



Program Profile

Program name	Youth Diversion Program
Location/s	Darwin, Palmerston, Greater Darwin Area
Client group	Young people aged 10 to 17 who are eligible under the Youth Justice Act 2005 (NT)
Internal stakeholders	Team Leader, Youth Specialist Case Manager and Youth Specialist Restorative Conferencing
External stakeholders	NT Department of Corrections, NT Police, local indigenous organisations, vocational education and training providers.
Program or project description	The Youth Diversion Program is a formal alternative to court that supports responsibility, learning and change for young people who are eligible under the Youth Justice Act 2005 (NT). It targets young people aged 10 to 17 who are alleged to have committed an offence, who accept responsibility for the offence and who have agreed to complete mandatory tasks. Depending on the offence, the program may include the following: • Restorative conference • Community service • Skills development • Education and training • Cultural connection and • Reparation Diversion is ordered by police or the court, and young people are case-managed through a tailored plan with clear goals and support. 54 reasons delivers the program in partnership with NT Police and the Department of Corrections. A 3-tier system identifying the level of offending informs the types of mandatory activities and time frame of the YDP, commencing with a restorative youth justice conference, if required. The tiers are as follows: Tier 1: Short term – up to 1 month: Restorative Conference, written apology, and up to 10 hours of community service Tier 2: Medium Term – up to 3 months: Restorative Conference, written apology, 10–30 hours of community service, and 15 hours in a relevant program (e.g. AOD, LoveBites, Anger Management) Tier 3: Intensive – up to 6 months: Participation in DOC Camp or mentorship program, Restorative Conference, written apology, 30–60 hours of community service, and 20 hours in a relevant program (e.g. AOD, LoveBites, Anger Management).