

NSW Youth Action Plan Progress Report as at 30 June 2008

Action Number	Action	Status	Agency Responsible	State Plan Priority
Theme: Belonging to Family and Community				
1	Issue a Premier's direction to NSW government agencies to apply the best practice youth participation principles in their dealings with young people.	<p>Best Practice Principles for Youth Participation (Premier's Memorandum M2007-07) was issued in late June 2007.</p> <p>On 22 October 2007 the Minister for Youth wrote to her Ministerial colleagues drawing their attention to the Premier's Memorandum and suggesting they consider appointing young people from the NSW Government's Register of Boards and Committees when positions on Boards and Committees become vacant.</p> <p>The Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP), with support from Communities Division of DoCS, is ensuring youth participation in the Community Cabinet meetings being held throughout NSW.</p>	Department of Community Services	R4 S8
2	Encourage and facilitate young people's participation in decisions about the design and delivery of health services, through a Health Clinician and Consumer Engagement	<p>NSW Health is in the process of developing the Clinician and Community Engagement Policy. The policy will provide strategic and practical guidance to Area Health Services and the Department on engagement of consumers, clinicians, carers and the community. It will provide direction on activities to engage consumers within and outside the Area Health Advisory Council structure and inform on existing resources for engagement by providing practical guidance such as the selection of committee members and their reimbursement for participation.</p> <p>NSW Health has met with the Sax Institute to identify key research on clinician and consumer engagement. The research has identified best practice principles for youth participation in health care service delivery.</p> <p>NSW Health established the Children and Young People's Health Priority Taskforce (HPT) in 2006. Part of the remit of this group is to provide guidance and policy advice in the area of youth health. Currently the HPT has 2 young consumers and representatives of 2 youth health associations actively involved on the Taskforce. The young consumer representatives were recruited in consultation with the Youth Advisory Council. Issues pertaining to youth health agenda are a critical component of the HPT work, with significant advocacy provided beyond NSW Health, particularly by Taskforce members representing DoCS, the Commission for Children and Young People, Department of Education and Training, and Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health. The Children and Young People's HPT will increase it's focus on young people through the implementation of its workplan over the coming two years.</p>	Department of Health	F5 S1 S8

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3 Evaluate the NSW Aboriginal Youth Leadership Project.	Evaluation of the Aboriginal Youth Leadership project has been submitted by consultant. There are ongoing discussions with Attorney General's Department to look at ways to reallocate the existing program funds into similar projects.	Department of Community Services	F1 R4
4 Fund the Youth Action and Policy Association to establish the Youth Participation Grants Program, giving young people the opportunity to create and run local projects that also encourage their peers to get involved in the community	<p>A \$225,000 grant was provided to the Youth Action and Policy Association (YAPA) in June 2006 establish the Youth Participation Grants Program in four regions as a pilot. A total of 14 projects were funded under two rounds.</p> <p>A further amount of \$96,709 was provided to YAPA in January 2008 for two rounds of grants available on a statewide basis. Round 1 closed on 24 April 2008 and approximately \$60,000 was provided to 18 projects around the State. Round 2 closed on 25 July 2008. Approximately 15 projects are being funded under Round 2.</p> <p>An additional \$125,000 was provided to YAPA in June 2008 for a third round of statewide funding to be held in 2008/09. A closing date for this Round has not yet been determined.</p>	Department of Community Services	E8 F3 R4 S3
5 Work with the youth sector to make sure that the Department of Community Services' (DoCS) Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) and Youth Action Plan are better aligned.	<p>The CSGP has been reviewed by DoCS in 2007/08, using Ernst and Young. The Review was overseen by the CSGP Roundtable. As a member of the CSGP Roundtable, the Youth Action and Policy Association (YAPA) has had significant input into the CSGP results that have been developed.</p> <p>The Business Case from the review is currently being discussed with NSW Treasury over additional resources to implement the recommendations.</p>	Department of Community Services	F7 R4 S5
6 Develop new contracting, planning and funding arrangements for rural and regional bus operators to provide better services and a more coordinated approach among transport providers.	New service planning, funding and contracting arrangements have been developed as part of the Government's rural and regional bus reform process in consultation with operators of rural and regional bus services. Implementation is underway. The new contracts for country town services provide for community consultation, regular service reviews to ensure services match demand and co-operation between neighbouring operators' services and will expand travel entitlements for concession holders, such as students and apprentices and trainees.	Ministry of Transport	P7 R4

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7 Explore extending the range of travel concessions for young people in rural and regional NSW as part of the rural and regional bus reform program.

The new rural and regional bus contracts will provide the standard suite of concessions available in Metropolitan and Outer Metropolitan areas, enabling senior secondary and tertiary students to travel at half fare at all times, and apprentices and trainees to obtain concession travel on services where it previously was not available.

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Theme: Learning and Earning

8 Award NSW Youth Housing Scholarships to students living in social housing to assist them stay at school by offering scholarships worth \$2000 each for spending on books, computers, tuition and other items that assist in their education.

In 2007, the Housing NSW Youth Scholarship program provided 100 scholarships of \$2000 each to assist young people living in social housing to complete the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or TAFE equivalent. In 2008 the program provided 168 scholarships. A recently completed evaluation found that the program delivers positive outcomes for young people including improved academic, social and participation outcomes as well as increased school attendance. The program has been extended for a further 2 years.

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9 Help young people living in public housing estates to stay longer in education and improve employment outcomes. In a two year pilot program the Department of Housing will be working with businesses, education facilities, schools and local community groups to help identify barriers to learning and employment and to develop ways to help young people into learning and employment at a local level.

The 6 Learning and Employment Coordinators (LEC) recruited in 2007 are making progress within each of the Building Stronger Communities priority locations at Macquarie Fields, Mt Druitt, Claymore, Orange/Bathurst, Dubbo and Killarney Vale/ Bateau Bay/Tumbi Umbi. Community consultations have been completed and working groups established to support the implementation of Learning, Employment and Economic Development (LEED) Plans.

Department of Housing

In some locations employment and training outcomes for social housing tenants have been secured. Systems have been developed to monitor the participants' completion of training courses and periods of employment to measure the effectiveness of the interventions. A consultant is currently being engaged to evaluate the LEC pilot.

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10 Provide school students with access to an on-line careers survey to help with career

The on-line Student Pathways Survey allows students in government high schools to report on their career planning confidence levels. The survey features an instantaneous feedback report that supports student reflection and action. Careers advisers can access the reports to provide career counselling.

Department of Education and Training

All ten Department of Education and Training (DET) school regions are accessing the on-line Student Pathways Survey and students can now access the survey individually. 160 schools provided the survey to students in 2007 and 134 schools are using the survey for career counselling. The survey is most frequently used with students in Years 9-10 but also widely used by students in Years 11-12 in their own time.

Since June 2007 the capacity of the on-line Student pathways Survey to generate a school report that uses live student data to inform whole school planning to support student career development and transition planning has been highlighted to principals in a number of ways:-

-an information session presented to the Secondary Principals' Annual Conference in June 2007

-a memorandum to all principals of government schools with a secondary enrolment in July 2007

-a profile in the department's newsletter Curriculum Support Vocational Education 7-12 (Vol 1 No.3) distributed to all secondary schools.

In addition, the department is working closely with one school region to support the delivery of the Student Pathways Survey to school students and to encourage school executive in that region to access the data it generates to assist whole school planning to support student

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11 Update the Stay Safe @ Work resource and the pocket booklet Starting Work? Know Your Legal Rights.

The pocket booklet is now titled "Offered a Job? Know Your Legal Rights" and is produced by the Office of Industrial Relations.

Department of Education and Training

The updating of the Stay Safe @ Work resource is being further scoped to take account of new on-line resources and avoid unnecessary duplication.

Consultation with end users and occupational health and safety specialists will help determine the final scope of the department's resource. Copies of the latest pocket booklet "Know Your Legal Rights (2007)" have been added to remaining copies of the "Stay Safe @ Work" resource.

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12 Run the Corporate Partners for Change Program, a partnership between government, industry, unions and the community to assist disadvantaged groups in greater western Sydney make the move from unemployment to work.

The Program is a partnership between Office of the Minister for Western Sydney, government agencies, businesses and community to address current and emerging skills shortages and longterm unemployment in Western Sydney. Participants include early school leavers, longterm unemployed, people with disabilities, people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and ATSI backgrounds etc. Many young people have participated in the program.

Department of Premier and Cabinet

During the 2007/08 financial year, training was provided for 139 people in Western Sydney and resulted in outstanding conversion rate into jobs, traineeships and apprenticeships. Ten programs were delivered in Electrical Trades, Childcare, Aged Care (Nursing work), Administration (for people with a disability) and in Disability Care (Community Home Support Workers).

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13 Run the Young BizStar competition for young entrepreneurs. Run the Young BizStar Business Pitching competition for young entrepreneurs through the Department of State and Regional Development (DSRD), with three business support packages each valued at \$6000 being made available by the Department.

The Young BizStar competition was held in September 2007 where eight finalists pitched their business ideas to a panel of judges at an event held in Sydney. The competition included a Light Bulb category for new ideas, a Start Up category for young businesses and a Regional category. DSRD provided a business support package worth over \$6000 to each of the three winners in addition to business support packages from sponsors Australia Post, Sensis and e-Bay.

Department of State and Regional Development

The Winner of the "Light Bulb" category was Michael Chan of Sydney for his baby wrist band device designed to monitor vital organs. The "Start Up" winner was Jimmy Servai of Sydney for developing a natural replacement for sugar. Rachel Chippendale of Orange won the "Regional" category for her jewellery storage device.

The competition will be held again in 2008 as part of Small Business September. Planning is currently underway with the Sydney event scheduled for 18th September 2008.

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14 Continue the Young Entrepreneur Stepping Up Program, an ongoing program aimed at young entrepreneurs running their own businesses. The program organises mentoring, workshops and opportunities to network with others in the business community.

Stepping Up focuses on entrepreneurs aged 18-35 who have been running their own small business for at least a year. Each participant in the program completes five 10-hour workshops and ten hours of one-to-one mentoring to graduate. In 2007/08 four programs were conducted, all in Western Sydney, with 48 participants.

The Department of State and Regional Development has also noticed that there has been an increased number of young business people participating in the issue specific Stepping Advanced programs (eg IP for New Products, Growing to the Next Level, Raising Capital).

Other examples of youth-oriented events (but which are not part of the Stepping Up Program) include the Young Manufacturers Event held during Western Sydney Manufacturing Week 2008. The event attracted young manufacturers, inventors, students from as far as Newcastle and Wollongong.

The Global Edge event, hosted by the Department and facilitated by the Frank Team, was run during Small Business September 2007 and provided information on business planning and finances for young entrepreneurs.

The Active Young Entrepreneurs Skill Workshop, designed to provide business support, was held in May 2008 with 80 attendees.

The Young Entrepreneur- Online Edge event was held on 9 April 2008. A panel of young entrepreneurs discussed the use of on-line technology to run and promote business. More than 60 young people attended.

Department of State and Regional Development

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15 Fund projects under the Local and Community Transport Program such as the driver's licence training program managed by the Darkinjung Community Development Employment Program. This project helps disadvantaged Aboriginal youth on the Central Coast get a driver's licence and employment in the local transport sector.

In 2007/08 youth specific projects have been approved in the following Regions:

- Far West: Broken Hill PCYC and Wilcannia Youth transport projects
- New England: Gunnedah Youth on the Move
- Central West: Youth transport initiatives in each of the Lachlan, Bland, Weddin and Lake Cargelligo Shires
- Mid North Coast: Lifehouse and The Valley's youth transport initiatives
- Northern Rivers: Support to Byron and Tweed Bus (BAT Bus), Youth on Wheels (YOWI) and Youth Access Express (YAXI) activities.

Ministry of Transport

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16 Distribute Offered a Job? Know Your Legal Rights as a booklet, on-line and as a podcast to provide information to young people on rights and entitlements in the workplace.

Extensive distribution of the booklet has been completed using a wide variety of sources including:

1. Department of Education and Training (DET) - placement in apprenticeship information packs and in Skills Training Centres
2. High School Vocational Educational and Training (VET) teacher networks
3. In response to direct mail requests from high schools
4. Mailout to over 1000 community and youth organisations
5. Information sessions by Office of Industrial Relations
6. Community events

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17 Expand workplace advice and assistance services with a Young People and Work website, a Look and Listen multimedia site, and a series of presentations at schools, community venues and careers expos.

The Office of Industrial Relations (OIR) Young People At Work website (www.youngpeopleatwork@nsw.gov.au) was launched in February 2007. The website is widely promoted in OIR's youth oriented publications, general media promotion and by promotional wallet cards and stickers distributed at events and presentations.

Department of
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Links to the website from a range of other youth websites have been instigated. Over 50,000 visits have been recorded to the website since its commencement.

The Offered a Job? Know Your Legal Rights audio-visual session is available on OIR's Look and Listen multimedia site.

Between July 2007 and June 2008 OIR has delivered 168 presentations on workplace rights and responsibilities to over 4,700 young people in NSW high schools and TAFEs around the State.

OIR has also participated in a number of Careers Expos across the State.

In May 2008 the OIR announced a video competition to be run through NSW high schools which has been supported by the Department of Education and Training. The initiative invites young people to produce a visual message on a workplace issue for their peers. While meeting identified learning outcomes from the NSW commerce syllabus, it provides a fun activity for students to learn about important workplace issues.

The competition closes in August 2008 and winning entries will be placed on the Young People at Work website.

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18 Protect the 150,000 under 18 year olds workers in NSW so that employers have to offer wages and conditions that are at least equal to those provided by NSW awards and legislation. We will make sure that young workers do not have to bargain individually to maintain their existing penalties, allowances, training pay and training leave. Young people will also have access to the services provided by the NSW Office of Industrial Relations (OIR) to enforce employment rights.

Industrial Relations (Child Employment) Act 2006 came into effect on 1 December 2006, establishing a safety net based on state awards and industrial legislation, and returning access to remedies for unfair dismissal, to children employed by constitutional corporations (Pty Ltd or Ltd companies) under the federal industrial relations system.

In May 2007, Child Employment Principles Case 2007 determined by the NSW Industrial Relations Commission established Principles for the Industrial Court to follow when determining if a child has been provided with the minimum conditions of employment under the Industrial Relations (Child Employment) Act 2006.

The Principles guide constitutional corporation employers as to the minimum standards of fair pay and conditions they must provide to child employees-without children needing to bargain individually.

Child workers derive either a direct or indirect benefit from the positive adjustment to award wage rates by the Industrial Relations Commission through the State Wage Case.

OIR has developed and distributed a range of print and web-based fact sheets to provide information to young workers and their employers. This information is also available on the OIR's young workers website (www.youngpeopleatwork.nsw.gov.au).

OIR's Inspectors regularly check employers to ensure they are meeting their obligations under the Act.

Between July 2007 and June 2008, some 2,000 employers who engage child workers were inspected by OIR to ensure their obligations under the child employment laws were being met. This activity is part of OIR's ongoing statewide compliance program.

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Theme: Feeling Good and Staying Healthy

19 The Government will focus on delivering mental health services that are accessible and relevant to young people. Of particular importance will be increasing the support for young people experiencing difficulties at school. We will develop an early intervention Youth Mental Health Service Model to provide a seamless, multidisciplinary services for young people aged 14-24 years of age with mental health problems and disorders. Using this approach, we will provide early access for young people to a range of health services, such as general practitioners, drug and alcohol workers and mental health workers, in a one stop shop. We will also implement youth-specific initiatives under the NSW Suicide Prevention Strategy.

1. School-Link is a collaborative initiative between NSW Health and the Department of Education and Training (DET) to improve the mental health of children and young people in NSW. It is a key activity under the State Plan (priority F3, "Improved outcomes in Mental Health") and is an important initiative in the New South Wales Interagency Action Plan for Better Mental Health. The broad implementation of School Link over the past six years has built a foundation of organisational support and infrastructure to address the following aims:-
-Assisting in strengthening formal and informal links at local and Area Health Service level between TAFE, schools, school and TAFE counsellors and local Child and Adolescent Mental Health services
-Training programs for mental health workers and school and TAFE counsellors to enhance skills in the recognition, intervention planning, treatment, support and prevention of mental health problems in children and adolescents
-Supporting the implementation of programs in schools for the prevention of or early intervention in mental health problems, such as Adolescents Coping with Emotions, Resourceful Adolescents Program and MindMatters.

In order to extend and enhance School Link, NSW Health and DET are finalising a Memorandum of Understanding that aims to provide a formal framework for an ongoing collaborative approach by both agencies in supporting and improving the mental health of children and young people attending government schools and TAFE in NSW. Activities and governance processes will be specified in separate Schedules including the Training Program, Pathways to Care/Shared Collaboration and Promotion and Prevention Programs in Schools.

2. Youth Mental Health Service Model - The prototype model developed in Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service during 2006/07 is being implemented in a collaborative framework that includes eight integrated strategies: Partnerships and Community Awareness; Ycentral: "One-Stop Youth Mental Health Shop"; primary youth mental health initiatives; e-Mental Health (on-line initiatives); Youth Mental Health Clinical Service Model Development; Young People's Alliance (youth participation); training and development; and social recovery. The Young People's Alliance strategy encompasses a Youth Alliance Advisory Group, a Youth Consultancy Committee, a Youth Alliance Coordinator and broad base consultations with young people, including surveys of clients and their families. Evaluation of the Central Coast model continues for a further year. Each Area Health Service has developed a youth mental health services model. These are in the process of being implemented and staff recruitment has commenced. A report summarising the prototype and identifying a key set of principles for establishing a youth mental health model of care based on the experience in developing the prototype was presented at a state-wide forum in October 2007. Three further reports have been produced.

Department of Health

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20 We will provide young people with information about the dangers of smoking, risky drinking and illicit drug use through initiatives such as Play Now/Act Now - peer education initiative about drugs and alcohol. We will develop a new Youth Alcohol Action Plan and continue successful anti-smoking campaigns. Programs will provide targeted information about specific drugs, such as methamphetamine, ecstasy and GHB. We will also improve access to HIV and hepatitis prevention services among those young people who inject drugs.

In line with the NSW HIV/AIDS Strategy 2006-2009 and the NSW Hepatitis C Strategy 2007-2009, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C prevention services continue to work closely with youth services and young people at risk of HIV and hepatitis infections, in order to improve access to HIV and hepatitis services.

The Youth Alcohol Action Plan 2008 - 2012 has been finalised in consultation with partner agencies. The Plan, which updates the Youth Alcohol Action Plan 2001 - 2005, provides strategies that aim to prevent and reduce alcohol related harm in youth aged 12 to 24 years. The Plan will be implemented across NSW and respond to emerging issues regarding youth and alcohol. In conjunction with this Plan, a range of targeted education programs and resources on both alcohol and psychostimulant use have been developed including What Are You Doing To Yourself? and the Club Drugs campaigns.

Additionally a series of alcohol education resources, targeting both young people and their parents, are being developed. Play Now Act Now, a peer education initiative for young people that provides a unique opportunity for young people in NSW to engage in cultural and informative activities relating to the use of alcohol and other drugs, continues to be a successful initiative now in its sixth year.

Department of Health

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21 We will work with general practitioners and sexual health services to improve young people's access to sexual health services. We will continue our sexual health promotion activities, and will work with the Department of Education and Training (DET) to ensure young people continue to have access to effective sexual health education programs.

In line with the NSW Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy 2006-2009, the NSW Health (DOH) continues to work with general practitioners (GPs), sexual health services and DET to improve services and programs to young people as follows:

NSW STI Programs Unit GP Project

The project continues to support GPs, who are the primary point of STI services to young people, to manage STIs within their practice by improving access to STI information, training and resources. The project also continues to strengthen links between GPs and sexual health services, in order to ensure the coordination of STI and sexual health services to young people.

STIPU HIV/STI Social Marketing Project

The project continues to implement the NSW World AIDS Day campaign and other community STI awareness campaign, to increase community awareness of STIs and HIV. These health promotion programs are statewide campaigns with particular focus on young people.

DOH/DET Sexual Health in Schools Project

During 2007/2008, the project conducted teacher training workshops across NSW, focusing on teaching sexual health. The project continues to work in partnership with the NSW education system and NSW health services to support STI education in schools. Both DOH and DET recognise that sexual health education in schools will be most effective when combined with related health issues and provided in a holistic personal development program.

Department of Health

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22 We will encourage healthy eating and physical activity to help manage young people's weight and prevent obesity. We will support a range of activities that act on the recommendations of the 2004 NSW Schools Physical and Nutrition Survey. We will also continue the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy in schools to promote healthy, nutritious food options and to limit the sale of foods and drinks that are high in saturated fats, added sugars and salt.

NSW Health is currently undertaking a statewide roll out of two new programs which have been previously successful and undertaken locally. In collaboration with the Department of Education and Training, the Live Life Well @ Schools program is a professional development opportunity for primary school teachers, which aims to further develop quality nutrition and physical education programs as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education K-6 curriculum. Focusing on the 5 key messages it builds on, and incorporates, the Fresh Taste Healthy Canteen Strategy, Get Skilled Get Active curriculum support material, and the Crunch and Sip® program. Also the 'Live Outside the Box' awareness raising strategy encourages kids in grade 5 and 6 years to self assess their behaviours (i.e. television and computer use, fruit and vegetable consumption, time spent being active). The Munch and Move program will provide resources and training for preschool workers to help them encourage and actively support children's participation in physical activity, specifically the development of Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) and healthy food choices. Training commenced in June 2008. The Healthy Kids website www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au, developed in partnership with DET, National Heart Foundation NSW and NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, provides online information and ideas on healthy eating and regular physical activity for schools and parents.

The Good for Kids, Good for Life program is currently being implemented in the Hunter, New England and Lower Mid North Coast. It is Australia's largest ever obesity prevention trial. Rigorous evaluation is expected to make a significant contribution to the evidence base for childhood obesity prevention.

The Good for Kids, Good for Life Water Campaign, adapted from the Hunter New England Good for Kids, Good for Life childhood obesity research project, promotes the key message 'Choose Water as a Drink.' The campaign will be promoted across NSW via television, radio and press from July to September 2008. The campaign will also be supported by the Healthy Kids website and will contain information about the NSW Health Good for Kids, Good for Life Water Campaign and fact sheets about the benefits of drinking water.

School based initiatives include Crunch&Sip®, a set break to encourage primary school children to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. The Healthy Kids School Canteen Association (HKSCA), who are managing the program, implemented Crunch and Sip® throughout Western Sydney primary schools during Term 4 2007. The program has now been promoted across all NSW primary schools and so far there are over 100 schools participating.

The HKSCA have developed the NSW Crunch and Sip® website and a range of supporting resources for NSW schools. Crunch and Sip® is being promoted as a key component of Live Life Well @ School, therefore, it is anticipated that the number of schools enrolled in the program will double over the next year.

The Fresh Tastes @ Schools Booster Program, a support program which aims to assist high schools that are experiencing difficulties in implementing the Fresh Tastes @ School strategy. Both programs are being implemented by HKSCA on behalf of NSW Health.

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23 We will support youth-specific health services providing information and health care to young pregnant women and young parents. This includes providing youth-friendly, culturally appropriate, and respectful antenatal care with improved access to midwifery services. In mainstream maternal, child and family health services we will promote a youth-friendly culture to ensure that young pregnant women and young parents receive the best care and support.

NSW Health has developed the consumer resource book, *Having a Baby*, which is available free of charge to all pregnant women at their first booking appointment at a NSW public birthing facility. This resource is being translated into six languages which increases access to the information for multicultural populations. This book contains wide ranging information for mothers whose babies are born prematurely, allowing women to be well informed should they experience a premature labour.

The Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Strategy (AMIHS) aims to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal women during pregnancy and decrease perinatal morbidity and mortality. Due to its success the NSW Government has committed an additional \$4.4 million annually to make the AMIHS a state-wide service and an additional 17 AMIHS sites are being developed. This will take the number of AMIHS services from 14 to over 31. The AMIHS model consists of a midwife and Aboriginal Health Worker team working with Aboriginal women in a flexible and non-judgmental manner. The AMIHS teams provide community-based midwifery care in pregnancy and the early postnatal period and are also involved in community development initiatives that promote healthy lifestyle choices.

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Theme: Engaging in Culture, Sport and Recreation

<p>24 Implement the Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Action Plan. As part of this Plan, Aboriginal culture will be promoted in mainstream media by developing a framework for greater participation of young Aboriginal people in the performing arts, film, television and radio.</p>	<p>This Action has now been incorporated into Action 27. Refer to Action 27 for current status.</p>	<p>Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation</p>	<p>F1 R4</p>
<p>25 Use the Aboriginal Cultural Events Working Group to develop a strategic approach to supporting a number of key Aboriginal community events, including NAIDOC and the NSW Rugby League Knock-Out.</p>	<p>In late 2006, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs commenced the establishment of pooled funding arrangements for Aboriginal cultural events. Agencies contribute funds according to a schedule, and the pool is administered by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. This has established a single process for funding important cultural events, and has provided a simplified acquittal process for community groups receiving NSW government funding.</p> <p>Agencies agreed that the funding pool is to be used to fund Sorry Day, Yabun/ Survival, NAIDOC, and selected regional cultural events (one regional event per region as nominated by Regional Coordination Membership Groups). Agencies further agreed that Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout and Croc Fest will not be funded through the funding pool but that agencies may fund these and other events separate from the funding pool.</p>	<p>Department of Aboriginal Affairs</p>	<p>F1 R4</p>
<p>26 Acknowledge the achievements of young people living in social housing who have made a significant contribution to their community through the annual NSW Housing Youth Achievement Awards. The Department of Housing will offer these achievement awards to these young people through the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academic Achievement; - Achievement in Chosen Career; - Arts and Culture; - Community Service; - Sports Achievement; and - Special Achievement Award. 	<p>In 2008, 21 young people were selected for awards and certificates of commendation. The Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir, presented the awards to the winners of the Housing NSW Youth Achievement Awards in April 2008.</p> <p>In recognition of their achievements, finalists aged 16 years and over were also invited to take part in the Housing NSW Links2 Leadership pilot project. The project aims to develop the leadership skills, knowledge and experience of the 2006 and 2007 Youth Achievement Awards winners and Scholarship projects.</p> <p>The Benevolent Society of NSW has been contracted to deliver a leadership development program for this group of young people.</p> <p>A three-day forum took place in June 2008 which was well-received and attended by a total of 46 young people.</p>	<p>Department of Housing</p>	<p>R4</p>

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27 Provide opportunities for young Indigenous people through the Indigenous Performing Arts Strategy.

DASR through Arts NSW supported an Indigenous Strategic Partnership with the 2008 Sydney Festival. This partnership delivered a number of mentoring workshops aimed at community and youth as well as emerging and established Indigenous artists in Sydney. The workshops linked international, national and local Indigenous performers participating in the Sydney Festival program with a number of arts industry representatives. They shared their knowledge, talent and experience with almost 60 local emerging and established Indigenous artists through youth workshops in Hip Hop and performing arts.

Arts NSW supported the Bundanon Black 2008 program to assist the development of a multi-strand Indigenous program. This program will benefit local and regional Indigenous communities (incorporating school, youth and community) through workshops and performances in music and dance.

An Aboriginal Youth Dance program run by the Australian Catholic Ministry in Western Sydney was supported to provide sustainability in the employment of professional Aboriginal dance instructors. The Youth Dance program aims to improve the social and cultural wellbeing of the community through an afterschool dance program for young people from Blacktown and Penrith. Young people are taught different forms of traditional and contemporary Indigenous dance practice.

Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation

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28 Use the ConnectEd program to help students in regional NSW get the chance to experience high quality art.

The ConnectEd Arts Strategy aims to provide disadvantaged students with access to o quality arts education experiences. It offers access to a variety of diverse art forms via indigenous arts camps, a performing arts touring program, ticket and travel subsidies, teacher work placements, professional teacher and artist development workshops and an outreach workshop program.

In 2007/08 over 30,000 school students participated in the program engaging with NSW leading arts organisations including Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Sydney Biennale, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Australian Theatre of the Deaf, Sydney Opera House and Monkey Baa Theatre for Young People.

ConnectEd's touring program in 2007/08 toured 2 productions to New England and Riverina. Opera Australia toured New England with The Magic Flute engaging 4,600 young people from 61 regional primary schools. Sydney Theatre Company's Education Program "The 7 Stages of Grieving" toured Albury, Wagga and Griffith. Over 900 school students saw the play and took part in forums. ConnectEd also supported tours by Riverside Theatres, Fling Physical Theatre and NORPA Dance Action.

ConnectEd's Outreach program provides an important skills development and participatory component of the access strategy. Monkey Baa Theatre for Young People offered primary students from Western and Inner Sydney free playbuilding workshops. Over 1700 students participated in the drama program.

Spaghetti Circus provided access to circus arts for students in Northern NSW. 2500 students were given the opportunity to see the Circus's "Ready, Set, Go!" with more than 300 students participating in skills workshop. Musica Viva in Schools provided a 2-week music composition program for high school students and teachers in the Riverina.

Art Gallery of NSW delivered a visual arts regional outreach program in partnership with Moree Plains Gallery. 40 visual arts participated in the residential camp in Moree, then attended an excursion to Sydney to engage with the professional art world which culminated in an exhibition of students' work in a professional gallery.

In April 2008 the ConnectEd Arts circus camp offered 37 Indigenous students from Riverina the opportunity to experience an intensive circus and Indigenous cultural program. The Flying Fruit Fly Circus provided circus and physical theatre skills culminating in a performance for the local school community. Alongside this intensive program Indigenous artists, local Elders, teachers and Aboriginal Education Assistants provided a social skills and Indigenous cultural development program.

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29 Support arts activities for young people through grants to the Shopfront Theatre for Young People, Music NSW, Powerhouse Youth Theatre and Urban Theatre Projects.

In 2007 Arts NSW supported performances and cultural activity for children and young people across NSW to the value of \$1,935,373. NSW has an international reputation for youth performing arts companies such as the Australian Theatre for Young People, Fling Physical Theatre and many more.

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Shopfront Theatre for Young People provides workshops which engage with over 300 young people in SW Sydney. It has introduced a new and emerging artists in residency program called ArtsLab which provides opportunities for 18-25 year olds to explore contemporary performance practice. The major work in 2008 will be an outdoor performance piece in Hurstville titled Lost Toy Story. In May 2008, Kogarah Council was awarded a Programs, Projects and Partnership Award at the NSW Local Government Cultural Awards in recognition of the production A City of Shadows and Ice.

Arts companies such as the Australian Theatre for the Deaf, Monkey Baa Theatre for Young People and Oz Opera also delivered performing arts experiences supported by arts education resources. In August 2007 Monkey Baa Theatre for Young People won the Helpmann Theatre Award for Best Presentation for Children for the production of Jackie French's Hitler's Daughter.

Urban Theatre Projects specialise in making performances that engage in socially relevant questions which are connected to diverse communities. Stories and images of contemporary urban life are drawn from and influenced by the company's geographic and social environment in Western Sydney. During 2007/08 the company responded to the 2005 Cronulla riots, creating a new work titled Stories of Love and Hate. To be presented in late 2008, the creative development sourced material from an extensive interview process with community members and young people from the Sutherland Shire and Bankstown areas.

The 16th ASSITEJ World Congress and Performing Arts Festival was held in Adelaide, May 2008. Arts NSW provided \$12,000 to support Zeal Theatre and Ben Walsh to perform at the festival. This event is considered the world's leading children and young peoples' arts festival that showcases companies to international producers and presenters. Nominated by industry peers, young artistic directors, Tim McGarry of Monkey Baa Theatre for Young People and Claudia Chidiac of Powerhouse Youth Theatre were invited to participate in the ASSITEJ Next Generation program. Both directors have been invited to the 2009 ASSITEJ gathering in Linz, Austria to take part in professional development.

In 2007/08 Powerhouse collaborated with the Australian Theatre for Young People in the performance This Territory. Performed at the Sydney Opera House this docudrama explored how the Cronulla riots erupted in violence. Based in Fairfield, Powerhouse Youth Theatre's Mixed Abilities Ensemble provides a unique training program teaching 10 artists drama and movement. In addition to the theatre workshop program involving over 250 participants, the company will perform a production titled Can you Hear Me? which was developed in partnership with South West Sydney Legal Centre.

Arts NSW provides \$250,000 to Music NSW supporting young people to create their own safe, drug and alcohol free all-ages entertainment through programs such as INDENT. During 2007/08, \$139,000 supported partnership grants to 13 metropolitan and 22 regional event teams who delivered a total number of 101 performances, forums and workshops.

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A total attendance of 31,934 young people participated in the INDENT program, showcasing 394 emerging and 81 professional bands. This leading youth entertainment program provides awards, online resources, workshops and forums and allows young event promoters to build positive relationships with the local authorities, business community and industry professionals.

Arts NSW also provides a range of cultural and recreational activities for young people through other organisations such as Australian Museum, Film and Television Office, State Library, Sydney Opera House, Historic Houses Trust and Powerhouse Museum.

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30 Support the Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre, a youth residential cultural 'outstation' centre for Aboriginal young men who offend or who are at risk of

The Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre provides a residential, culturally based program for Aboriginal boys between 12-15 yrs at risk of contact with criminal justice system. The Centre is constructed on 780 hectares near Griffith and was officially opened on 24 November 2005.

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The initial program commenced on 31 January 2006. Since the program's commencement 49 participants have graduated, including 10 from the first term in 2008. Of the 49 participants, 37 are in schools in their community, 4 are in fulltime employment, 7 are actively looking for work and 1 is in detention. All graduates are supported through an exit plan and mentoring programs on return to their communities.

Deloitte have been contracted to undertake a financial analysis to determine cost modelling for future outstation models.

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31 Provide diversionary programs for Aboriginal boys with intellectual or mental disabilities to avoid re-offending.

1. Youth Justice Conferencing (YJC) - Young People With Intellectual Disabilities and Mental Health Issues

This project was designed to explore the experiences of the conferencing process for young persons and victims with a disability. The ultimate aim of the project was to develop a tool to allow conferencing participants with a disability to fully participate in the conferencing process.

The Final Report on the scoping exercise on disability and YJC participants was completed in August 2007. All participants and convenors in the 50 conferences were given the opportunity to complete an evaluation. Analysis of the data provided details on how the conferencing process could be modified to maximise opportunities for those with disabilities to communicate effectively and participate fully in the process.

Implementation of the Report's recommendations builds convenors' capacity to facilitate conferences where participants have disabilities. This will have longer-term benefits for participants and the whole conferencing process. Training for all YJC convenors across NSW was rolled out in May and June 2008 with implementation to start from July 2008.

2. Justice Health Adolescent Court and Community Team (JH-ACCT)

The team was established in 2005, following Mental Health enhancement funding of \$1.2million from NSW Health. While this is a Justice Health initiative, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is a key partner in its operations. The main components of the service are Court Diversion Program, community-based assessments (Community Consultation Clinic), discharge planning from Juvenile Justice Centres, limited case management and case coordination.

The aims are to provide a court diversion program to Children's Courts in targeted areas in NSW and community forensic mental health and risk assessments via the Community Consultation Clinic for young people with the complex mental health, behavioural and psychological problems who are under the care of DJJ, DoCS and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and who represent a direct risk to themselves or others.

The Community Consultation Clinic commenced at Parramatta in 2006 and expanded to Surry Hills, Sydney and Mount Druitt in 2007. The referral group are males and females aged 10 -18 with mental health problems, emerging mental illness, drug and/or alcohol dependence and conduct disorder who because of their behaviour represented a direct risk to themselves or others and required a comprehensive mental health assessment from skilled clinicians.

Referrals are accepted at the court from DJJ, DoCS, NSW Police Force, Children's Legal Aid, Aboriginal Children's Legal Services, solicitors, Court Intake Officers and/or the Magistrate of the court.

Between 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007, 212 young people were assessed - 58 young people were diverted to a mental health service under a Section 32 or referred to a community mental health centre, 5 were diverted to hospital under Section 33, 42 remained in custody, 64 diverted to an NGO service, 43 identified as having no mental illness presentation and 34

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32 Support the Moving Forward and Negotiating Consent programs in schools and communities in Orana/Far West to support and train young people in developing positive relationships and to reduce the risk of developing abusive relationships in later life.	<p>Phase 1: Approximately 60 participants have attended the two-day Train the Trainer workshops completed over February and March 2007 throughout the region. The Moving Forward and Negotiating Consent programs have commenced at a number of locations and continued across the region throughout July, August and September 2007.</p> <p>Phase 2: Approximately 600 students throughout Orana far West have participated in the Moving Forward and Negotiating Consent programs. A full evaluation is pending.</p> <p>Phase 3: Sustainability: The project is being sustained through the Greater Western Area Health Service, Women's Health Team. Currently the Dubbo Women's Health Team are combining the two programs with the Love Bites program to form a shorter comprehensive program, based on feedback from trainers. Women's Health will proceed to deliver the combined program in schools in partnership with other trainers where possible.</p>	Department of Community Services	R1 S4 S5
33 Develop a booklet What Now for Youth, a resource for young people regarding services and entitlements they can obtain to recover from the effects of being the victim of a crime.	The booklet, which is now called "Are You a Victim of Crime?", has been reprinted due to high demand since the initial print run occurred. Copies can be ordered online at www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/victimsservices/ll_vs.nsf/pages/VS_formsobtaining	Attorney General's Department	F Goal
34 Develop COURTWISE, an interactive website to help young people understand the legal processes they may face as victims/witnesses in court.	COURTWISE was launched by the NSW Attorney General at the National Victims Conference held in October 2007 in Sydney.	Attorney General's Department	F Goal
35 Over the next two years, deliver the Young Offenders Act training program to 24 Aboriginal Community Justice Groups to provide an introduction to cautions and youth justice conferencing.	<p>A standardised training package was developed and trialled at Grafton. However, the feedback indicated that the content of the package was too theoretical and not relevant to Aboriginal Community Justice Group (ACJG) members. In response the Aboriginal Programs Unit has negotiated access to Young Offenders Act training at a local level, in partnership with Police Local Area Commands.</p> <p>ACJG members are being trained to issue cautions under the Young Offenders Act and some have also expressed an interest in becoming trained facilitators under the youth conferencing scheme. Some ACJG members already have been involved in issuing cautions to young offenders. The Aboriginal Programs Unit continues to work in partnership with Police to develop a standardised training for all ACJGs.</p> <p>It is anticipated that this package will be finalised during 2008.</p>	Attorney General's Department	F1 R2

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36 Create stronger links between police and schools and prevent problems before they take hold, with 40 School Liaison Police in NSW high schools. It is expected that every high school in NSW will get at least one visit from their School Liaison Police every 12 months, with some schools receiving more visits depending on their level of need. The program will teach students about crime prevention and safety issues as well addressing at risk behaviour.

The Implementation of the School Liaison Police (SLP) Program continues in line with NSW Police Force's (NSWSPF) commitment as lead agency to priorities R1 and R3 of the NSW State Plan. Of the 40 designated SLP positions, 39 have been filled. A full complement of staff will be recruited by the end of August 2008.

The NSWPF completed the 12 month review of the SLP Program in Goulburn on 20 December 2007. At the review, Charles Sturt University (CSU) presented their findings on the evaluation of the Program including recommendations for improvement.

The SLP Program is and will continue to be a successful program. The review indicated a high level of satisfaction from the schools on the work of the SLPs and the communication and crime education provided. The NSW Government's objective of visits to every high school has been met. The future of the program will continue to be managed by the Deputy Commissioner Field Operations.

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37 Adapt the Integrated Case Management program developed under the Government's NSW Youth Partnerships with Arabic Speaking and Pacific Communities to assist Local Area Commands (LACs) to enhance relationships with specific culturally diverse communities where there are young people at risk of offending or re-offending.

NSW Police Force completed the Integrated Case Management Program within the Arabic and Pacific Island communities according to the agreed program. As a result of these successful programs, both communities continue to engage with police.

The finite funding sources have ceased, and the project coordinators reallocated, the project parameters were amended to create one generic model that has been applied for all at-risk youth, and able to be utilised in any Local Area Command.

This Action is now completed.

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38 Develop a family work model and crisis accommodation supports for young people with complex needs in the juvenile justice

Community Intervention Program: Intensive Bail Supervision Program (IBSP)
DJJ believes that most young people who appear before courts, and who are not eligible for referral to Youth Justice Conferencing, can be supervised in the community without jeopardising community safety while achieving a more effective outcome. This is particularly relevant where the young person is Indigenous.
The IBSP is currently under review in the light of recent amendments to Bail Act 1978 and more proactive police surveillance of young people. The causal factors that contribute to the high numbers of Aboriginal young people in the juvenile justice system are complex and varied. Poor school retention, over-crowded housing, inter-generational poverty and violence are some examples of what contributes to offending behaviour by Aboriginal young people. Also, the growing Aboriginal youth population, particularly in comparison to the broader population, will also impact on Aboriginal communities and the ability of local infrastructure and resources to respond and manage this growth. It is also possible that this growth will impact on the overall numbers of Aboriginal young people in custody.

Juvenile Justice Centre Release Treatment Scheme (JJCRTS)
While this is a Justice Health initiative, DJJ is a key partner in its operations. The JJCRTS establishes connections with community based services to maintain health, educational, vocational and other gains made by young offenders whilst in custody. The initial pilot in Dubbo has now been expanded to Gosford and Wagga Wagga from 2007/08.

Intensive Supervision Program (ISP): Intensive program for repeat young offenders
The Government announced the establishment of the internationally recognised ISP to deal with serious, repeat juvenile offenders in 2007-08 financial year. ISP offers young people and their families a chance to address negative influences that prevent them from reaching their potential and living lawful and productive lives. ISP will comprise two teams of specially trained juvenile justice staff who will work with serious, repeat juvenile offenders and their families in their home and community environment for up to 6 months. The specially trained juvenile justice teams will work 24 hours per day 7 days a week with the young offender and his/her family to address factors that contribute to offending.
Up to 70 families will be targeted each year for this four-year program which deals with issues that are assessed as triggering or maintaining offending behaviour. These may include substance abuse, financial problems, housing needs, family conflict and helping troubled young people establish a support network within their communities. ISP seeks to provide young people and their families with strategies and tools to address their offending behaviour through a number of interventions, including cooperative support/programs by a number of government and community agencies including schools, DoCS, Police and NSW Health. In WA and in other countries, ISP has proven to be successful with Indigenous populations as well as other cultural groups. This is particularly important in NSW where juvenile offenders who are Aboriginal are significantly over-represented in the criminal justice system. ISP will be conducted in two locations-Western Sydney and Newcastle. The initial response from families referred to the program has been positive noting that the clinicians offer supportive guidance and resources that are empowering them to more effectively deal with the behaviour of their children.

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39 Make sport and recreation safer through the Sport Rage Prevention, Harassment Free Sport, Play by the Rules programs and child protection strategies.

Sport Rage Prevention Kit: More than 6,477 copies of the free kit have been ordered by and distributed to sport clubs across NSW since its launch at the end of 2006. In addition, 332,549 free resources, such as brochures, posters, certificates, stickers and audio ground announcements, have been sent to clubs. A recent evaluation of the kit revealed that:

- 87% of sporting organisations found the kit "useful"*
- nearly two-thirds (64%) had "introduced or improved a clear process" for dealing with sport rage incidents*
- as a result of using the kit, 80% of organisations believed they were "more confident to deal with sport rage incidents"*
- more than half the respondents believed that the kit had resulted in improved behaviour for players, parents/spectators and officials.*

The kit has also been recognised in several major industry awards, most recently winning the Gold Award at the NSW Sport Safety Awards in 2007.

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Harassment Free Sport: A range of courses for state, regional and local sporting organisations are being conducted, including Harassment Free Sport Overview, Complaint Handling and Resolution for Clubs, Defusing Conflict and Anger in Sport, and Child Protection Seminars. During the year July 07-June 08 over 1500 participants have attended these courses in NSW.

Coloured Vest Program (CVP): Aims to make new officials easily identifiable so they receive greater support from spectators and players. It is designed to reduce abuse and create a culture of support towards new officials. The slogan for the program is "I'm wearing yellow, please don't see red!" Since the commencement of CVP over 3200 vests have been provided to approximately 500 community sporting clubs.

Play by the Rules: Is a website providing information and online learning about how to deal with and prevent discrimination, harassment and child abuse for the sport and recreation industry. It has three main aims - providing information, explaining how the law protects our right to a fair and safe participation in sport and recreation, and ensuring people know their legal and ethical responsibilities to create a fair and safe environment for participation. During 2007/08 there has been a 100% increase in on-line training users from 1,461 (06/08) to 3,335 (07/08). This is due in part to increased promotion to sport volunteers and all levels.

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40 Reduce harm associated with alcohol use in and around sporting clubs and venues through the Good Sports program.

Good Sports (GSP) is a research based program being implemented nationally with the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AERF). It aims to reduce Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) problems, increase viability of sporting clubs and improve range and quality of sports options within the community.

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NSW Sport and Recreation has provided Good Sports with over \$150,000 grant in the last 2 years. The program has also been supported by other agencies in NSW including:-

RTA Southern - \$30,000 in 2007/08

RTA South West - \$22,000 in 2007/08

Greater Western Area Health Service - \$100,000 (alcohol and mental health)

Greater Southern Area Health Service - \$70,000 for Active Living project

Hunter New England Area Health Service - \$160,000

Department of Premier and Cabinet - \$15,000, contribution to Good For Kids program

As at 30 June 2008, 492 sports clubs in NSW are Good Sports registered, participating or accredited. 144 are now Good Sports accredited, meaning they comply with the liquor licensing laws and are implementing strategies to eliminate unsafe drinking and are building safer, healthier, and more family friendly environments. Good Sports is operational in 40 of NSW 152 Local Government Areas and 23 local councils have been signed as Good Sports Community Partners. Training in Responsible Service of Alcohol through Good Sports has been provided to 398 community sports club members and 141 have been trained in the Good Sports "Safe Food Handling and Nutrition for Sports Clubs" course developed in partnership with Hunter New England Population Health.

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41 Promote safe transport options for young people at licensed venues.

The liquor laws require licensees and club managers to operate a safe environment. To reinforce responsible serving practices, encourage responsible drinking and minimise alcohol-related harm in the community, many venues have initiatives in places such as safe transport programs including courtesy buses, taxi vouchers, secured taxi stands and designated driver programs (with free soft drinks for nominated drivers).

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Liquor Accords add value to the liquor laws by building on strong cooperative partnerships between industry, police, communities and local governments to promote viable licensed venues that are safe and enjoyable for communities. Liquor Accords run local initiatives aimed at increasing awareness about the liquor laws (particularly underage drinking and intoxication offences) and complementary strategies like alternative transport options.

A significant number of liquor accords in NSW have developed late night transport strategies to get patrons of licensed premises home safely. The Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing is working with Liquor Accords to develop local safe transport options and promotes those initiatives in the publication, Liquor and Gaming, on a regular basis.

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42 Teach school students conflict resolution skills as part of the peer mediation program.	<p>The Peer Mediation Resource Kit for Secondary Schools is implemented in all NSW regions. Student services officers and student welfare consultants located at local Department of Education and Training regional offices have copies of the resource and can assist schools in the implementation of peer mediation programs.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a Peer Mediation Resource Kit for Primary Schools will be available to schools at the start of 2009.</p>	Department of Education and Training	S4 S5
43 Support Our Journey to Respect, an intergenerational violence prevention program for young Aboriginal men who have been, or who are at risk of being charged with a violent offence. The program specifically addresses offending behaviours and aims to reduce the intensity and frequency of violent offending by Aboriginal males.	<p>In June 2008 Our Journey to Respect (OJTR) training was conducted by the Western Region with staff at the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre (JJC), the Riverina JJC and from the Dubbo Juvenile Justice Community Service (JJCS) office. In March 2008, DJJ staff conducted OJTR with young people in Orange. The Riverina JJC conducted 2 OJTR programs with clients in the first half of 2008.</p> <p>In January 2008 the OJTR program was delivered to Aboriginal clients in custody at Acmena JJC. In March 2008 DJJ's Northern Region staff, in partnership with Lismore City Council's Crime Prevention Unit, presented OJTR to departmental clients. Acmena JJC plan to deliver the program twice in 2008-2009. DJJ's newly established Programs Unit will be formally reviewing and coordinating delivery of OJTR over the next six months.</p> <p>A joint project between Housing NSW and DJJ Black on Track (which includes the main elements of Our Journey to Respect) was conducted in Moree again during 2007/08. DJJ has also developed a program on Aboriginal re-offending called Step Out From the Shadows which was piloted in the 2007/2008 financial year and is also developing two programs focusing on Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) use and offending for Aboriginal young people.</p> <p>In October 2007, DJJ finalised an Aboriginal Alcohol and other Drugs group work program called 'Dthina Yuwali' (tracking footprints). The program is evidence based and focuses on the relationship between substance use and pathways to offending. The program consists of three stages, which provides a platform for skill development and support in considerations of change. The program also allows transferability between custody and community. The program is based on cultural learning and intergenerational learning; involving community Elders and local community members throughout the program. It promotes positive connections, communicating with respect, modelling and positive identity. It is responsive to the needs of Aboriginal young people and utilises Aboriginal representations of concepts to facilitate learning. The program has been piloted throughout 2007/08 with young men & women from rural, regional and Metropolitan locations. The process evaluation shows high participation and completion rates and the positive use of cultural / intergenerational learning. The Minister for Juvenile Justice officially launched the program in July 2008.</p>	Department of Juvenile Justice	F1 R1 R2

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44 Provide extra out-of-home care resources including more caseworkers and specialist staff to strengthen the out-of-home care system to better support young people, their families and carers.

An Expression of Interest was undertaken in 2007 as one part of a broader OOHC funding reform process. 111 agencies submitted a total of 395 applications, including those already receiving OOHC funding. Following a rigorous assessment and review process, 42 new and existing agencies have been shortlisted for negotiation to provide OOHC services in NSW.

DoCS is in the process of mapping the service system and negotiating with agencies to increase services for children and young people in OOHC. New contracts will include performance-based service specifications and a new performance monitoring process.

Implementation of the current OOHC funding rollout will take until June 2009 to complete as services require time to establish new places and systems before receiving referrals.

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