



# Youth Mentoring and the Police

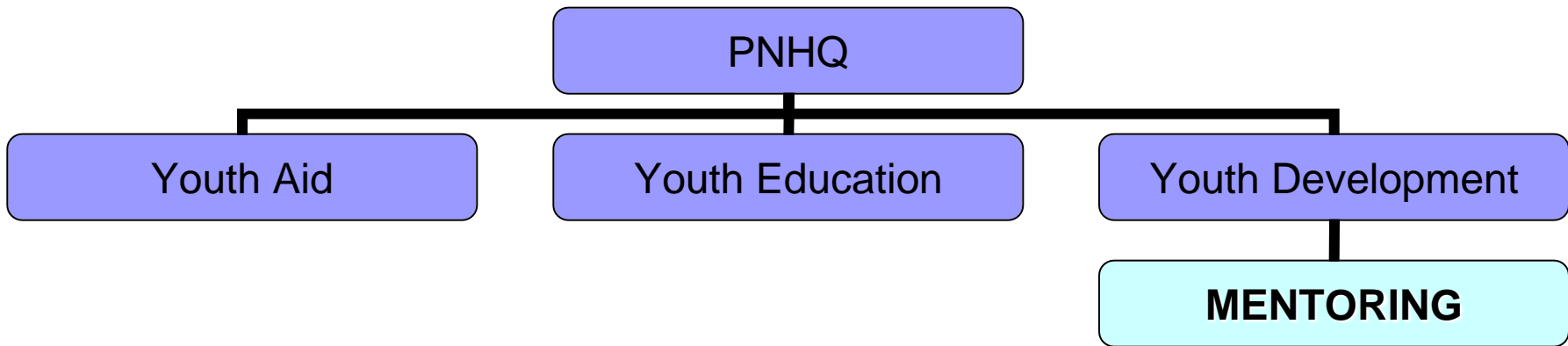
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# **The definition of insanity:**

**- doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results**



# Context for Youth Development

## ■ PNHQ Established Programmes

**1997** Government funding for a crime prevention programmes to target 'youth at risk of offending'. \$2 million for Police to establish 14 programmes.

**2001** Following successful evaluation a further five programmes were established.

## ■ District Established Programmes

A number of Districts have established Youth Development Programmes or *Youth Projects Officer* Positions.

## ■ 11 Community Youth Programmes

Jointly funded with Crime Prevention Unit. Contracts held by community organisations

# Why?



- Increasing amounts of research highlighting that rehabilitation works and the younger the better.
  - Economic analysis of how to buy the greatest possible amount of 'reduced offending' from the dollars available found:
    - **The younger the better**
    - **Target according to risk (not just seriousness of offence)**
    - **Quality of treatment**
    - **Treat as many of the risks as possible (mental health, drug & alcohol, education, family & antisocial peers)**
    - **Be prepared for relapse**
- (Dr Graham Scott, (2003), *The Economic Benefit of Rehabilitating Chronic Adolescent Antisocial Males*. Serious Conduct Disorder Conference.)
- Investing in youth justice does more than reduce offending...  
Mental health, drug & alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancy, suicide, employment,

# Youth Development Programmes

<b>Northland</b>	Kaikohe	Whangarei	
<b>North Shore</b>	Waitakere		
<b>Auckland</b>	Mt Roskill	Glen Innes	Avondale
<b>Counties/ Manukau</b>	Mangere	Otara	Clendon
<b>Waikato</b>	Hamilton	Morrinsville	Huntly
<b>Bay of Plenty</b>	Tauranga	Rotorua	
<b>Eastern</b>	Gisborne	Napier	Hastings
<b>Central</b>	Whanganui	Stratford	Levin
<b>Wellington</b>	Lower Hutt	Porirua	
<b>Tasman</b>	Nelson BBBS	Nelson	
<b>Canterbury</b>	ChCh central	ChCh East	Rangiora
<b>Southern</b>	Dunedin		



# Aims of Police Youth Development

- To support families and communities of YDP clients to reduce those risk factors most associated with youth offending and to enhance those protective factors that reduce its likelihood.
- To reduce crime and crash by preventing the involvement in offending by children and young people.
- To develop positive relationships between the YDP and community organisations and initiatives.



# Principles for YDPs

1. **Holistic whanau/family Approach & Participation**
2. **Targeted**
3. **Preventing crime**
4. **Assessment**
5. **Cultural Responsiveness**
6. **Measuring impact**
7. **Children, Young Persons and their Families Act (1989)**
8. **Evidence-based practice**
9. **Co-ordinated and Collaborative Service Delivery**
10. **Accountability and Recognising the interests of Victims**





# Service Delivery Approach



# Case Management

- This model is also known as ‘community approach’ and is based on wrap-around case management in which staff address each of the four main areas of influence for young people: community, family, peers and education.
- The majority of YDPs (22 of the 30 programmes) utilise the case management approach as their primary service delivery model. However, at least 15 of these programmes also run other types of programmes.

# Mentoring

- Four of the YDPs have established, and provide the leadership and coordination for, a mentoring programme.

*BBBS of Hamilton*

*BBBS of Napier*

*BBBS of Nelson*

*Operation New Direction*

- There are also five other Big Brother Big Sisters Programmes in which Police (YDPs and other Police members have played a supportive role in establishing in their communities.

*BBBS of Whakatane*

*BBBS of North Canterbury*

*BBBS of Whangarei*

*BBBS of Greymouth*

*BBBS of Buller*



# Other Approaches

- Nearly all of the programmes in addition to their case management or mentoring approach also deliver other types of programmes. These include:

- Alternative Action follow-up,
- Truancy programmes,
- Section 48 follow-up,
- Homework centre,
- Father and Son programme
- Driver licensing programme
- Literacy programme
- Offender monitoring and offence investigation
- Restorative justice in schools
- Outdoor adventure-based challenges
- Boxing programme,
- Army programme





# DATA

- New for police
- Developing a National Data Base
- Y.O.R.S.T.
- L.O.S.T.

# Invest Now Save Later!!!

The earlier the intervention the greater the chance of success

