

What is the Geelong Youth Support Service?

The Geelong Youth Support Service assists young people on the verge of entering the justice system.

The new service will help young people get back on track and support families to tackle problems before they become too serious.

Qualified Youth & Family Workers will work with Geelong Police to provide an early response to anti social and unlawful behaviours.

Youth & Family Workers are trained to counsel young people about the dangers of carrying knives.

Young people will get the services they need through a collaborative approach with youth and family agencies who provide education, employment, health and recreation services.

Who is the service for?

The Youth Support Service is aimed at young people 10 - 18 years who are at risk of becoming involved or are in the early stages of involvement with youth justice.

All referrals come directly from Victoria Police and Parent and Guardian consent is sought.

The Geelong YSS will work with young people from the City Of Greater Geelong and Borough of Queenscliff.

Time for Youth and their families

Participation is voluntary
The young person makes a decision to join the program in discussion with Police and Youth & Family Workers.

Cost?

The Youth Support Service is funded through the Department of Human Services and is free of charge. Brokerage funds are available to assist young people in accessing services.

How can you help?

For information on how you can assist Time for Youth visit our website, www.timeforyouth.com.au or ring us on 5223 2966.



How do we help?

An assessment is completed that examines the young person's needs and identifies risks that lead to offending behaviours. A case plan is developed.

Our approaches include:

- ✓ Outreach to the young person and family
- ✓ Youth Counselling and Mentoring
- ✓ Parent Coaching and Counselling
- ✓ Family Youth Mediation
- ✓ Practical support with School and Training

NOW is the right TIME

- ✓ To make positive choices
- ✓ For stable accommodation & learning living skills
- ✓ To strengthen supportive relationships
- ✓ To re-engage with education, training & employment
- ✓ For connecting to community activities

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES.