

## Community Based Services

Thirty-five juvenile justice community offices in NSW provide.

- support for young people remanded in custody.
- assessment report to assist courts in determining sentences;
- court directed supervision of juvenile office placed on good behavior bonds, probation or community service order; and
- counselling and developmental programs as an alternative to detention.



## Legislation the Department Administrators

The department has principal responsibility for administering the following Acts of the NSW Parliament:

*Young Offenders Act 1997 (Part 5 and Schedule 1)*  
*Children (Community Services Orders) Act 1987*  
*Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987*  
*Children (Interstate Transfer of Offenders) Act 1988*

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### Our Vision

A Community in which young offenders participate without re-offending

## About the Department of Juvenile Justice

The NSW Department of Juvenile Justice supervises and cares for young offenders in the community and in detention centres. It provides youth justice conferences for young offenders referred by police or the courts.

The department operates a range of programs to help young offenders and those at risk of offending make more responsible behavior choices



The provision of juvenile justice in NSW concentrates on diversionary and community based services. However, those juveniles who repeatedly offend or commit serious offences are required to be held in secure juvenile justice centres providing humane, abuse-free custodial environments encouraging suitable development.



Eight juvenile justice centres serve NSW, providing:

- safe and secure accommodation for young people in custody;
- training in job skills and living skills, and recreational and counselling programs for detainees;
- individual case management to identify and address the needs of detainees and to plan their community reintegration;
- educational programs so detainees can continue their studies;
- health services to maintain and improve the health of young offenders in custody; and
- a statewide transport unit, moving detainees between centres, courts and other services.

Youth justice conferences were introduced in NSW under the *Young Offenders Act 1997*. Together with police warnings and cautions they form a scheme to divert young offenders from the more formal justice systems by providing alternatives to court processes and detention.

Youth justice conferences are a community based approach to dealing with young people who offend. They bring offenders, their families and supporters together, face-to-face with victims and their support people. Together they agree on a suitable outcome that can include an apology, reasonable reparation to victims and steps to link the young person back into the community.

The department delivers youth justice conferences through a network of full-time conference managers and more than 500 part-time conference conveners.

