



Program Profile

Program name	Back On Track
Location/s	Katherine, NT
Client group	Young people aged 8-18 years at risk of being involved or already involved in the Youth Justice System
Internal stakeholders	Team Leader, Family Support Specialist, Youth Specialist and Senior Educator
External stakeholders	NT Dept of Children, Families, Housing and Communities, NT Dept of Education, Juvenile Justice System, Intensive Family Support programs, YMCA, Jawoyn Association, Kalano Association and Binjari Community Aboriginal Corporation.
Program or project description	<p>The Back on Track program, which is a Northern Territory government initiative, aims to divert young people away from the youth justice system whilst providing one on one support for vulnerable young people aged 8 – 18 years and their families.</p> <p>In addition to providing intensive family and youth support to reconnect young people with their community and culture, the team focuses on creating pathways to formal vocational education / training for young people aged 14-18 whilst supporting children to remain with family, connected to country and supporting these children to remain connected to school.</p> <p>Key focus areas are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevent children from being removed from their family and entering the Youth Justice system 2. Work to improve school attendance of children 3. Develop individual teaching plans that reflect and are attuned to the unique strengths and goals of each young person 4. Support families to develop and implement strategies that directly support the health, safety and well-being of children and young people 5. Work with parents to connect them to other services and specialised providers as identified and required <p>Bicultural participation is at the heart of our service delivery. We are committed to co-working arrangements, where our local Aboriginal staff and non-Aboriginal practitioners share a caseload, and offer a practice model that respectfully engages clients and provides peer support for the practitioners.</p>
Additional information	