5th Annual
NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE SUMMIT 2014

25 – 26 March 2014 | Rydges Melbourne

Keynote Speakers Include:
Megan Mitchell, National Children’s Commissioner
Principal Commissioner Bernie Geary OAM, Commission for Children and Young People, Victoria

A Comprehensive Program Addressing:
• Emerging developments in juvenile justice
• What the drug court can achieve for children and how effective is it?
• Evaluating the Hobart Youth Justice Court: An almost impossible undertaking
• Realising the potential of restorative justice – Exploring new uses for group conferencing
• Risk assessment and risk management training for staff working in the youth justice system and community workforce
• Early intervention programs for Indigenous youth
• Young people with complex needs and the criminal justice system
• The journey of a vulnerable child through the system
• Developing the new role of the Indigenous youth justice worker
• Youth gambling: A growing problem?
• YRIPP – A crime prevention partnership to youth crime
• Engage, educate, employ & empower young people in the justice system

DO NOT MISS! TWO INTERACTIVE PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS – MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2014

WORKSHOP A: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Skills and Knowledge a Critical Combination: How Simulated Learning Environment Can Support Outcomes
Mirian Meade, Professional Educator, Navitas College of Public Safety

WORKSHOP B: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Using Investment Logic to Better Understand and Communicate the Value of Juvenile Justice Programs
Anthony McGinness, General Manager, Noetic Group

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Pre–Conference Workshop A
Monday 24th March 2014: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Skills and Knowledge a Critical Combination: How Simulated Learning Environment Can Support Outcomes

The complex challenges involved in the daily work of practitioners who deliver services to young people in the criminal justice system, requires a robust educational foundation. This workshop is based on a literature review and research related to the use of high fidelity simulations which utilised professional actors. This was completed with a class of students while completing the Youth Justice subject as part of Bachelor of Social Science (Criminal Justice).

Key concepts include:
1. A discussion regarding approaches to professional development in youth justice workforce
2. An overview of current research and evidence
3. The importance of skills and knowledge
4. An examination of approaches to professional development which utilise “controlled presentations of reality” such as high fidelity simulations

Mirian Meade, Professional Educator, Navitas College of Public Safety

Mirian is an experienced practitioner, researcher and lecturer. She has practiced in the State of Victoria with high risk adolescents and contributed to research and program development in both rural and urban environments. She has conducted extensive professional development programs and is currently lecturing in a Bachelor of Social Science in the areas of case management, victimology and youth justice. Mirian is a PhD Candidate in Social Work at Deakin University. Her research is titled, ‘The voice of recovery: An inquiry with young people who have been victims of harm’.

Pre–Conference Workshop B
Monday 24th March 2014: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Using Investment Logic to Better Understand and Communicate the Value of Juvenile Justice Programs

• Increased pressure to best use scarce resources and demonstrate outcomes is driving a focus on investment management across government and the not-for-profit sector.
• Investment management provides a framework that allows decision makers to understand and communicate the return on investment (both financial and non-financial) of programs, services and new initiatives.
• The first step is to understand the logic of any given investment (such as juvenile justice programs and services) to ensure it addresses evidence-based needs, appropriately responds to these drivers and will deliver the expected benefits or outcomes.
• This interactive workshop will take participants through the process of developing an Investment Logic Map for juvenile justice programs to provide a graphical representation of a program and its components, the reasons underpinning the investment, and importantly, the benefits it will deliver.

Anthony McGinness, General Manager, Noetic Group

Anthony is the General Manager of Noetic Solutions’ NSW business unit. He has overseen a number of landmark projects for the NSW Government and not-for-profit sector. This includes leading Noetic’s strategic review of the NSW juvenile justice system in 2009/10. He led an evaluation of a number of Indigenous justice initiatives administered under the Indigenous Justice Program by the Attorney-General’s Department (AGD). Anthony is also Noetic’s Investment Management capability leader, which involves developing the underpinning logic of any given investment, with an emphasis on the benefits or outcomes that will be realised. Anthony will be combining his experience in juvenile justice and Investment Management to assist workshop participants to better understand and communicate the logic of juvenile justice programs, their components, and the reasons underpinning the investment, and importantly, the benefits they will deliver.

Feedback from 2013:

“I enjoyed the opportunity for a mixture of disciplines (e.g. Law, YJ workers, NGO’s) & people from interstate & overseas to come together & share experiences & plans for the way forward”

Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department

“Presentations were wide ranging, speakers were passionate & information was research focused”

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“I found the information relevant & up to date, with a range of highly respected speakers”

Children’s Court of Victoria

8:30 Registration and coffee

9:00 Opening remarks from the Chair

9:10 Keynote Opening Address: The Importance of Prevention & Early Intervention for Juvenile Justice: Ensuring the Opportunity to Thrive
- Opportunity to thrive: Key theme emerging from Big Banter
- Prevention & early intervention
- Justice reinvestment
- Examples of successful programs
Megan Mitchell, National Children’s Commissioner

9:50 Keynote Address: The Journey of a Vulnerable Child through the System
Principal Commissioner Bernie Geary OAM, Commission for Children and Young People, Victoria

10:30 Morning tea

11:00 Emerging Developments in Juvenile Justice: The Use of Intervention, Diversion and Rehabilitation to Break the Cycle and Prevent Juvenile Offending
The paper will focus on the developments in juvenile justice that are offering alternative options:
- Intervention: Developments in primary prevention strategies
- Diversion: Increased use of diversionary mechanisms and community collaboration
- Rehabilitation: Empowering young offenders through education and life skills courses
Judge Peter Johnstone, President of the Children’s Court of NSW

11:40 Realising the Potential of Restorative Justice – Exploring New Uses for Group Conferencing
- Victorian Youth Justice Group Conferencing practitioners have been demonstrating how the principles and practice of conferencing can be expanded to other environments
- Outline some of the new environments in which group conferencing has been utilised, both at different stages throughout the youth justice system as well as with young people at the boundaries of the system
- Discuss some of the challenges in adapting our practice, as well as the potential it might offer for better outcomes for children and young people
Michael Livingstone, Research, Policy and Media Officer, Jesuit Social Services
Daniel Clements, General Manager, Brosnan Services, Jesuit Social Services

12:20 Risk Assessment and Risk Management
- This session provides information on best practice for training staff about the link between risk assessment and risk management
- Strategies at the forefront of government policy for offender management in the youth and adult sectors
Dr Margaret Liddell, Senior Lecturer, Justice and Legal Studies, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University

1:00 Lunch

2:00 The Cold Truth About Ice
- What do young users of ice/crystal meth and NPS (new psychoactive substances) look like?
- What other risk behaviours correlate with ice and NPS use?
- What services, if any, are these young people accessing?
- Do they even recognise that they have a problem?

The Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System (EDRS) is a national annual monitoring system which monitors the use patterns and harms associated with ecstasy and related drugs such as ice/crystal meth and more recently the new psychoactive substances such as mephedrone and 2C-B. The survey provides data on the risk behaviours of drug users namely; levels of use, injecting patterns, overdose, sexual risk behaviour, mental health and involvement in crime as well as service utilisation. Data from the most recent survey will be used to examine the types of substances used; the risk behaviours associated with that use and the services being used
Natasha Sindicich, Senior Research Officer, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), University of New South Wales

2:40 Children’s Court Drug Courts
- What the Drug Court can achieve for children and how effective is it?

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- How Drug Courts for children can improve?
- What does the future hold for Children's Court Drug Courts?

Magistrate Andrée Horrigan, Perth Children's Court
Ron Young, Senior Youth Justice Officer, Court Assessment and Treatment Service, WA Department of Corrective Services

3:20 Afternoon tea
3:50 Evaluating the Hobart Youth Justice Court: An Almost Impossible Undertaking
- The Hobart Youth Justice Court (YJC) evaluation showed that increased collaboration and effective service coordination improved youth justice outcomes
- Presents evidence that the Hobart YJC created a more collaborative environment for magistrates, lawyers and youth justice workers which improved the rehabilitation prospects for young people appearing before court
- Reviews of court data and the results of program evaluations should lead to modifications in YJC operations as they have in Tasmania

Victor Stojcevski, Senior Policy Adviser, Magistrates Court of Tasmania
Magistrate Catherine Rheinberger, Magistrates Court of Tasmania

4:30 Young People with Complex Needs and the Criminal Justice System
- Factors including disability, early life instability and educational disengagement propel some young people into contact with the CJS
- Illustrate how these combine for young people with complex needs
- Discuss challenges for service system responses

Dr Leanne Dowse, Senior Lecturer in Social Research and Policy, School of Social Sciences, The University of New South Wales

5:10 Closing remarks from the Chair
5:20 Attendees are invited to continue the days discussions at networking drinks

DAY TWO: Wednesday 26th March 2014

8:30 Registration and coffee
9:00 Opening remarks from the Chair
9:10 Youth Gambling: A Growing Problem?
- How prevalent is youth gambling and what are the pathways into youth problem gambling?
- What are the risk and protective factors associated with youth problem gambling?
- How can we assess and best manage youth problem gambling?
- What role does technology and social media have in youth gambling?
- What are the legal issues associated with youth gambling?

A/Prof Nicki Dowling, Associate Professor of Psychology, School of Psychology, Deakin University

9:50 Journey of Pasifika Families from the Pacific to the West
- Population of Pacific people – 2011 Census
- What are the issues?
- What are the alternatives?
- What programs and services are currently being implemented in QLD
- Recommendations

Kalisi T Bese, Program Manager, Pasifika YLS – Young Offenders Support Services (YOSS), Inala Youth Services

10:30 Morning tea
11:00 Developing the New Role of the Indigenous Youth Justice Worker: The Journey to Date
- The newly created role aims to assist Indigenous young people facing court, facilitate post-transitional support to the community, thereby reducing recidivism
- Discuss the natural tension that exists between lawyers and social workers in focus and the assessing of what is, or is not, an outcome
- How the YJ Worker role works as a conduit between the client and the court system
- How the role works best to serve all parties – the magistrates, the client; the lawyers and the YJ worker
Ongoing challenges and future directions

Terry Byrnes, Senior Indigenous Youth Justice Worker, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

11:40 The Cherbourg Junior Police Ranger Program – Early Intervention Program for Indigenous Youth

- Core values - Developing positive, respectful relationships between elders and traditional owners, the Cherbourg community, Police and youth
- Provide practical life skills, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and enhance cultural awareness that will minimise the risk of young people resorting to the misuse of alcohol, volatile substances and other illicit drugs
- Challenges, solutions and positive outcomes – Received a gold award in the QPS Awards for Excellence; Crime Prevention, 2012

Louise Thompson, Project Officer, Cherbourg Police Station
Scott Prendergast, Sergeant, Officer in Charge, Cherbourg Police Station

12:20 Lunch

1:20 YRIPP – A Crime Prevention Partnership to Youth Crime

Nationally, young alleged offenders can only be interviewed by police in the presence of a parent or independent adult. YRIPP is a unique program in Victoria, providing support to young people being interviewed by police, while at the same time achieving crime prevention outcomes

- YRIPP’s crime prevention model
- Strengths of YRIPP’s partnership approach
- Learnings for other jurisdictions

Sarah Nicholson, Manager, Youth Referral and Independent Person Program (YRIPP)

2:00 Bridge Project – Engage, Educate, Employ & Empower Young People in the Justice System

- Bridge Project background
- Providing support, training and employment opportunities
- How business and community support can reduce recidivism – Solution focused
- Challenges ahead

Mick Cronin, Manager – The Bridge Project, YMCA Victoria – Youth Services

2:40 Afternoon tea

3:00 Merging Effective Education with Juvenile Justice

- The school model
- Welcoming children back into the classroom
- Everyone has the right to education, even in isolation
- Effective strategy merging with flexibility
- The teacher/student relationship

Matthew Hyde, Principal, Parkville Campus

3:40 The Youth Unit at Port Phillip Prison

The majority of research into ‘what works’ with reducing re-offending for young offenders looks at programs that address offending behaviour as a ‘stand-alone’ component to reducing crime in this age group. The youth unit’s philosophy is to expand this model and deliver programs in a more holistic way that encompasses four main areas:

- Offending behaviour
- Personal development
- Employment
- Leisure and recreation

The youth unit has devised programs, activities, employment initiatives and mentoring programs that address young offenders’ risk factors for reoffending and evaluation studies have commenced to establish the validity of the youth unit’s programs/initiatives

Anne Hooker, Youth Development Officer, Port Phillip Prison

4:20 Close of the conference

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