

# Youth Partnership Project

## Background



In 2014, the Youth Partnership Project (YPP) was initiated in the South East Corridor of Perth in direct response to significant youth issues, including youth crime and anti-social behaviour. Guided by an Executive Steering Committee and supported by Save the Children as the backbone organisation, the project adopted a collective impact approach, with the aim to develop a better early intervention model for young people with complex needs which is effective, aligned, sustainable and scalable.

The YPP Executive Committee is comprised of a cross-sector membership including local and state government and non-government representatives. The Executive Committee works together to provide effective and transparent governance and strategic guidance to ensure the successful design and implementation of the model and oversight of the model being adapted to other local government areas.

The YPP has been funded by the Department of Communities (2014-2019) (formerly known as Department of Local Government and Communities). Through this funding Save the Children provides a backbone technical team including the YPP Manager, Design and Development Officer and Communications and Policy Officer.

The Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership (AYIP) started in 2013 as an organic collaboration of place-based diversionary programs, however, lacked the resources to develop a sophisticated, well evidenced and structured collaborative model. To achieve its objective, in 2016, the YPP focussed on formalising and developing AYIP as a 'Proof Point Project', with the intent to adapt this model to other local government areas.

From 2016-2017 the YPP team and Executive Committee provided leadership and governance in refining, developing and documenting a comprehensive and strategic model.

In late 2017, using pooled funding from the Department of Communities, WA Police Force and in-kind funding from the Department of Education, City of Armadale and Save the Children, the YIP model began full implementation in Armadale.

The YPP Executive Committee continues to provide oversight and leadership in monitoring, developing and evaluating the model, to ensure it is effective and efficient and can be adapted and scaled to other local government areas.