

ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTION

BACK ON

Track

Back on Track is a new \$5 million program that will provide an alternative to detention and alternative pathways to divert young people away from the youth justice system.

The program will be developed in the Greater Darwin, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Katherine regions for at risk children and young people aged 8-17 years.

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS

The program will get children and young people back on track, while taking responsibility for their actions and understanding the consequences of their offending behaviour.

The Back on Track program is an alternative sentencing program. It will provide the Courts with another option to direct young people to as an alternative to detention.

Police, government agencies and non-government agencies will also be able to refer young people, including those under the age of criminal responsibility (8-9 years) to the program.

Existing options such as bail support services, community work orders, good behaviour orders, suspended sentences and alternative detention orders will remain.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Territory Families will partner with government agencies and non-government organisations to develop, deliver and manage the Back on Track program.

Expressions of Interest for a suitable service provider/s to contribute to the co-design and delivery of the program for 8-13 year olds and 14-17 year olds will be released on 5 December 2018 and close on 4 February 2019.

Industry briefings are being held to inform qualified providers and potential tenders about the Back on Track program.

Darwin

Date: Tuesday, 11 December 2018
Time: 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Location: Orchid Room, Darwin
InnovationHub, Level 1,
Paspalis Centrepoint,
48-50 Smith Street, Darwin NT 0800

Alice Springs

Date: Friday, 14 December 2018
Time: 10.00am – 11.00am
Location: Territory Families Central
Australia Boardroom
1st Floor, Minerals House
58 Hartley Street, Alice Springs NT 0870

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PROGRAM DETAILS

The Back on Track Program will be delivered to two cohorts of children and young people:

Cohort 1: 14-17 years old

The Back on Track program for 14-17 year olds will engage up to 60 high risk young people across the Northern Territory.

The program will be evidence-based and skills focused, will build resilience, require young people to give back to the community, provide opportunities to connect with community and culture and include activities that lead to vocational training and employment pathways.

The program includes a holistic service co-ordination model based on four elements aimed at equipping the young person with the skills needed to deter them from reoffending.

The four stages include:

- **Element 1: Developmental and therapeutic needs**
Address offending behaviour and identify individual needs
- **Element 2: Consequences, restitution and giving back to the community**
Restorative justice and victim offender conferencing, community service activities
- **Element 3: Life skills and cultural connection**
Connect with community elders, learn culture and foundational skills for adulthood, food security, health, hygiene and accommodation options
- **Element 4: Vocational education and training leading to employment or further studies**
Serve the community through project based training, volunteering and work ready programs with local businesses.

Cohort 2: 8-13 years old

The Back on Track program for 8-13 year olds will engage up to 25 children and young people across the Northern Territory who are engaging in behaviour that place them at significant risk of further serious or emotional harm.

The program will focus on building family capacity and responsibility for young people aged 8-13 years with a goal to re-engage them back into mainstream education.

The program includes a holistic service co-ordination model based on four elements aimed at supporting the young person to undertake responsibility through understanding consequences and support them and their families to support them growing up healthy, connected and engaged.

The four stages include:

- **Element 1: Developmental and therapeutic needs**
Address at risk behaviour and identify individual needs
- **Element 2: Consequences and restitution**
Restorative justice, community service activities and family responsibility
- **Element 3: Family capacity and responsibility**
Building family capacity, connection to culture, sense of health, accommodation and stability
- **Element 4: Re-engagement with education**
Engaging and working with the family and the young person so they can attend school and connect with learning and education.

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