

## Alcohol and Other Drugs Programs

### **ZONES - Day Activities Program**

Zones is a day activity program which provides learning and developmental opportunities for young people aged 12 - 21 years. Four program components including life skills, vocation, employment and recreation are provided for young people linked with local Drug Treatment, Health and Youth Services.

*Funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS)*

### **YOUTH ACCESS PROGRAM**

The Youth Access Program provides coordinated pathways and supported referrals of young people into regional drug and alcohol treatment services and day programs. A team of youth outreach workers are based in Warrnambool and at Barwon Youth Geelong West. The team provides relapse prevention education and other brief interventions to assist those young people in need of regional services.

*Funded via Commonwealth Attorney General Dept-Proceeds of Crime*

### **YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM**

#### **Youth Outreach Program Geelong:**

The Youth Outreach Program aims to facilitate access into alcohol and other drug treatment services for young people aged 16-25. The program is based in Geelong and provides assessment and appropriate referrals for young people with identified alcohol and other drug issues.

*Funded by St. John of God Healthcare*

### **COMPLEX CARE**

The Complex Care program assists young people in the community who are experiencing a range of problems associated with alcohol & other drug use. Mental health issues and those with an acquired brain injury are a prime focus for assistance.

*Funded by St John of God Healthcare*

### **ACCESS ARTS**

Access Arts was established following the launch of the Creative Arts Centre to deliver local youth art programs & exhibitions that foster the creative talents of young people aged 12-25, enhance rehabilitation and community connectedness.

*Funded by Barwon Youth*

## Co-located Programs

### **DHS YOUTH JUSTICE TEAM**

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Barwon Regional Youth Justice Team is co-located at Barwon Youth's central office at 12 - 14 Halstead Place Geelong West. The departmental case workers work closely with Barwon Youth's Youth Justice Community Support Service and Youth Justice Group Conferencing to provide a coordinated response to the issues facing young offenders in the region.

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Barwon Youth (BAYSA Ltd.) is

- An accredited community organisation under the Quality Improvement Council Ltd (QIC)
- Registered Housing Provider Vic Housing Registrar

## Youth Support

### **YOUTH JUSTICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE (CSS)**

The CSS Program provides intensive case management and support to young people on Youth Justice Orders who are assessed as experiencing a range of high level needs. The Program has a particular focus on assistance with vocational, educational, drug and alcohol issues, housing and connectedness to family and the community. The program supports young people both in the community and those transitioning from custody.

*Funded by Dept of Human Services*

### **YOUTH JUSTICE GROUP CONFERENCING**

Youth Justice Group Conferencing is a program based on restorative justice principles. It provides a problem-solving approach to offending that aims to balance the needs of young people, victims and the community. It encourages dialogue between individuals who have offended, their victims and police.

*Funded by Dept of Human Services*

### **LOCAL SUPPORT PROGRAM (LSP)**

The Local Support Program (LSP) provides support to young people aged 12 – 25 years disadvantaged by their socio-economic circumstances. The program provides an immediate intake response, identification/assessment of needs, referral, advocacy, information, interim support and access to group work. The LSP also plays a primary role in a number of community development initiatives.

*Funded by Dept for Planning & Community Development*

### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS (BBBS)**

The BBBS program matches young people who may benefit from additional friendship and support with positive adult volunteers from the community. Young people are aged 12-18 years, from across the Geelong region and may be disengaged from education or training.

*Funded by Dept for Planning & Community Development and United Way*

### **STREET SURFER BUS**

The Street Surfer Bus is a community outreach mobile venue that provides early intervention to young people (aged 15-21 years) potentially at risk in their own environment, by creating a safe space for information, recreation, counselling, referral and or linkage to other services.

*Funded by Barwon Youth, Victoria Police, United Way, Geelong Community Foundation & local business sponsorship,*

## Homelessness Services

### **YOUTH ENTRY POINT**

#### **Barwon Housing and Homelessness Support Service**

Barwon Youth is responsible for the provision of the Barwon Housing & Homeless Support Service "Opening Doors" Youth Entry Point, for homeless young people and those at risk of homelessness in Geelong & Colac. Services include:

- Initial Assessment & Planning
- Housing Information & Referral
- Housing Establishment Fund
- Access to Support
- Access to Crisis Accommodation
- Access to Transitional Housing ( THM)
- Assessment and Assistance to Access Public Housing and Bond Loan Scheme

*Funded by Dept of Human Services – Office of Housing*

### **ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Several programs provide a range of options for supported living and developing meaningful links for disadvantaged young people within the region, including crisis accommodation (15 - 25 age groups) and support in a range of accommodation placements.

These programs include:

- **Creating Connections**, a youth transitions program assisting young people (15-25 yrs) to access a range of housing options and supports;
- **Reconnect**, a Commonwealth funded early intervention program for those in the 12-18 age group;
- **Leaving Care**, which is designed to provide support to those young people who have previously been in state care or are preparing to exit care.

In addition to this the Program works closely with **Horizon House** (funded by the St John of God Foundation), which provides two six bedroom properties with a focus upon the provision of a supportive and caring family environment.

*Funded by Dept of Human Services, FACSIA and SJOG Foundation*

### **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT (THM)**

THM provides housing for young people aged 15-25 years, with the primary focus on Tenancy Management. The THM Program manages Office of Housing owned properties across the Barwon-South Western Region, and works with a number of community service agencies that provide support to young people. Target groups include young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and low income earners unable to maintain accommodation in the private rental market.

*Funded by Dept of Human Services -Office of Housing*

## Education Training & Employment

### **FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Barwon Youth delivers the Certificate of General Education for Adults to young people aged 16 to 21 years who are no longer in school and have not completed year 10. The young person can expect to have an individually managed pathway plan, work in small group learning situations, be provided with a case worker and be in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment. The program provides a range of flexible learning opportunities to assist the young person to develop the skills and knowledge required to reach their individual goals.

*Funded by Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) and Skills Victoria*

### **YOUTH TRANSITION SUPPORT WORKER INITIATIVE**

The Youth Transition Support Worker Initiative is aimed at "getting young people back on track" by improving the pathways and opportunities for young people disengaged from education and training.

*Funded by Dept of Education Early Childhood Development (DEECD).*

### **YOUTH CONNECTIONS**

Youth Connections provides an individual case manager to assist young people in overcoming their barriers to education, training and employment. The program utilises an existing range of programs across Barwon Youth and the Geelong Region to assist young people to re-engage. Youth Connections staff identify and work with young people who are disengaging or severely disengaged through a range of the following strategies:

- Liaising with schools/welfare staff to identify young people becoming disengaged or exiting school
- Proactive approaches to ensure young people are aware of the Youth Connections service, including liaising with and providing information to Centrelink, and other relevant services organisations in the region.
- Use of assertive outreach initiatives such as the Streetsurfer Youth Bus and provision of venues that provide support and positive activities for young people.

*Funded by Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.(DEEWR)*