

The South-East Corridor

YOUTH PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

The Youth Partnership Project (YPP) is a strategic project, developing a better youth early intervention framework which is effective, aligned, sustainable and scalable. This project engages state government agencies, local government and the not-for-profit community sector to work better together to improve outcomes for young people with complex needs through the planning and delivery of community services. In doing so it provides evidence that contributes to government strategy and policy.

It is premised on the theory that if we get the **RIGHT SUPPORT**, to the **RIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE**, at the **RIGHT TIME**, we will not only create significant savings in expenditure on tertiary services but, more importantly, **YOUNG PEOPLE WILL THRIVE** in their communities.

**THE YPP IS
NOT ANOTHER
PROGRAM.
IT IS SYSTEMIC
CHANGE.**

BACKGROUND

The YPP was initiated in 2014 with funding from the Department of Communities (WA), in direct response to significant youth issues in the South East Corridor of Perth. Specifically, there was concern about youth crime and anti-social behaviour; with one in four young people entering Banksia Hill Youth Detention Centre coming from the area. In early 2017 the YPP launched the landmark *Change the Story Report*, compiling service mapping and data from different government departments on a local level, to fully understand the complex challenges facing local communities.

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THE ARMADALE YOUTH INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP

The YPP adopted The Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership (AYIP) as a proof of concept, and developed the YPP's *Youth Intervention Partnership (YIP) Model*. The first edition of the *YIP Model* was published in November 2017 and 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 on the youth justice system.

HOW THE YOUTH INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP MODEL WORKS



WHAT NEXT

2018 will see the full, resourced implementation of the YIP Model in Armadale, demonstrating how a targeted, collaborative and place-based approach, with purposely resourced backbone leadership, can support better outcomes for young people with complex needs.

The implementation is being monitored and continually evaluated by a dedicated committee which includes representatives from across AYIP Partners (including WA Police), universities and clinical professionals. This group is also supporting the development of a cost-benefit analysis, to clearly demonstrate savings on tertiary services from early intervention.