



PRESENTING THE 6TH

Juvenile Justice Summit

4 - 5 May 2017 | Swissotel Sydney



CONFERENCE DAY ONE

Thursday 4th May 2017

- 08:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee**
08:55 Administration and Safety Briefing
09:00 OPENING | Opening remarks from the Chair
Janet Wight, *Director, Youth Advocacy Centre Inc.*

JUVENILE JUSTICE IN AUSTRALIA

- 09:10 Youth Justice Trends and Developments**
- What is the current data telling us for Victoria?
 - Effective strategies and programs being employed
 - What more needs to be done?
- Judge Amanda Chambers, *President, Children's Court of Victoria*
- 09:45 Building Positive Relationships between Youths and NSW Police**
Assistant Commissioner Jeff Loy APM, *Northern Region Commander, NSW Police Force*
- 10:20 Morning Tea**

CASE STUDIES

- 10:50 CASE STUDY Partnerships, Diversion and Respect: Northland Precinct Action Group**
- Joint effort between Darebin Council, Victoria Police, security and Northland centre management
 - Objective to engage and support young people involved in crime and anti-social behaviour
 - The collaborative effort has seen a reduction in crime and uptake in services and employment opportunities
- Stephanie Preston, *Community Safety Officer, Darebin City Council*
- 11:25 CASE STUDY Youth on Track Program**
Mandy Loundar, *Principal Project Officer, Youth on Track, NSW Department of Justice*
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 13:00 CASE STUDY Save the Children Australia's Tasmanian Juvenile Justice Program**
Lisa Cuatt, *State Manager – Tasmania, Save the Children*
- 13:35 CASE STUDY Children's Court Assistance Scheme – Supporting Youths through the Court System**
Tracey Young, *Co-Ordinator, Children's Court Assistance Scheme*

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE SYSTEM

- 14:10 Tackling Youth Homelessness**
- Causes of youth homelessness
 - Current prevention strategies Mission Australia are employing to combat this issue
- Ben Carblis, *State Director – NSW and ACT, Mission Australia*
- 14:45 Afternoon Tea**

15:05 Issues with Segregation for Juveniles

- Current practice
- Damaging effects
- Learning from international practice

Dr Elizabeth Grant, *Senior Research Fellow*, **University of Adelaide**

15:40 Does Physical Design matter in Juvenile Detention?

The physical design of juvenile detention facilities in Australia varies widely. Most recently there appears to be a growing emphasis on more security-orientated approaches - physical design that is cold, conservative and hard. But what impact does physical design have in juvenile justice centres? This presentation will explore this question drawing on the literature on correctional design and a detailed study that investigated the influence of physical design on the impressions of staff and detainees within Australian juvenile detention facilities.

Drawing on some local examples, an argument is made that the security-orientated approach to physical design may actually be precipitating behavioural and cultural problems in juvenile detention facilities. We conclude by reflecting on some of the more effective models of correctional facility design and considering their relevance to Australian Juvenile justice facilities.

Dr Rohan Lulham, *Research Fellow*, **Designing Out Crime Research Centre**

16:15 CONSUMER PERSPECTIVE | Failure in Youth Justice: Linking to their Reality with Technology

Brett Collins, *Coordinator*, **Justice Action**

16:50 CLOSING | Opening remarks from the Chair

17:00 End of day 1 and networking drinks



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Danielle McKeown, *In House Counsel, Youth Crime, Victoria Legal Aid*

OFFENDER MANAGEMENT AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM

09:00 The Power to be Positive: Modelling Behaviour, Building Relationships with Justice-involved Young People

- Negative interactions with the justice system have the potential to cause harm to the psychological wellbeing of young people, their families and communities. This is the principle at the heart of 'therapeutic jurisprudence'.
 - From this perspective we can conceptualise an alternative approach to young people involved with the justice system, one that places the principle of 'do no harm' at the front and centre of all interactions.
 - An approach to youth justice framed by a 'do no harm' ethos (underpinned by therapeutic jurisprudence principles) becomes one where positive behaviour is modelled throughout the community and young people are given power - as emerging adult citizens - and support to create positive futures for themselves.
 - Drawing on case studies, this presentation will elaborate what such an approach might look like in practice.
- Dr Diana Johns, *Lecturer in Criminology, School of Social & Political Sciences, University of Melbourne*

09:35 A Multidisciplinary Approach to Working with Youth Offenders

Janet Wight, *Director, Youth Advocacy Centre Inc.*

10:10 What can be done? Residential Therapeutic Treatment Options for Young People Suffering Substance Abuse/Mental Illness

- Over representation of young people appearing before the Children's Court with drug/alcohol/mental health issues, many of whom are not accessing treatment
 - Observations of the youth justice systems and drug/alcohol/mental health treatment services ranging from secure residential treatment to outreach services observed overseas (Sweden, England, Scotland and New Zealand) on my Churchill Fellowship
 - Recommendations for the introduction of a new treatment order (Youth Therapeutic Order) in our criminal justice and child protection systems which would involve early intervention (including education and training at therapeutic residential facilities), the establishment of a Youth Drug Court and cross over list
- Jennifer Bowles, *Magistrate, Churchill Fellow 2014*

10:45 Morning Tea

11:15 Early Intervention, Diversion and Rehabilitation from the Perspective of the Children's Court of NSW

This paper will focus on the growing body of evidence that the detention of children is less effective and more expensive than community-based programs. It will canvass alternative options such as the Youth Koori Court, Justice Reinvestment, and the Young Offenders Act.

Judge Peter Johnstone, *President, Children's Court of NSW*

11:50 The Role of Education in a Recidivism Reduction Strategy

Dr Helen Farley, *Associate Professor, University of Southern Queensland*

12:25 CASE STUDY Doing Education 'Right'

- The Parkville College model
- The future
- The Educational Justice Initiative

Matthew Hyde, *Principal of Schools, Parkville College*

13:00 Lunch

13:50 The UN Global Study on the Situation of Children Deprived of Liberty

- Established by UN General Assembly resolution, the Global Study will provide an international picture of the situation of children deprived of liberty.
- International Social Service Australia will coordinate Australia's civil society report for the Global study. This report will document the current situation in Australia, and will also identify good practice and recommendations for reform.
- This work seeks to ensure that Australia's approach to juvenile justice upholds the human rights of children in conflict with the law.

Dr Wendy O'Brien, *Researcher/Senior Lecturer in Criminology, International Social Service Australia/Deakin University*

14:25 Family Work in Youth Justice

Structured family interventions can be a powerful factor in reducing offending among young people, however, they are rarely offered in youth justice settings. This presentation reports on a project in which youth justice workers in NSW provided collaborative family work to young people and their families. The project, known as ANTS, showed consistently positive outcomes for the young people, family members and youth justice staff. Professor Chris Trotter, *Director Monash Criminal Justice Research Consortium, Social Work Department, Monash University Caulfield*

15:00 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the Australian Youth Justice System: Prevalence and Implications

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) is a condition characterised by lifelong cognitive, physical and behavioural impairments that can greatly increase an affected youth's risk of engaging with the justice system. This presentation will discuss the processes and preliminary findings of the first FASD prevalence study to take place within an Australian juvenile detention centre, and the translational outcomes which have relevance to all aspects of youth justice.

Clinical Associate Professor Raewyn Mutch, *Senior Research Fellow, Telethon Kids Institute, The University of Western Australia*

Hayley Passmore, *PhD Candidate, Telethon Kids Institute, The University of Western Australia*

15:35 CLOSING | Closing remarks from the Chair

15:40 Roundup discussion and Afternoon tea

16:00 End of day 2 and close of conference