

## Regional forums

Since our last newsletter, we have been busy finalising details around programme specifications, innovation fund criteria, funding and contracting processes, and identifying where there are gaps in service provision. We have arranged a series of regional forums, to let you know more about the initiatives and how you can be involved.

The sessions will be held at the following locations:

<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Thursday 3 December, 10.30am- 12noon at St Peter's Cathedral, 51 Victoria Street, Hamilton</b>
<b>Auckland</b>	<b>Friday 4 December, 10.30am- 12noon at Airport Gateway Hotel, 206 Kirkbride Road, Airport Oaks</b>
<b>Christchurch</b>	<b>Monday 7 December, 10.30am- 12noon at CYF Regional Office, 7 Winston Avenue, Papanui</b>
<b>Palmerston North</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 December at 10.30am – 12noon at The Kingsgate Hotel, 110 Fitzherbert Avenue, Hokowhitu</b>

Our regional staff and the NZ Police will also be available at the forum. We look forward to meeting you there and if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the project team on [freshstart@cyf.govt.nz](mailto:freshstart@cyf.govt.nz) or Bernadine MacKenzie, who is leading the Fresh Start for Young Offenders project.

## Military-style Activity Camp (MAC) programme update

Last week, Minister Bennett celebrated with the young men involved in the MAC concept test, at a milestone ceremony to mark the end of the residence based phase of the programme, and acknowledge the significant progress they have all made.

Since returning from the week long wilderness camp, the young men have had a structured routine involving education programmes, fitness, recreational and cultural activities, and individual one-on-one casework. They also took part in a cognitive behavioural therapy programme.

The young men now move on to a full-time six week course, focussed on helping them gain employment, or enter training or education. Comprehensive individualised transition plans have been prepared for each of the young men to support them (for up to 30 weeks) following their move back into their communities.

## Mentoring and Parenting programme update

The Parenting Education Programme Focus Group has met three times. An initial draft Parenting Education Programme service description has been prepared, and is currently being reviewed by focus group members.

Both the parenting programme and the mentoring programme will be concept tested with the MAC programme participants and their parents or caregivers, and will be reviewed as part of the process.