Department of Youth Justice Research Agenda

Our Future State: Advancing Queensland Priorities

Youth Justice Strategy

- Reduced offending
- Reduced re-offending
- Reduced use of remand in custody
- Delivering more cost effective community based options

Youth Justice Strategy Priorities

- Intervene early
- Keep children out of court
- Keep children out of custody
- Reduce re-offending
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people
- Building the evidence base

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Acting early to address the needs of children, young people, families and carers to stop entry into the youth justice system.

Early intervention and diversionary programs for children and young people with early or low-level offending.

Effective processes and supports that reduce the number of young people who are remanded in custody.

Evidence-based interventions for young people who are repeat offenders that reduce reoffending and support successful reintegration with families, culture and communities.

Working with and empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to deliver culturally-safe and responsive solutions that result in positive futures for their children.

Building an evidence base about ‘what works, for whom, and in what circumstances’ for young people in the youth justice system.

Priority Research Topics

- Understanding young people’s pathways into the youth justice system
- Understanding intervention points where entry into the statutory youth justice system can be prevented
- Early intervention and diversionary programs
- Reconnecting young people with education and vocational training
- Remand reduction strategies
- Effective responses for repeat offenders
- Therapeutic responses for young people with complex needs
- Throughcare, aftercare and re-entry programs
- Reintegration with families, culture and communities
- Building the evidence base for programs and practice that address the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people
- Family and community engagement
- Trauma informed practice
- Robust evaluations of new programs and justice options
- Improving responses for specific populations, such as young women and LGBTQI young people

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