

Law Reform: Youth Diversion Project

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ACTIVITIES

- KWM lawyers and graduates working as volunteers with the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT (ALS) on the diversion of young people away from the criminal justice system.
- The project activities include the analysis of ALS custody notification scheme and case file data to better understand the low rate of diversion in some localities and the disparities in that diversion rate as between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal young people.

OUTPUTS

- Analysis report and issues paper on key indicators going to the review of ALS custody notification scheme records and case files and the identified "causes" of failure to divert.
- Proposed model(s) for the operation of the Young Offenders Act with the Protected Admissions Scheme to improve efficacy.
- Development of compatible and consistent internal documentation and training for stakeholders.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

- Identify pressure points in the operation of the current Young Offenders Act scheme.
- Propose mechanisms for improving the rates of diversion of Aboriginal young people from the criminal justice system.

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

- To increase the diversion of Aboriginal young people away from the criminal justice system.
- Improved efficacy in the operation of the Young Offenders Act with the Protected Admissions Scheme.
- Lower rates of contact with the criminal justice system long term.

MEASUREMENT

- Project review: post-project data collection and comparison.
- Ad hoc surveys of:
 - ALS staff.
 - KWM clinic participants.

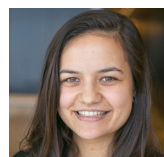
SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Open to lawyers at all levels.

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