

Project Detour

Project Detour works with young people (aged between 16 and 24 years) who identify to be impacted by crime and/or anti-social behaviours and may be at risk of becoming entrenched in the criminal justice system.

Full-time Detour Coaches will work intensively with participants for 6 to 12 months to address health and wellbeing issues, build relationships and social connections and participate in soft employment and living skills training. The project aims to support participants to identify their career pathway and become engaged in youth tailored training, education and employment, as well as providing coaching to improve psychosocial outcomes.

Utilising an evidence-based assessment tool, participants will be assessed and assisted to address a range of life issues that may be impacting on their capacity to become work ready and access training, education and/or employment.

These life issues may include:

- Motivation and taking responsibility
- Self-care and living skills
- Managing money
- Social networks and relationships
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Physical health
- Emotional and mental health
- Meaningful use of time
- Managing tenancy and accommodation
- Offending and other legal issues

The project will also provide training and workshops in a range of employment skills such as, resume development, writing a cover letter, interview skills and employer expectations.

Participants will also be guided through a Living Skills Program to support them becoming more independent.

Regular network events will be coordinated in both Devonport and Burnie to introduce participants to key stakeholders in the region – employers, other support services and the local community police team.

For those participants securing employment during their participation in the project, up to 3 months post placement support is also available through the Detour Coaches.

Throughout the project, Detour Coaches will communicate regularly with referral agencies to ensure we maximise outcomes for their participating clients. This project aims to compliment the work undertaken by employment and other agencies in supporting their clients towards a more positive future through, education, training and employment.

For further information on the project contact

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