

PRESENTING THE 6TH

National Juvenile Justice Summit

4 - 5 May 2017 | Swissotel Sydney



CONFIRMED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Judge Peter Johnstone, *President,*
Children's Court of NSW

Judge Amanda Chambers, *President,*
Children's Court of Victoria

Matthew Hyde, *Principal of Schools,*
Parkville College

Tracey Young, *Co-Ordinator,*
Children's Court Assistance Scheme

Matthew Willis, *Research Manager,*
Australian Institute of Criminology

Dr Rohan Lulham, *Research Fellow,*
Designing Out Crime Research Centre

Stephanie Preston, *Community Safety Officer,*
Darebin City Council

Professor Chris Trotter, *Director, Monash Criminal Justice Research Consortium, Social Work Department,*
Monash University Caulfield

Dr Diana Johns, *Lecturer in Criminology, School of Social & Political Sciences,*
University of Melbourne

Dr Elizabeth Grant, *Senior Research Fellow,*
University of Adelaide

Dr Helen Farley, *Association Professor,*
University of Southern Queensland

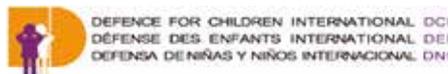
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National Juvenile Justice Summit

Thursday 4 May 2017

DAY 1

8:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

8:55 **Administration and Safety Briefing**

9:00 **OPENING** | Opening remarks from the Chair

JUVENILE JUSTICE - THE CHILDREN'S COURT PERSPECTIVE

9:10 **Youth Justice Trends and Developments**

- What is the current data telling us for Victoria
- Effective strategies and programs being employed
- What more needs to be done?

Judge Amanda Chambers, *President, Children's Court of Victoria*

9:50 **Early Intervention, Diversion and Rehabilitation from the Perspective of the Children's Court of NSW**

This paper will focus on the growing body of evidence that the detention of children is less effective and more expensive than community-based programs. It will canvass alternative options such as the Youth Koori Court, Justice Reinvestment, and the Young Offenders Act.

Judge Peter Johnstone, *President, Children's Court of NSW*

10:30 **CASE STUDY**

Partnerships, Diversion and Respect: Northland Precinct Action Group

- Joint effort between Darebin Council, Victoria Police, security and Northland Centre Management
- Objective to engage and support young people involved in crime and anti-social behaviour
- The collaborative effort has seen a reduction in crime and uptake in services and employment opportunities

Stephanie Preston, *Community Safety Officer, Darebin City Council*

11:10 Morning Tea

11:40 **CASE STUDY**

Youth on Track Program

Mandy Loundar, *Principal Project Officer, Youth on Track, NSW Department of Justice*

12:20 **CASE STUDY**

Save the Children Australia's Tasmania Juvenile Justice Program

Lisa Cuatt, *State Manager - Tasmania, Save the Children Australia*

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **CASE STUDY**

Children's Court Assistance Scheme – Supporting Youths through the Court System

Tracey Young, *Co-Ordinator, Children's Court Assistance Scheme*

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE SYSTEM

14:40 **Tackling Youth Homelessness**

- Causes of youth homelessness
- Current prevention strategies Mission Australia are employing to combat this issue

Ben Carblis, *State Director – NSW and ACT, Mission Australia*

15:20 Afternoon tea

15:50 **Does Physical Design Matter in Juvenile Detention?**

The physical design of juvenile detention facilities in Australia varies widely. Most recently there appears to be a growing emphasis on more security-orientated approaches - physical design that is cold, conservative and hard. But what impact does physical design have in juvenile justice centres? This presentation will explore this question drawing on the literature on correctional design and a detailed study that investigated the influence of physical design on the impressions of staff and detainees within Australian juvenile detention facilities. Drawing on some local examples, an argument is made that the security-orientated approach to physical design may actually be precipitating behavioural and cultural problems in juvenile detention facilities. We conclude by reflecting on some of the more effective models of correctional facility design and considering their relevance to Australian Juvenile justice facilities.

Dr Rohan Lulham, *Research Fellow, Designing Out Crime Research Centre*

16:30 **Issues with Segregation for Juveniles**

- Current practice
- Damaging effects
- Learning from international practice

Dr Elizabeth Grant, *Senior Research Fellow, University of Adelaide*

17:10 **DISCUSSION**

Rethinking the Norm – Alternatives to Youth Justice Detention

- Detention of children and young people – What does it achieve?
- What are the alternatives?

This time gives attendees an opportunity to have a focused discussion looking at the alternatives to youth justice detention. Led by the conference chair this time can be used to engage with peers and discuss ideas for 'Rethinking the Norm'. The Chair will ask that those willing share their thoughts and ideas.

17:30 **CLOSING** | Closing remarks from the Chair

17:40 End of day 1 and networking drinks 

VENUE DETAILS

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Friday 5 May 2017

DAY 2

8:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

8:55 **Administration and Safety Briefing**

9:00 **OPENING** | Opening remarks from the Chair

OFFENDER MANAGEMENT AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM

9:10 **The Power to be Positive: Modelling Behaviour, Building Relationships with Justice-involved Young People**

- Negative interactions with the justice system have the potential to cause harm to the psychological wellbeing of young people, their families and communities. This is the principle at the heart of 'therapeutic jurisprudence'
- From this perspective we can conceptualise an alternative approach to young people involved with the justice system, one that places the principle of 'do no harm' at the front and centre of all interactions
- An approach to youth justice framed by a 'do no harm' ethos (underpinned by therapeutic jurisprudence principles) becomes one where positive behaviour is modelled throughout the community and young people are given power - as emerging adult citizens - and support to create positive futures for themselves
- Drawing on case studies, this presentation will elaborate what such an approach might look like in practice

Dr Diana Johns, *Lecturer in Criminology, School of Social & Political Sciences, University of Melbourne*

9:50 **What Might Work. Lessons from Evaluating Indigenous Youth Justice Programs**

The presentation will give an overview of a unique project involving the evaluation of four, quite different, programs aimed at diverting Indigenous young people from involvement in the criminal justice system. It will give a summary of how outcomes for each program, identified through program logic models, contributed to an understanding of how the success of these different programs could be measured and sources of data and information could yield those measures. It will look at the extent to which the identified data and information were actually available to inform the evaluations and the findings of the four program evaluations under two broad headings – program design and implementation issues, and program outcomes and impacts. The presentation will conclude with insights into the kinds of data that should be collected to support the evaluation of youth justice programs and some of the issues to be considered in establishing data collection systems for program management and evaluation purposes.

Matthew Willis, *Research Manager, Australian Institute of Criminology*

10:30 Morning tea

11:00 **What can be done? Residential Therapeutic Treatment Options for Young People Suffering Substance Abuse/Mental Illness**

- Over representation of young people appearing before the Children's Court with drug/alcohol/mental health issues, many of whom are not accessing treatment
- Observations of the youth justice systems and drug/alcohol/mental health treatment services ranging from secure residential treatment to outreach services observed overseas (Sweden, England, Scotland and New Zealand) on my Churchill Fellowship
- Recommendations for the introduction of a new treatment order (Youth Therapeutic Order) in our criminal justice and child protection systems which would involve early intervention (including education and training at therapeutic residential facilities), the establishment of a Youth Drug Court and cross over list

Jennifer Bowles, *Magistrate, Churchill Fellow 2014*

11:40 **The Role of Education in a Recidivism Reduction Strategy**

Dr Helen Farley, *Associate Professor, University of Southern Queensland*

12:20 Lunch

13:20 **CASE STUDY**

Doing Education 'Right'

- The Parkville College model
- The future
- The Educational Justice Initiative

Matthew Hyde, *Principal of Schools, Parkville College*

14:00 **Young People and Diversion Programs**

- Challenges and Successes
- What works and what should be done differently?
- Emerging and innovative programs

14:40 Afternoon tea

15:10 **Family Work in Youth Justice**

Structured family interventions can be a powerful factor in reducing offending among young people, however, they are rarely offered in youth justice settings. This presentation reports on a project in which youth justice workers in NSW provided collaborative family work to young people and their families. The project, known as ANTS, showed consistently positive outcomes for the young people, family members and youth justice staff.

Professor Chris Trotter, *Director Monash Criminal Justice Research Consortium, Social Work Department, Monash University Caulfield*

15:50 **Juvenile Parole – Supporting Transition from Detention back in to the Community**

- Challenges currently experienced
- Strategies for integration
- Importance of a plan for each child

16:30 **CLOSING** | Closing remarks from the Chair

16:40 End of day 2 and close of conference

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