that the problem required significant social change.

"Some young people in the area face significant challenges which are beyond the responsibility of any one government agency," he said.

"Their complex needs can impact the wider community through increased street presence, anti-social behaviour and youth crime; we need to change the story."

Acting attorney general Alannah MacTiernan announced earlier this week that more than \$190,000 would

be granted to Save the Children to establish an evidence-formed, targeted early intervention model.

The Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership will serve as a platform for the program's rollout.

Save the Children WA's strategy manager Rebecca Clarkson said the grant would enable the partnership through Save the Children to develop a strong foundation to implement a collaborative early intervention youth justice initiative in Gosnells.

"We will be able to build the information, resources and collaborative environment required to prepare for a future implementation of the Youth Intervention Partnership Model in the Gosnells area," she said.

"Our model lays out a strategy for a cross-sector of partners to move beyond programs with isolated impact to a collaborative approach with a common goal of reducing demand. It's better for everyone if we prevent crime before it occurs."



The Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership team will be involved in rolling out a new program in Gosnells using funds taken from criminal activity.