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COMMUNITY CONNECT

Building Community-Led Systems of Support for Young People



COMMUNITY LED | WORKING TOGETHER | MOBILISING STRENGTHS | FOCUSED ON BETTER OUTCOMES | PREVENTING YOUTH JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

Stronger Communities. Brighter Futures.

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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OUR VISION

Every young person deserves a connected community around them.

Community Connect is PCYC Tasmania's framework for bringing people, organisations and communities together to strengthen opportunities for young people and prevent pathways into the youth justice system.

THE CHALLENGE

- Communities already have many strengths
- Services, programs and supports already exist
- Significant investment is already occurring
- Yet many young people still fall through the gaps

The challenge is not a lack of services. The challenge is how we connect them.

THE COMMUNITY CONNECT APPROACH

- **IDENTIFY** — Understand local needs, assets and opportunities
- **CONNECT** — Bring the right people and organisations together
- **COLLABORATE** — Build shared understanding and agree on priorities
- **ACT** — Coordinate action and mobilise existing assets
- **ADAPT** — Review, learn and improve together

WHAT MAKES COMMUNITY CONNECT DIFFERENT?

- Builds on existing assets
- Strengthens what is already working
- Creates shared ownership and accountability
- Mobilises local communities
- Coordinates rather than duplicates
- Focuses on prevention and early action

COMMUNITY CONNECT CAN BE APPLIED TO

Education	Justice	Employment	Community Development	Family Support	Community Safety	Youth Participation
Engagement, attendance, transitions	Crime prevention, diversion, community safety	Pathways, training, work readiness, participation	Place-based solutions, participation, local initiatives	Strengthening families, navigation, coordinated support	Safer communities, risk reduction, protective factors	Voice, leadership, opportunities, connection

PCYC TASMANIA'S ROLE

- **CONNECTOR** — Bringing people and organisations together.
- **CONVENER** — Creating shared direction and purpose.
- **COORDINATOR** — Aligning efforts, resources and information.
- **COMMUNITY BUILDER** — Strengthening local systems of support and capability.

OUR SHARED GOAL

Strong Communities → Connected Young People → Reduced Pathways into the Youth Justice System

By working together, we can build community-led systems of support that unlock potential, strengthen resilience and create *brighter futures* for young people across Tasmania.

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COMMUNITY CONNECT IN PRACTICE

One Approach. Many Applications.



Community Connect brings together people, organisations, services and communities to strengthen outcomes for young people through collaboration, shared ownership and coordinated action.



MANY PARTNERS. ONE SHARED PURPOSE.

Strengthening protective factors and improving outcomes through collective action.

ONE APPROACH. THREE LEVELS OF APPLICATION.

INDIVIDUAL

Supporting a young person or family.

Coordinated support tailored to the needs, strengths and goals of an individual young person and their family.

EXAMPLES

- Education
- Wellbeing
- Family support & pathways

A collaborative response team may be established where helpful to coordinate supports and action.

COHORT

Supporting groups facing shared challenges.

Collective responses to address patterns, trends and shared needs affecting groups of young people.

EXAMPLES

- Attendance
- Unemployment
- Social isolation

A collaborative response team may be established where helpful to coordinate collective action and initiatives.

PLACE

Supporting community priorities.

Mobilising local assets, partnerships and leadership to address place-based issues and opportunities.

EXAMPLES

- Community safety
- Youth participation
- Access to opportunities

A collaborative response team may be established where helpful to coordinate community-wide action.

OUR PRACTICE PRINCIPLES

ASSET-BASED
Build on existing strengths, resources and opportunities.

COLLABORATIVE
We work together and share accountability.

COMMUNITY-LED
Communities lead and drive solutions.

PLACE-BASED
Solutions reflect local context and priorities.

PREVENTION-FOCUSED
Strengthen protective factors and prevent harm early.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY CONNECT CONVERSATION

Together, we can create brighter futures for young people.

PARTNER | COLLABORATE | CO-DESIGN | PILOT | INVEST

Whether you are a school, community organisation, local government, business, sporting club, service provider, family member or young person, there is a role to play in strengthening community-led systems of support.

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