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Conversation over the past month has primarily been related to the Going Home Staying Home reform and the new direction for Specialist Homelessness Services. Without a formalised set of guidelines to indicate how this reform will function we are, at the moment, left a little in the dark. Whilst the guidelines for the new program have not yet been released, what we do have is a set of documents released by the Minister that give us an indication as to what will be required of services and the wider community come July 2014 when the new scheme will be implemented.

From what I can tell, this reform is heading in a similar direction to that of Community Builders and other similar programs. That is, streamlining, cutting red tape, cutting administrative costs and a focus on the development of stronger partnerships. It is hard to say whether this will result in the closure of services, but the reform plan does suggest that a mix of small, medium and large service providers is the ideal scenario.

The work that ALL services now need to undertake, and not just those that provide a homelessness service, is to position yourself in the best position to secure new contracts. That, according to the reform plan, means being able to offer, through partnerships, a wide range of services to meet the needs of young people and prevent the cycle of homelessness. My suggestion is to look closely at your service and see what you can offer, create links between Homelessness services providers and other services and start filling in the gaps.

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Services / Programs

Stepping Forward Program

'Stepping Forward' delivers useful information and support for families supporting alcohol and/or drug (AOD) user (s). The sessions will appeal to a wide audience with emphasis on being straight forward, reality based and interactive. 'Stepping Forward' is created under the FDS' 'Bridging the Divide' banner. The Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) provides funding under the Families and Treatment project. The delivery of 'Stepping Forwards' will be undertaken by the 'Bridging the Divide' officers as part of their performance indicators.

There are four sessions on offer focusing on areas of challenges for families. The sessions can be presented alone or as part of a series (including one of more of the other sessions). Whichever format, sessions are designed so that the participants will take away something of value without having to attend other sessions.

The sessions are delivered by way of a community education forum. There is virtually no limit as to the size of the audience however groups greater than four are ideal. Participants must be over the age of eighteen. Each session is designed to run for two to two and a half hours.

For more information contact Julie Clark on 0400113422 or by email Julie@fds.ngo.org.au

Alesco Senior College

Alesco Senior College is primarily a Senior Secondary College offering students the opportunity to complete their Higher School Certificate (HSC) in a supportive environment which focuses on offering programs to meet their individual learning needs. Alesco Senior College also offers a Year 10 ROSA program for selected students who are ready to work in an environment that offers individual support, personalised planning and a pathway into Vocational Training or their HSC. We are now accepting applications for 2014, for both Year 10 and HSC courses. We will start to do interviews for enrolment from next term. email Joel shakespeare@weahunter.com.au or also access our website www.alc.nsw.edu.au

Heal For Life

The Heal For Life Foundation offer residential programs for all age groups to help people heal from childhood issues. Our programs are run by trained survivors in peaceful rural surroundings. Carers and facilitators walk beside you while you unlock the trauma from your past. If you feel that your childhood has had an effect on your current life today it's you we want to help. The Adult Healing Program at Heal for Life is a 5-day Residential Program to help people heal from their childhood trauma and abuse. Phillip House provides a 2 week residential program for young men and Eva House a 2 week program for young women who are survivors of abuse and/or trauma. The program is designed for up to 8 guests between 16-25 years to take time out to heal from their childhood trauma so that the effects of their childhood no longer dominate their lives. We currently have vacancies in the current programs: 29 Sept-4 Oct Young men aged 12-16; 29 Sept-11 Oct Young Women aged 17-25; 20-25 Oct Young girls aged 12-16. For more information contact **1300 760 580** or email us on info@healforlife.com.au

For more information, about this and other training ACON provides please visit: www.acon.org.au/training

Teen Place

A group for High School Age children with high functioning Autism and Asperger's. Email aspy.youth@hotmail.com or Ph Gayle on 0408473136. The Place, Charlestown Square every Friday, except school holidays, 5.30 – 7.30pm. \$10 per week includes pizza for the kids.

“YOUTH ROCKIN’ THE BLACK DOG”

Youth Rockin’ the Black Dog is an annual music competition designed to raise awareness of mental health issues among young people in the Hunter and surrounding areas. As well as being a platform for emerging music artists, the competition encourages young people to get thinking and talking about mental health issues with friends, family and networks and aims to promote the range of services available to support young people – both locally and nationally. Six grand finalists will compete **on Wednesday, 9th October** for a range of prizes including a fully produced and mastered 3-track EP recording package and promotional assistance totalling \$3,000.

If you require further information, please visit our website at www.himh.org.au/YRBD or contact me by telephoning (02) 4924 6900 or emailing Kim.McNaughton@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

Lake Macquarie CDAT Health Expo

The Lake Macquarie Community Drug Action Team would like to invite your service to participate in a Health Expo. This event is for services who work within Drug and Alcohol and related fields such as domestic violence, mental health, healthy lifestyles etc to provide information to the wider community about their service and how the community can access information and support.

Please RSVP to helena.hodgson@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au if you would like to be involved in the day.

EDuCARE's 2013 Carers Expo

The Expo is to be held on **Thursday 10 October 2013** to complement Carers Week. This is a great opportunity to promote your Service to Carers who are now receiving funding through the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The aim of the Expo is to provide a wide variety of Resources & Information to: Aid and Support Carers in their caring role; Provide Professionals with a range of Information to assist them in their roles supporting carers; Provide an opportunity for Networking. We are seeking expressions of interest from agencies/services providers to be stallholders to host a display at the 2013 Expo. Each Stallholder participating is asked to attend for the full day. Stallholders will be able to display Brochures and Promotional Material relevant to their Service and connect with those in attendance.

Date: Thursday 10 October 2013
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost: \$70 for stallholders (inc GST)
Enquiries: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Ph: 4921 4895

2013 Rainbow Festival

The annual LGBTIQ Rainbow Festival Picnic is on **Sunday 20 October 2013** at Gregson Park, Hamilton. Community orgs and groups are invited to have a stall at this event to promote your service, run activities, and show your support of the LGBTI community. For more information or to apply to become a stallholder contact Lisa Ronneberg, Community Health Promotion Officer, ACON Ph: 02 4962 7700 Email: Lronneberg@acon.org.au

Carers Week Movie Day

Venue: Event Cinemas, Stockland Drive, Stockland Super Centre, Glendale
Date: Thursday 17 October 2013
Time: 9.45am in Foyer for Morning Tea - Movie commences at 10.30am
Cost: \$5.00 - Includes Movie, Morning Tea & Information

Professional Development

LIFELINE'S MINDFULNESS SELF-CARE SANCTUARY

2-day sanctuary with Mindfulness coach Charlotte Tharuup-Owen. The work that many of us do can be an emotional roller coaster that can take its toll: hence self-care is essential. Mindfulness builds and supports resilience, self-care, clear thinking, effectiveness and fulfilment in our work. Next: 28-29 September, 2-3 November.

Lifeline Workshop details accessible at <http://www.lifelinehunter.org.au/index.php/welcome-to-skills-for-life>

Youth Action Youth Work Conference 2013

October 21st - 23rd 2013, Youth Action's Youth Work Conference is the place to be! Also, on October 22nd, we'll be hosting our first ever Youth Work Awards Night. Registration closes September 20th, but places are limited and will fill quickly. The Conference will be held near the CBD of Sydney. Travel subsidies are available for delegates from outside the Sydney metropolitan area. If you would like to apply for a travel subsidy, indicate this on the registration form and we'll send you more details. Subsidies are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis. We will launch workshop expression of interest forms within the next few weeks, so watch this space if you've got a great idea to present at our conference! We expect our program to be finalised early in September.

Date: 21 - 23 October 2013

Venue: SYDNEY CBD, Venue to be announced

Cost: Full \$350 (Member), \$500 (non-member)

Contact: Catherine Francetich: Ph. 02 8306 7905 Email catherine@yfoundations.org.au

For details go to <http://youthaction.org.au/latest/youth-action-youth-work-conference-2013/>

Core Concepts in Working with People From Refugee Backgrounds

This one-day introductory workshop is designed to put a framework of understanding around working with refugees and asylum seekers. It focuses on understanding the link between what refugees have been through, the sorts of issues and behaviours they may present with, and how to work in a way that fosters feelings of trust, safety and control, while minimising the risk of re-traumatisation. Participants will be encouraged to think about how to apply the concepts to their own workplace, and will leave the workshop feeling more confident in utilising their skills and experience with refugee and asylum seeker clients.

Date: 22 October 2013

Venue: Building M, Newcastle TAFE Campus, Maitland Rd, Tighes Hill

Cost: \$149

Contact: www.startts.org.au

Linking Up for Kids Conference 2014

The Linking Up for Kids Conference is inspired by the recognition that the health and education sectors each do terrific work to support, teach and care for children and youth. What is less evident is how much more effective they could be in working together to keep kids well, and to better meet their needs when they are not. This unique conference aims to showcase innovations, models, programs and activities that enhance the health and wellbeing of children and youth through forging partnerships between health and education service providers.

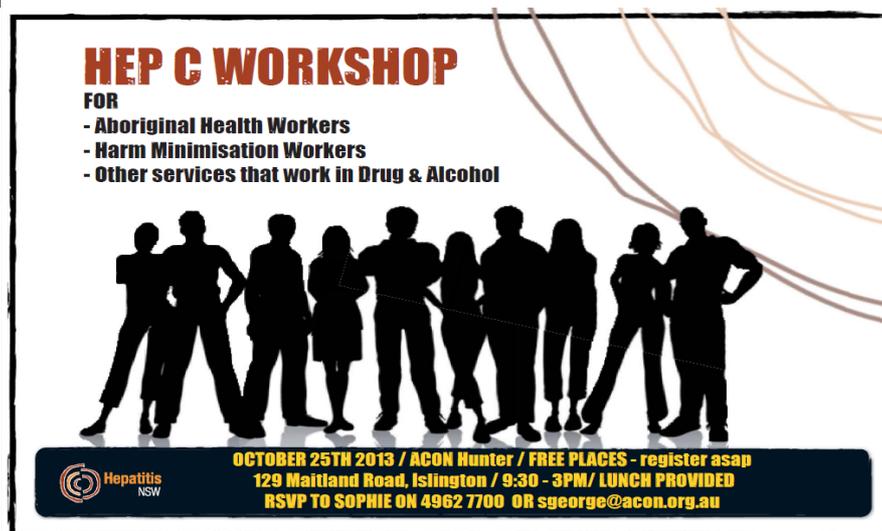
Date: 14 - 15 April 2014

Venue: The Menzies Hotel, Sydney

Cost: Early Bird Member \$690, Non Member \$790 (Closes 02/03/2014)

Contact: Email: nikki.abercrombie@aracy.org.au Phone: 0418 283 397

Professional Development



HEP C WORKSHOP
FOR
- Aboriginal Health Workers
- Harm Minimisation Workers
- Other services that work in Drug & Alcohol

OCTOBER 25TH 2013 / ACON Hunter / FREE PLACES - register asap
129 Maitland Road, Islington / 9:30 - 3PM / LUNCH PROVIDED
RSVP TO SOPHIE ON 4962 7700 OR sgeorge@acon.org.au

LGBTI SENSITIVITY AND DISABILITY TRAINING

ACON is excited to offer training for HACC and Community Care Support Workers across NSW. Funded by the Department of Family and Community Services, we will deliver workshops that explore lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) sensitivity in service provision for people with disabilities. The workshops are free, and are 2 hours in duration with light refreshments provided. Places are limited to 25 people per workshop.

When: Monday 11 November, 10am - 12:30pm

Where: Noahs on the Beach, cnr Shortland Esplanade and Zaara St (morning tea provided)

Please contact **Vicky Coumbe** to register. Tel: (02) 9206 2121 Email: vcoumbe@acon.org.au

Lifeline Newcastle

Greetings from Lifeline Newcastle & Hunter with details of our upcoming skills-for-life workshops:

LivingWorks APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASIST)

2-day workshop: learn to recognise when someone maybe at risk of suicide, respond in ways that help increase immediate safety, and link to help. Subsidised workshops in Salamander Bay 9-10 October; Cameron Park 28-29 November

LivingWorks safeTALK

Can't get to a 2-day ASIST? This 4-hour LivingWorks suicide alert session on 16 October is an excellent alternative. Ideal for inclusion in Workplace (Mental) Health & Safety staff training days. By arrangement, we can come to you.

ACCIDENTAL COUNSELLOR

1-day workshop: great set of toolbox skills for those moments when you least expect to be called upon in a counselling or caring capacity. Suitable for in-house training by arrangement. Next community workshops 31 October, 22 November

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

2-day workshop: learn mental health first aid, the help given to someone dealing with a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves. Next 26-27 September, 13-14 November

DV-ALERT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TRAINING

2-day workshop: provides health and allied health workers with skills to recognise, respond and refer those experiencing domestic or family violence. Enquire about having a free, tailored workshop for your workplace. Next community event is in Cessnock 25-26 November in alignment with White Ribbon Day.

MINDFULNESS SELF-CARE SANCTUARY

2-day sanctuary with Mindfulness Coach, Charlotte Tharuup-Owen. The work many of us do can be an emotional roller coaster that can take its toll: hence self-care is essential. Mindfulness builds and supports resilience, clear thinking, effectiveness and fulfilment. \$100 discount applies if you have attended other Lifeline workshops. Next: 26-27 September; 2-3 November. Ask your employer to pay as an investment in your wellbeing!

Visit our training calendar for more details and to book: <http://www.lifelinehunter.org.au/index.php/training-calendar>

Funding / Scholarships / Competitions

Grants to End Homelessness

The Mercy Foundation 'Grants to End Homelessness' are available for initiatives, services, projects and research that will contribute to the goal of ending homelessness. Projects that focus on chronic homelessness and women who experience chronic homelessness are currently priority areas for funding. These will generally be larger grants (up to \$50,000 for any one year) with grants likely to be averaging \$20,000 - \$30,000. Chronic homelessness is defined as an episode of homelessness lasting 6 months or longer or multiple episodes of homelessness over a 12 month period or more. The Mercy Foundation has introduced an **Expression of Interest Form (EOI)** process. This replaces all previous application and proposal forms to the Mercy Foundation's Grants to End Homelessness Program.

Please note the next closing date for Expressions of Interest for this program is October 14, 2013.

This process has been put in place to minimise the amount of paperwork that organisations need to prepare to apply for one of our grants. EOIs will be assessed by mid November. **If your EOI is successful, we will then invite you to submit a full application and proposal form by February 17, 2014.** We will send you all the appropriate forms if your initial EOI has been successful. Moving to this next round, (following this EOI process) is no guarantee that the Mercy Foundation will provide a grant for your project. If you would like to submit an EOI you are invited to contact Felicity Reynolds at the Mercy Foundation on 02 9911 7390 to discuss your project before submitting your form.

<http://www.mercyfoundation.com.au/grants/index.cfm?loadref=19>

Going Home Staying Home: The new contracting approach

An important part of the GSH reform is to review the distribution of current services and resources to make sure there is a better match between funding and need. The Reform Plan committed to a new contracting approach that reduces red tape for service providers and facilitates a client-centred approach to service responses. A new contracting approach will ensure that all services from 2014 and beyond will reflect the reform's priorities, pricing approach, quality standards and assurance mechanisms. Some homelessness services are jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments through the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) Program, which had a budget of \$134 million in 2012-13. The SHS Program is administered by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS). Additional services have been funded through fixed term funding provided by the Australian Government under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) 2009-13 and the Transitional NPAH 2013-14. The Transitional NPAH has a budget of \$29.16 million in 2013-14. The Australian Government has made no commitment to any future NPAH funding for subsequent years. SHS Program funding from July 2014 will now be allocated across a service area currently funded by both programs.

There will be two stages to the process:

- in the first stage, a prequalification scheme will be established from service providers that can demonstrate the capacity and capability to deliver homelessness services
- in the second stage, prequalified providers on the scheme may be invited to tender for homelessness services.

What is a prequalification

The prequalification scheme will open in the week of 23 September 2013 and close 18 October 2013. Any providers interested in applying for prequalification must register on <http://tenders.nsw.gov.au>.

Service providers that have been accepted onto the prequalification scheme and meet the minimum capability requirements may be invited to tender for SHS Program funding. **Tenders will open on 18 November 2013 and close 23 December 2013.**

Legal Matters

Legal Aid NSW gets social

Legal Aid NSW has an active Facebook page and Twitter account, and we would love to connect with you and your organisation. You can keep up to date with what Legal Aid NSW is doing across the state and share your own news with us.

You can like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/legalaidnsw or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/legalaidnsw. Remember you don't need to have your own account to see our pages if you just want to check in from time to time. But if you have an account, you can follow us so our posts will show on your news feed.

If you would like to get in touch with our Social Media Officer, please email karen.alvarez@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Children's Legal Service's Cyberbullying and Sexting Projects

The Children's Legal Service are now working on an online interactive project designed to allow young people to explore choices about how to use online media and instantly find out information about criminal law implications for online actions. The development of the project is bolstered by joint projects with the National Children's and Youth Law Centre. The first project created factsheets for young people on 8 areas of law relevant to their online activities.

The second project (New Voices, New Laws) uses an education module to introduce young people to criminal law outcomes for different online scenarios involving sexting and cyber-bullying.

Through this project, CLS hopes to explore new and innovative ways of presenting community legal education as well as building on young peoples' ability to navigate technology and social media safely and responsibly. The New Voices report is available at www.lawstuff.org.au/news/article/new-voicesnew-laws

For more information, please contact Julianne Elliott on Julianne.Elliott@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Aurora DV App

Aurora is a domestic and family violence app for mobile phone. The download is free. For more details for service providers see fact sheet below or go to the following website: http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/violence_prevention/domestic_and_family_violence_app

Outreach working group

At the Hunter CLSD meeting on 19 September 2013 the partners decided to form a working group for legal outreach clinics. I aim to call the first meeting of the working group in October/November 2013. If you are interested to join the working group please call me on 4921 0111 or email: clsd@da.org.au.

Ripped off – Your rights about unpaid wages and entitlements at work

This is a new booklet about unpaid wages and entitlements by Legal Aid NSW. Go to: <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/531.pdf>

A parent's toolkit – school issues for students with disabilities

The guide was created by Sonia Powazuk at Disability Advocacy NSW in response to the systemic issues – support funding, discipline, bullying and discrimination at schools. Go to: <http://da.org.au/advocacy/systemic-advocacy/>

Information, Research & Resources

Domestic Violence Posters for Young People

The Newcastle Domestic Violence Resource Centre has created posters to raise awareness about early warning signs of Domestic violence for young people. The poster is called “5 early warning signs of an unhealthy relationship”. If your service is interested in displaying the poster, please contact Robyn James at the Newcastle Domestic Violence Resource centre: 4927 8529; support@resourcecentre.info The Newcastle Domestic Violence Resource Centre has also flyers for young people: “Good Love or Bad Love? How can you tell...?”

Disability Advocacy NSW

Sonia Powazuk, Advocacy Coordinator at Disability Advocacy NSW, has been working on the toolkit for school issues. The handbook is called “A Parent’s Toolkit – School issues for students with disabilities”. You can download the booklet from the following website: <http://da.org.au/advocacy/systemic-advocacy/> The handbook is a guide for parents and advocates who deal with school issues. It provides information on support funding, discipline, WH & S issues, bullying and discrimination

Children who sexually abuse other children

Identify problematic or abusive sexual behaviour of children and learn how to intervene and work collaboratively with other agencies.

Sydney, 11 October 2013, Costs: \$220. Go to: http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=7297 for more information.

School Kids Engagement and Happiness

Children’s interest and engagement in school influences their prospects of educational and occupational success 20 years later, over and above their academic attainment and socioeconomic background, researchers have found. The more children felt connected to their school community and felt engaged, rather than bored, the greater their likelihood of achieving a higher educational qualification and going on to a professional or managerial career.

http://www.essentialkids.com.au/older-kids/education-for-older-kids/engaged-children-lead-successful-lives-20130620-2olw5.html#utm_source=FD&utm_medium=lifelandstylepuff&utm_campaign=schoolsuccess

There Seems to Be a Universal Brain Response to Music

At Stanford University, nine men and eight women with no formal music training listened to obscure classical music (four symphonies by late-baroque composer William Boyce) while lying inside fMRI machines. The researchers used a type of imaging that let them examine all different areas of the brain over the entire time that the participants were listening to the recording.

During the nine and a half minutes that the subjects spent listening to the music in its unadulterated form, the researchers noted a “highly distinctive and distributed set of brain regions” that was synchronized between each of them. In the music from which some of the elements that make it musical were removed, on the other hand, brain activity was markedly different from subject to subject.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/04/study-there-seems-to-be-a-universal-brain-response-to-music/274882/>

Mental Health e-learning tool for intellectual disability

For professional, carers and consumers. The goal is to improve knowledge, skills and confidence, leading to better mental health and wellbeing for people with an intellectual disability.

<http://www.idhealtheducation.edu.au/>

Privacy & Safety on Facebook

A guide for survivors of abuse. Go to: https://fbcdn-dragon-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-prn1/851584_613437522011141_1298974833_n.pdf

Ten to Fourteen Year Olds

We hear it everywhere – girls are growing up too fast. When I mention this to audiences of parents, their heads nod like they are going to fall off. Taxidriviers know it. Teachers know it. Doctors in emergency rooms almost weep when they say it, after dealing with twelve-year-olds who have drunk so much they aren't able to breathe. "Fourteen is the new eighteen" sums it up. In a world that is barraged by advertizing, with intense visual media coming at our daughters from the minute they can sit up, all telling them that they are what they look like, and they'd better look hot; it's not surprising that some parents just throw their hands up and say "what can you do?". Except that you can do an awful lot. Protecting our kids – boys and girls – from the hyenas has always been the job of parents. Its just that the hyenas these days have soothing voices and live in the TV set in the living room. And they want your daughter to be worried

What Is Snapchat and Why Do Kids Love It and Parents Fear It?

You may have heard about Snapchat, the mobile app that allows users to capture videos and pictures that self destruct after a few seconds. When a user sends a message they get to decide whether it will live for between 1 and 10 seconds. After that it's history, probably.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/larrymagid/2013/05/01/what-is-snapchat-and-why-do-kids-love-it-and-parents-fear-it/>

Going Home Staying Home Forum

Following on from the recent Forum, here is the FAQ's that Housing NSW was asking you to have look at <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Help+with+Housing/Homelessness/Going+Home+Staying+Home/Going+Home+Staying+Home+Contracting+Approach.htm> There is also contact details of the Peaks if you wish to call or email them.

MoneySmart Rookie

Young Australians can avoid common 'rookie errors' when they make first time financial decisions thanks to *MoneySmart Rookie* - a new national initiative from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). *MoneySmart Rookie* aims to help 16 – 25 year olds make smart financial decisions and equip workers supporting young people with relevant and engaging resources. These resources include educational videos, interactive web-site resources, community education guides and teacher lesson plans and cover six topics: Credit and Debt; Getting a Car; First Job; Moving out of Home; Mobile phone deals and plans; Online Transactions

If you would like more information on this education initiative, please contact me on 07 3867 4931 or at jillian.burgess@asic.gov.au

In Focus

Eastlakes Youth Centre

Eastlakes YC supports young people aged 12 to 18 years.

Swansea Youth Centre, Pacific Hwy
Mondays 3pm-5pm 49721111

Windale Community Hall

Tuesday 2:00pm - 5pm 40267573

The Place, Charlestown Square

Thursday 6:30pm - 9pm 49721111

A free drop-in style youth centre. Young people aged 12 years to 18 years are invited to attend.

- Free music
- Free food
- Free pool tables
- Free table tennis
- Free foosball
- Lounge areas
- Games and special events

A youth worker is in Swansea, Belmont, Hunter Sports, Whitebridge and Warners Bay High Schools 1 day a week doing casework with selected students.

Walk on the positive side program is a 13 week program that runs for 2 hours each week. Young people develop knowledge and a greater understanding of how to build and maintain healthy relationships both personal and within the community. Aimed at young people aged 12 to 18 years.

Please forward your current programming, services and timetable for addition to the In Focus section of the YDO Update!

Programs operate in Warners Bay, Windale, Belmont and Swansea.

Enrolments are now open for February 2014 programs. Contact Jenny for Referral forms.

For further information please call Jenny Pilgrim 4972 1111

Southlakes Youth Centre

Fishery Point Rd, Bonnells Bay
49735125

Provides general counselling, social and recreational activities, information, education, leadership development, mentoring, peer support activities and group work, referral and advocacy for 12 – 18 year olds who live in the Southlakes area. Regular activities include a youth group, drop-in centre, school holiday outings, a young mum's group, parenting classes and school based programmes at Morisset High.

Northlakes Youth Project

Cnr Main & Minmi Rd, Edgeworth
49588648

Gardening Program Thursday mornings

Youth Group Tuesdays 3:30pm-6pm

The Place: Charlestown Community Centre

Young Parents Support Group
A fun group for young parents (26 years old and under) to meet, socialise & share information.
1pm - 3pm on Friday afternoons.

Eastlakes Youth Centre
Chill out at The Place on Thursday nights with Eastlakes Youth Centre. Entry is free, and there's free pool, table tennis, games, food & music.
6.30pm - 9pm Thursday nights.

House
Live music, crazy challenges, stacks of people and heaps of energy.
Hosted by God's House, from 6.45pm on Friday nights during school terms.

Toronto West Youth Group

Keith Barry Oval, Toronto West
0409154392

Monday/Wednesday 2pm - 7pm

Social and recreational activities, support and information for 12-25 years

Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre

The new Youth Worker for MNC will be appointed in the near future...watch this space!