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PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY
<p>Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) Program</p> <p><i>Funded by the Queensland Department of Education</i></p>	<p>The Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) program supports students in Years 10, 11, and 12, who are at risk of disengaging from school to address barriers to engagement (including both school-based barriers or external psychosocial barriers) and/or to assist with transitioning into further education, training and employment.</p> <p>Ipswich Community Youth Service (ICYS) YSC's are based in three local State High Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ipswich State High School – 4.5 days/week & 3 days/week (2 staff) Woodcrest State College – 2 days/week <p>YSC's can assist with linking to services within or external to the school to assist young people address their barriers to school engagement. YSC's can transport young people to external appointments, conduct home visits, and advocate for the student.</p>	<p>Young people must be enrolled in Year 10, 11 or 12 at one of the listed schools. Some schools may open their YSC support to the junior students as well.</p> <p>Want an ICYS YSC at your school? School staff can contact ICYS to discuss.</p>
<p>Youth Housing and Support (YHAS) Program</p> <p><i>Funded by the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works</i></p>	<p>The Youth Housing and Support (YHAS) program supports young people aged 16 to 25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, by addressing barriers to sustainable accommodation. The program offers a number of supports for young people and families within their program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Case management support to young people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness; including but not limited to navigating the youth supported accommodation space, safety planning, and accessing essential services and supports that may be affecting young people from accessing accommodation. Provides short term supported accommodation in ICYS properties for young families (young people aged 16 – 25 with children in their care) who are homeless. This includes providing intensive case management to address barriers to accessing sustainable housing, whilst allowing young families to develop a rental history and be supported to then transition into safe and stable long-term housing. Provides transitional accommodation in ICYS properties for young singles in share-house arrangements. These properties generally match two young people together in shared accommodation, with young people accessing holistic case management support to work towards addressing their goals, accessing essential services and supports, and develop independent living skills; including then transitioning into safe and stable long-term housing. Immediate Housing Response / Immediate Housing Response for Families – funding for motel accommodation, where available, for singles, couples, and families; primarily targeting individuals that are already experiencing homelessness, including rough sleepers. <p>Housing Support Workers can transport young people / young families to external appointments, conduct home visits and advocate for the client. The YHAS program also provides case management support for young women and families that reside in accommodation managed by the Lady Musgrave Trust.</p>	<p>Staff based at: Ipswich Office (5 days/week) ICYS Lowood Office (As required)</p> <p>Geographic catchment: Ipswich and surrounding regions however limited outreach support to the regions (i.e. young people need to be able to attend the ICYS Ipswich office or ICYS Lowood Office at least for an initial appointment).</p>

<p>Community Youth Response & Diversion (CYRD) Program</p> <p><i>Funded by the Queensland Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support</i></p>	<p>The Community Youth Response and Diversion (CYRD) program primarily supports young people aged 10 – 15 who are at risk of coming into contact with the justice system; or have already had contact with Queensland Police Service and Youth Justice, and are at risk of offending/reoffending. Assistance for young people aged 16 – 17 is assessed at the point of referral. The program provides intensive and outreach support to young people to reduce offending and reoffending behaviour. The program utilises an early intervention approach and can work with young people around reducing the drivers that lead to offending, such as negative social interactions and peers, education and training disengagement, disconnection from family and engaging in unsafe behaviours and risk taking. The program also draws on engagement in community, through prosocial activities such as community based sport and events. CYRD seeks to engage young people where they are in community, primarily through an outreach approach.</p> <p>The CYRD program has two tiers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive case support work (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm) • After hours outreach and diversion (Tuesday / Thursday / Friday / Saturday, 3pm – 10.30pm) 	<p>Primary age cohort is 10-15 year old's (assistance for 16-17 year olds assessed at point of referral).</p> <p>Geographic catchment: Ipswich Local Government Area, Lowood, Laidley and surrounds.</p> <p>Have had contact with Queensland Police Service or Youth Justice and are at risk of offending / reoffending; or are at risk of coming into contact with police and/or Youth Justice.</p>
<p>Ipswich Youth Support Service (IYSS)</p> <p><i>Funded by the Queensland Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety</i></p>	<p>The Ipswich Youth Support Service (IYSS) program provides individualised support to young people in the Ipswich region. This includes assessment, information, support, and referral that links young people aged 12 to 21 with information and services that can support them. The program can also provide individualised case management support, focused on addressing and responding to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disconnection from family, community, prosocial or recreational activities or informal support networks; • Disengagement from school, training, and/or employment; • Harm, including self-harm or suicide; • Cultural disconnection; • Homelessness; and • Young people who are entering, or already involved in, the criminal justice system. <p>The service can be accessed directly by young people seeking assistance, by family or carers, and by support services/agencies working with young people seeking support on behalf of a young person. IYSS workers are also able to meet young people in the community or home, provide limited transport support aligned to case management goals, and advocate on the young person's behalf. IYSS also provides community projects and facilitates events at various times throughout the year, which are open for any interested young people in the community to attend independently.</p>	<p>The IYSS program supports young people 12 – 21, however, can support 8 – 11 year old's on a case-by-case basis where they have an older sibling within the age cohort already engaged with the service.</p> <p>Geographic catchment: Ipswich LGA</p>
<p>Student Welfare Worker (SWW) Program</p> <p><i>Funded by the Queensland Department of Education</i></p>	<p>Funded through the National School Chaplaincy & Student Welfare Program to work in schools to complement their existing student welfare teams. Ipswich Community Youth Service (ICYS) currently work in primary schools, high schools, and special schools across the Ipswich, Somerset, Lockyer Valley, Brisbane and Logan regions.</p>	<p>Students must be enrolled in one of the relevant schools.</p> <p>Want an ICYS Student Welfare Worker at your school? School staff can contact ICYS to discuss.</p>

<p>Regional Youth Support Service (RYSS)</p> <p><i>Funded by the Queensland Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety</i></p>	<p>The Regional Youth Support Service (RYSS) program provides individualised support to young people aged 12 to 21 within the Somerset and Lockyer Valley regions by providing local level responses including information, advice, referral, supportive case management, and coordinated multi-services responses. in the Ipswich region. This includes assessment, information, support, and referral that links young people aged 12 to 21 with information and services that can support them; focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting to positive family support; • Getting a job or engaging in education or training; • Leading a healthy and violence-free life; and • Having a safe and stable place to live. <p>The service can be accessed directly by young people seeking assistance, by family or carers, and by support services/agencies working with young people seeking support on behalf of a young person. RYSS workers are also able to meet young people in the community or home, provide limited transport support aligned to case management goals, and advocate on the young person's behalf.</p>	<p>The RYSS program supports young people 12 – 21, however, can support 8 – 11 year old's on a case-by-case basis where they have an older sibling within the age cohort already engaged with the service.</p> <p>Geographic catchment: Somerset Regional Council and Lockyer Valley Regional Council</p>
<p>PIVOT</p> <p><i>Funded by the Queensland Department of Education</i></p>	<p>PIVOT is a transitional education program that seeks to provide an individualised approach to improving literacy and numeracy to support young people to re-engage in the wider educational system (such as mainstream schooling, flexible learning facilities, employment and further training such as TAFE). The program also seeks to provide wrap around wellbeing support for young people and their families to reduce external barriers to education through a holistic approach, including supporting cultural, social and emotional needs.</p> <p>To be eligible for PIVOT, young people must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been involved or previously involved in the youth justice system, either through youth detention, watchhouse remand, or subject to a youth justice order, on bail or subject to a charge related exclusion from an education provider • On initial assessment, appears to have needs that cannot be easily accommodated in a school setting eg. Are not currently enrolled in a state or non-state school, are enrolled but there is clear evidence that the young person can be successfully accommodated in the school setting or there is school history such as disengagement, low attendance and/or frequent moving between schools and educational settings <p>Referrals will consider barriers preventing school success, level of parental/caregiver support, avoiding risk of further criminalisation and stigmatisation, compatibility with bail conditions, cultural needs, benefit or risk of participation with the existing group, safety and welfare and program capacity.</p>	<p>PIVOT supports young people 10 – 16 years and all referrals are considered by a panel prior to acceptance.</p> <p>Geographic catchment: Ipswich LGA</p> <p>For further information and how to refer, please contact on 3812 1050 or at info@icys.org.au</p>
<p>Family Support Worker</p> <p><i>Funded by the Queensland Department of Education</i></p>	<p>The Family Support Worker (FSW) works within the school environment, supporting families of students in the Ipswich East and Tivoli State School communities. The role seeks to reduce barriers to participation and increase attendance through targeted outreach to parents whilst simultaneously supporting children in the school environment.</p> <p>The FSW can attend home visits, support families with appointments and specialist visits and tailoring individual intervention to support specific family identified needs. The role is based in each school two days per week each, with one day spent seeking to engage families through a community hub based at Ipswich East State School.</p>	<p>Referrals for FSW support come through a partner school directly for engagement and support.</p>
<p>Activities and Events</p>	<p>ICYS delivers and helps to facilitate various events and activities throughout the year; including but not limited to school holiday activities, Youth Week events, Youth Homelessness Matters Days, Child Protection Week events, the Regional Youth Mental Health Forum, and much more.</p>	<p>Unfunded (delivered utilising ICYS own funds or via donations/small grants/sponsorship)</p>