

**ICYS Ipswich Community
Youth Service**
2014/2015
ANNUAL REPORT



ICYS IPSWICH COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE INC.

Annual Report 2014/2015

Management Committee

Chairperson:	David Martin
Secretary:	Katrina Mackenzie
Treasurer:	Dianne Charman
Members:	Aaron Athorn Kathryn Cassidy

Management

Service Manager:	Amanda Margerison
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ICYS would like to acknowledge funding support from the Queensland State Government who funded our three programs in 2014/15. Without your continued funding we would not have been able to support the young people, their families and their communities across the Ipswich and surrounding regions.

Office Administration

Personal Assistant:	Katrina Kane
Finance Officer:	Jodie Crisp



ICYS would like to say a huge thanks to the Sidney Myer Fund who provided \$10,000 to refurbish our 5 supported accommodation properties for young families who are homeless.

Program Staff

YSC:	Bree Kulick Leigh La Roche Leanne Stephens Kahli Williams
YHAS:	Nadia Borer Teagan Craig Melissa Pedersen Katrina Kane
YARI:	Leanne Stephens
ICYS:	Lynette Budd



ICYS utilised organisational funds to employ a Fundraising and Communications Coordinator for the 2014/15 financial year.

Volunteers

Trent Townsend	Chris Shannon
Narelle Tyler	Rob Tyler

ICYS would like to thank all members, stakeholders, collaborative partners and contributors for your support over this reporting period (please see 'Acknowledgements' page at the back of the report for a full list).

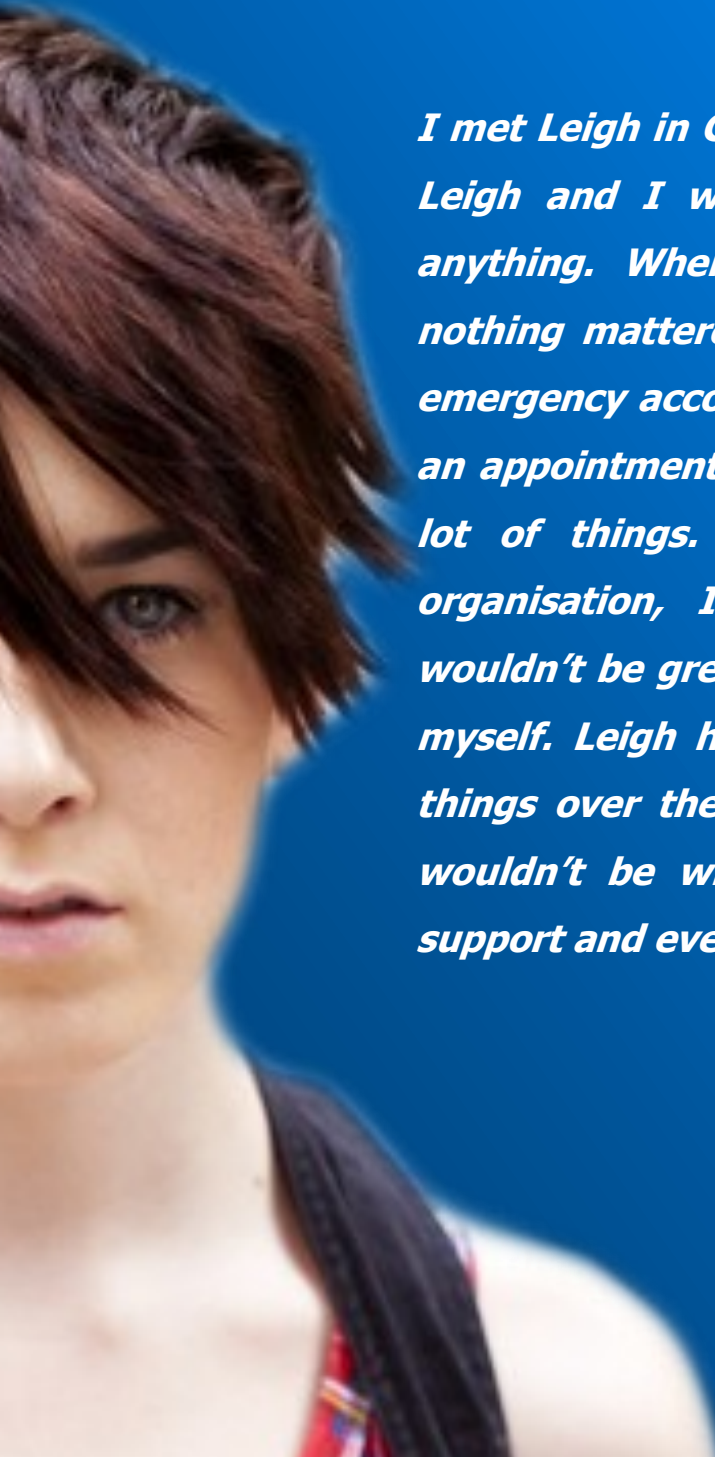
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BRITTANY'S STORY

Youth Support Coordinator Program

Tasked with supporting young people at risk of disengaging from school, YSC's assist young people to address a myriad of barriers. Brittany articulates this support in her words:



I met Leigh in Grade 10 when I started to fail school, but Leigh and I worked together more in grade 12 than anything. When I got kicked out, I was feeling like nothing mattered. Leigh helped me get a place with an emergency accommodation service, and helped me to get an appointment with a counselling service to deal with a lot of things. If it wasn't for Leigh and the ICYS organisation, I would be homeless, my head space wouldn't be great, and I wouldn't have money to support myself. Leigh has helped me overcome a lot of difficult things over the past three years. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be who I am today. Thank you for all your support and everything you've done for me.

Brittany, 17 years



What a roller coaster ride the year 2014 / 2015 was. We commenced unsure if we were going to be able to sustain our current staff to having to recruit 6 new staff to fill our newly created positions by years end. The turnaround in our organisation was made possible through a number of factors including a government change that is sympathetic to the community sector cause.

Firstly I would like to commend our committee of Katrina, Dianne, Kath and Aaron who stood firm in continuing to support Amanda, our Service Manager, in a full time capacity and her faithful assistant Katrina as budgetary constraints were squeezing us. The committee was united in seeing potential light at the end of the tunnel and saw Amanda and Katrina as necessary to reach that light. I would like to publicly acknowledge the unity within this committee which is evidenced by everyone renominating.

Secondly huge kudos to Amanda who has tirelessly toiled at writing funding submissions to various government departments, sourcing other avenues of funding, negotiating with schools, politicians and government departments as well as managing the organisation and meeting with the MC. Without her tireless efforts above and beyond her call of duty, ICYS would not be where it is today. Well done Amanda and thank you.

Thirdly I would like to honour our staff who have stuck by ICYS in times of uncertainty in the not for profit sector and indeed the field of social welfare. I would like to acknowledge Mel and Teegs who work in the housing program. Jodie who cooks our books, Leanne who has a couple of hats with YARI and YSC, the YSCs in Leigh, Kahli and Bree (who along with Amanda clocked up 10 years of service in 2015). I have already mentioned Kat and Amanda. Across the sector I hear of unity and solidarity in ICYS and the work these ladies do in serving the community in which they work.

It is an honour to be part of this organisation and to partner with our workers and committee. I look forward to the coming year and the opportunities we have with increased staffing numbers and funding pools. We look forward to expanding our physical presence in the Somerset and Lockyer Valley and having an impact in these communities. We are also looking forward to rolling out the get set for work initiatives as well as other opportunities to empower young people to make responsible decisions.

David Martin - Chairperson

SERVICE MANAGER

REPORT

“If the road is easy, you're likely going the wrong way.”

It is a difficult task to sum up a whole year, but one thing I do know is that the 2014/15 financial year was challenging, and hence if the adage above is true, I was definitely going the right way. Although challenging at times, I look back on the 2014/15 year as my most rewarding yet. A year that started with such uncertainty and a significant reduction in funding, our resilient team made some brave decisions and worked harder than ever in the face of adversity to place itself in the best financial position in over seven years at the commencement of the now current financial year (2015/16).

The 2014/15 financial year felt the full year effect of a 40 percent loss of organisational funding. Yes, we knew what impact such a significant loss of funding would have on our bottom line, our staff numbers and our ability to assist the young people in our community. However, instead of reducing our admin staff hours, selling our assets and banning the use of the air conditioners, we did as our young people do and took some calculated risks.

Sitting in front of my Management Committee to convince them they had no choice but to consider reducing my hours, like many other organisations were forced to do with their management and admin staff when they too faced significant income losses, was difficult but necessary. It was the only option I said, there was no new funding becoming available in the foreseeable future and this action would reduce the deficit at the end of the financial year.

With this information, the ICYS Management Committee did what any progressive and forward-thinking Committee would do in this situation, they maintained the current staffing levels of Management and Administration staff in addition to creating and funding a new position of Fundraising & Communications Coordinator.

Of course at the time, many would say we were mad dipping into organisational cash to fund the increased staffing levels, however we now know it to be genius. Maintaining the current Management and Administration staffing levels provided stability to an uncertain situation, ensured program staff were able to continue to deliver those programs we were funded to deliver, and assured me, as Service Manager, the continued hours to seek future funding opportunities if and when they were to become available.



(The ICYS YSC Team 2014/15)

SERVICE MANAGER

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ICYS commenced the 2014 / 2015 financial year with the lowest projected amount of grant income in over ten years. A change of government and a raft of reforms that were occurring across every one of our program areas (housing, education and community support) had taken its toll.

With less than half of the grant income received two years prior, we were expecting a challenging year including a reduction in general support, activities and events for children, young people and the general community. We were wrong; in the 2014/15 financial year, with less than \$550,000 in contracted funding, ICYS achieved the following:

- Supported over 3000 children and young people
- Provided individualised support (often extensive and intensive in nature) to over 1200 young people
- Housed 50 individuals (young parents aged 16-25 and their children) in our 5 temporary supported accommodation properties
- Assisted over 700 people to access safe accommodation
- Provided educational, social emotional and targeted group projects to over 1500 students through our YSC Program
- Delivered the largest number of community activities and events than any year before (many with our collaborative partners)
- Represented young people at a range of local & state level reference groups, the largest number than any previous year.

Much of my time in 2014 and 2015 was spent negotiating the expansion of our school based services and writing tender after tender to secure future opportunities to support our region's children and young people. As a result, ICYS was preparing to establish a minimum of five new funded programs in the 2015/16 financial year, **more than doubling the funding levels of the 2014/15 financial year** pertaining to this report.

The decision to maintain current staffing which was always going to produce a significant deficit at year's end had paid off. By the end of the 2014/15 financial year, a year which had seen our lowest grant income for well over 10 years, we were preparing to commence a financial year with five new contracts, both State and Federally funded. Well done to the ICYS Management Committee for making such a bold decision which would result in an intentional financial year deficit, a decision which resulted in significant organisational growth by year's end. Thank you for trusting me and trusting the process, we did it!

My staff are second to none. I have shed many a proud and honest tear when describing the professionalism, dedication and work ethic of my staff. Any young person they support are better for it and so am I. Their ability to create a workplace culture that empowers those they work with and those they work to support is admirable and inspiring. ICYS' successful year was only achieved because of all you do, thank you.

A special thanks to my PA and left hand woman, Katrina. You deserve every accolade imaginable and I could not do this job without you. Thank you for everything you do above and beyond expectation.

The year ahead is exciting:

- a minimum 12 government contracts across 7 programs funded through 3 State Government and 1 Federal Government department
- expansion to a second office location in the Somerset with 4 ICYS staff based within and supporting young people in the Somerset and Lockyer Valley
- 2 new school based positions - based in a primary school and a special school
- returned delivery of our Get Set for Work program.

Thank you to all of our partners for your support of ICYS, we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Amanda Margerison - ICYS Service Manager

JESSE'S STORY

Youth Housing and Support Program

When homelessness resulted in being separated from her 2 year old son, Jesse knew she needed to seek assistance. Here is Jesse's story in her own words:

Before coming to ICYS, I was living house to house if I could find somewhere to stay. Otherwise I was sleeping in my car, away from my 2 year old son. After having a meeting with the Housing Support Worker and letting them know my situation, ICYS was able to offer me a house for myself and my son within a short period of time. That meant everything to me. I was able to get my son into a routine which has meant he has been toilet trained in 6 days, even including night time which amazes me. My worker is now working with me on my goals including going to university. Everything is now falling into place and the future is looking positive.

Jesse, 21 years





PROGRAMS SNAPSHOT

ICYS PROGRAMS 2014/15

ICYS commenced the 2014/15 financial year with three programs funded by three State Government departments with a total of six individual contracts:

1. Youth Assessment Referral & Information Program (YARI) funded by the State Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services
2. Youth Housing and Support Program (YHAS) funded by the State Department of Housing & Public Works
3. Youth Support Coordinator Program (YSC) funded by the State Department of Education and Training, with individual contracts with four schools:
 - The Ipswich State High School
 - Redbank Plains State High School
 - Woodcrest State College
 - Springfield Central State High School

In March 2015, ICYS was approached by Centenary State High School to deliver the YSC Program in their school after observing the ICYS YSC staff in a current school. This was a major milestone given the YSC Program had lost \$400,000 funding the previous financial year following a government remodelling of the state-wide program and a redirection of program funding. This was the only addition to Program funding throughout the 2014/15 year.

By the end of the financial year, ICYS was preparing to establish a minimum five new funded programs in the 2015/16 financial year, **more than doubling the funding levels of the 2014/15 financial year** pertaining to this report.

The following pages provide a snapshot of the programs delivered by ICYS in the 2014/15 year.

PROGRAMS SNAPSHOT

ICYS PROGRAMS 2014/15 CONTINUED...

ICYS - YOUTH ASSESSMENT REFERRAL AND INFORMATION PROGRAM (YARI)

The YARI program is a specialist intake, assessment, information and referral service that links young people with information and services that can support them. The program can support young people aged 12 to 18 years who are in need of support with any concern. The service can be accessed directly by young people seeking assistance, by family members or carers of the young person and by support services/agencies working with young people seeking support on behalf of a young person.

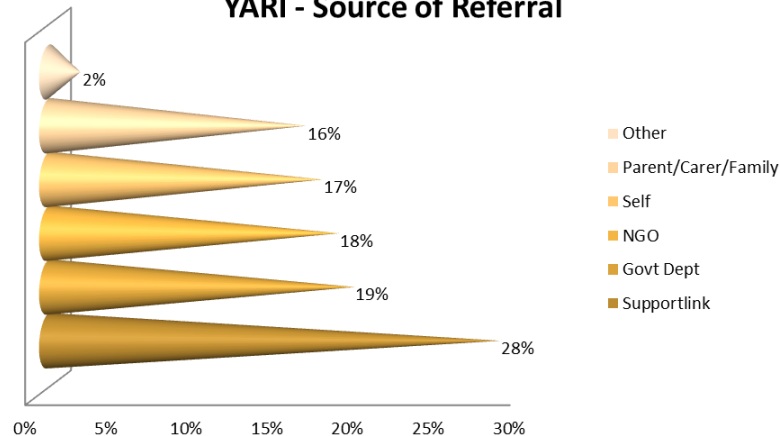
For the first nine months of the 2014/15 financial year, the YARI Program included support to at risk young people aged 10 to 25 (with the primary target group 12-18 years), however from April 2015 the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services changed the program guidelines to provide support only to young people aged 12-18 years.

The program is staffed by one part-time worker (16.5 hours/week) who provides intake, assessment, information dissemination, assists with practical support and provides assisted referrals to specialised support services both within ICYS and to relevant external services.

In short, the ICYS YARI program provides a one-stop -shop for assistance to navigate the often complex service system, reducing the need for young people to make numerous phone calls and retell their story to multiple support services in order to find that one person or program that can assist them.

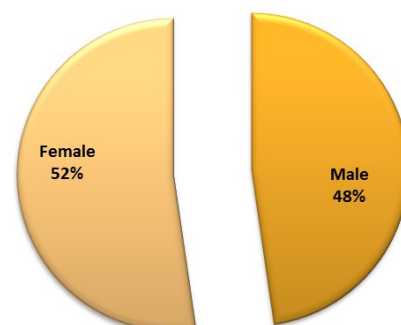
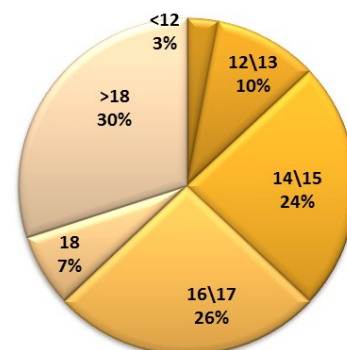
In the 2014/15 financial year, YARI supported 253 young people to do just this.

YARI - Source of Referral



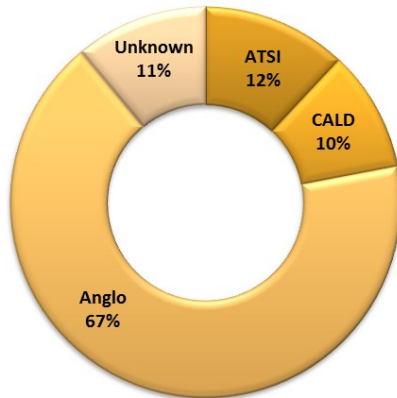
Almost 50% of all referrals to the YARI Program in 2014/15 were made by government department staff (including Qld Police Service who refer through the online Supportlink database). Interestingly, given the age cohort changes made nine months into this financial year, 33 percent of all people supported last financial year would now fall outside the program guidelines.

YARI - Age / Gender / Ethnicity



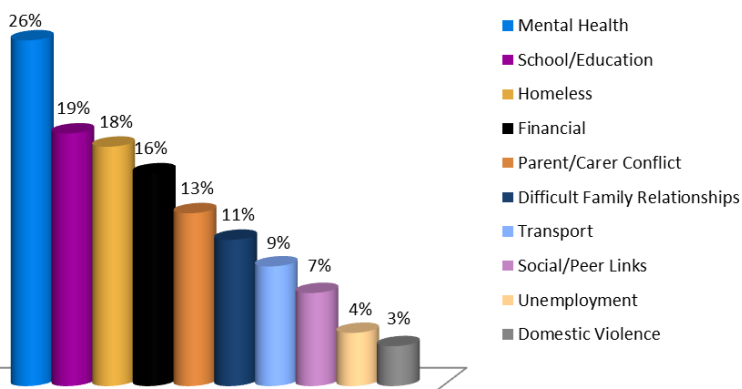
PROGRAMS SNAPSHOT

ICYS PROGRAMS 2014/15 CONTINUED...



More than a quarter of all young people who accessed YARI were seeking assistance for a mental health concern (26%), with 19% of service users seeking assistance with a school related issue and 18% presenting with homelessness. The top 10 presenting issues for young people accessing YARI is demonstrated below:

YARI - Top 10 Presenting Issues



Young people who accessed YARI were assisted to access the right support, in a timely manner, from the most relevant service that met their identified needs. Over the course of one year, **referrals were made to 96 different community organisations, government departments, educational facilities and private practitioners**, many who accepted multiple referrals for young people in need.

ICYS - YOUTH HOUSING AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (YHAS)

In the 2013/14 financial year, the YHAS Program was funded by the Department of Housing and Public Works to provide case management and support to young people aged 16-25 who experience homelessness or housing difficulties that place them at risk of homelessness. YHAS is one of many Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) services within Australia and provides two categories of service delivery to address youth homelessness:

1. Case management and/or crisis intervention for young people aged 16-25 who are experiencing housing issues and/or homelessness
2. Temporary-supported accommodation to young people aged 16-25 with dependent children, who are experiencing homelessness and/or barriers to obtaining appropriate, stable housing.

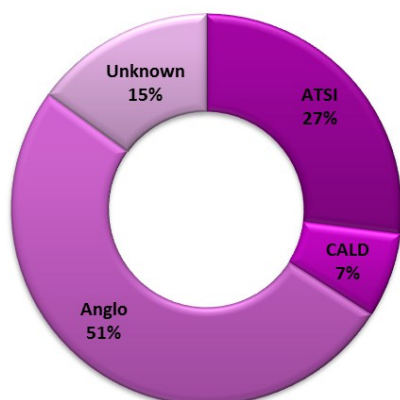
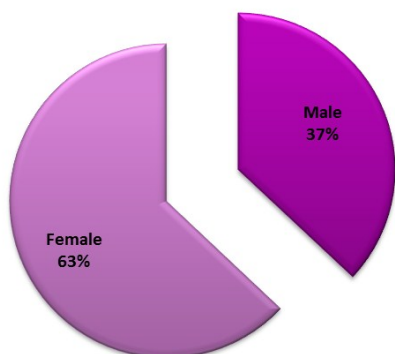
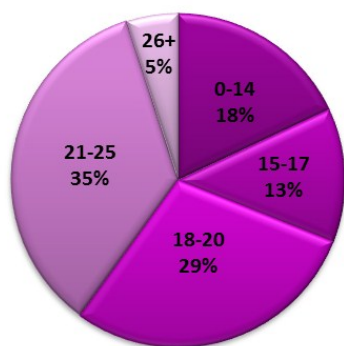
2014/15 quick stats:

- YHAS assisted over 400 family units who contacted the organisation with housing and homelessness enquires
- Over 715 individuals were assisted in total over the year
- 202 people accepted and participated in case management support to address their housing barriers and explore and obtain an immediate and/or long term housing solution
- 50 homeless people were accommodated in our 5 temporary supported accommodation properties over the year
- The YHAS program recorded 3514 contacts with case managed clients over the financial year (more than double that of the previous year). These contacts were provided via centre-based support, home visits, phone support, meeting and liaising with external stakeholders and client transport.

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

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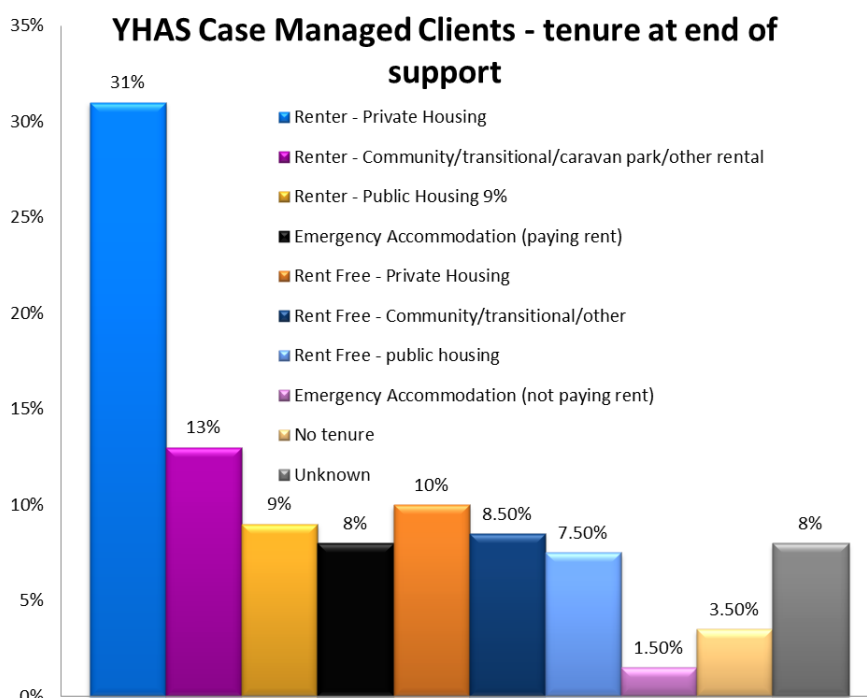
YHAS Case Managed Clients Age / Gender / Ethnicity



The need for housing is often accompanied by a range of other complex support needs including financial hardship, family breakdown, mental health and wellbeing concerns, domestic and family violence, and drug and alcohol misuse. As a result, the YHAS team provide a range of support including assessment, case planning, advocacy, referrals to specialist services, as well as practical assistance to navigate the housing and homelessness sector.

During the financial year the YHAS program supported many young people and young families to transition into stable and sustainable accommodation options. These housing solutions included, but were not limited to, gaining sustainable private rentals, the negotiation of long term accommodation with existing support networks (e.g. appropriate family or friends); support to access emergency accommodation with other appropriate services; and advocacy and practical assistance to access tenancies within the social housing and private housing markets.

YHAS Case Managed Clients - tenure at end of support

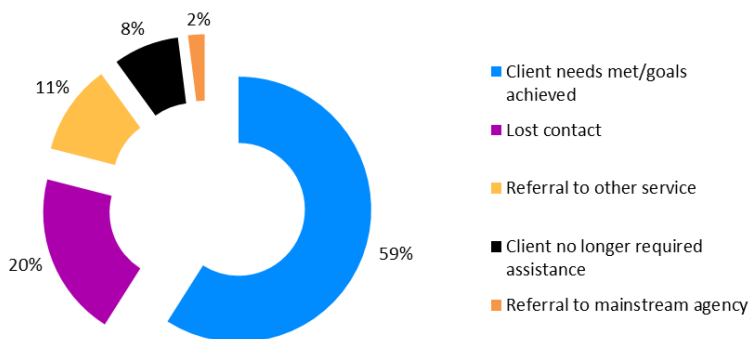


PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

ICYS PROGRAMS 2014/15 CONTINUED...

Upon case closure over 60% of clients who had participated in case management with the YHAS program had met their housing goals. The pie graph that follows provides an overall picture of the reason for case closure. As indicated the majority of clients achieved their individual goals. However data demonstrates a notable amount of clients (20%) lost contact with the service. This is attributed to the unfortunate nature of homelessness, the complexity of support needs, and transient living conditions of young people who experience homelessness and housing difficulty.

Reason for Ceasing Support



ICYS - YOUTH SUPPORT COORDINATOR PROGRAM (YSC)

The YSC Program supports students in years 10, 11 and 12 who are at risk of disengaging from school to address barriers to engagement and/or to assist with transition to further education / training and employment.

ICYS has been delivering the YSC Program since 1997 and now in its nineteenth year of delivering the program, **the 2014/15 financial year saw the first full year of delivery under the remodelled YSC initiative.**

The state-wide remodelling saw significant changes to the YSC Program across the State in January 2014, when after 17 years the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) parted with their co-funding partner, the Department of Education Training and Employment (DETE), and the Initiative shifted to a DETE funded 'retention and attainment' education support initiative directed at local level needs by school Principals.

In short, the key changes included:

- a reduction and reallocation of state-wide funds in identified areas of need
- Funds dispersed direct to schools, with options available to employee directly or contract an NGO to deliver YSC services
- The target group age increased to target students in years 10 to 12

In the 2014/15 financial year ICYS continued 4 existing school contracts to deliver the YSC Program:

- Ipswich SHS (8 days / fortnight)
- Redbank Plains SHS (7 days / fortnight)
- Woodcrest State College (4 days / fortnight)
- Springfield Central SHS (1.5 days / fortnight).

From March 2015, Centenary State High School became ICYS' fifth YSC serviced school.

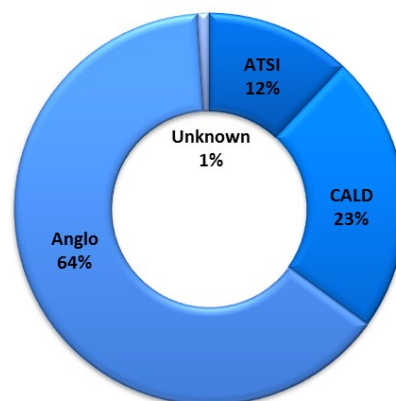
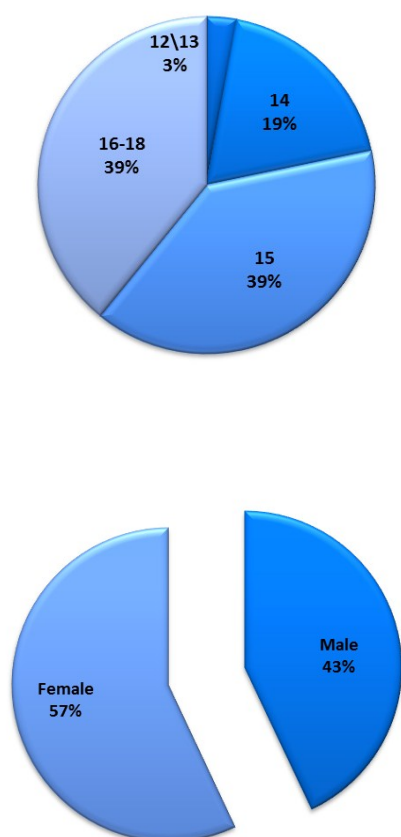
PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

ICYS PROGRAMS 2014/15 CONTINUED...

The YSC program provides a range of services to address factors that impact on young people's capacity to fully engage in education. Included in these service delivery types, is the provision of individual case management and support. This approach aims to work with individual young people who are at risk of disengaging from mainstream education to address the social and educational factors that impact on their participation in education.

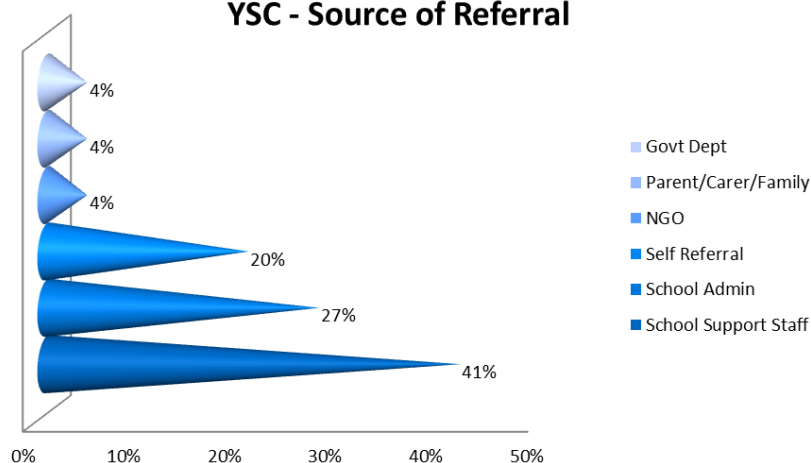
In the 2014/15 financial year, the ICYS YSC Team provided case management support to 284 young people across the five school sites, with collective data demonstrating the client demographic:

YSC - Age / Gender / Ethnicity



The YSC program receives referrals from a variety of sources however the nature of YSC participation within schools and the networks established from this, result in the high number of referrals which were received from school personnel. The graph below reflects this, and represents the referral sources from the reporting period.

YSC - Source of Referral

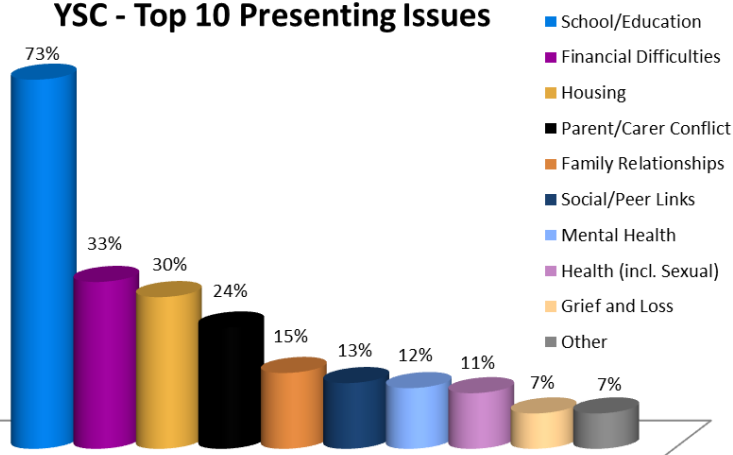


In addition to school related concerns, a significant number of clients have identified difficulties regarding stable accommodation and family conflict/relationship concerns impacting on their engagement at school. These young people have required support to access health and wellbeing services, legal advice and financial support amongst other strategies.

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

ICYS PROGRAMS 2014/15 CONTINUED...

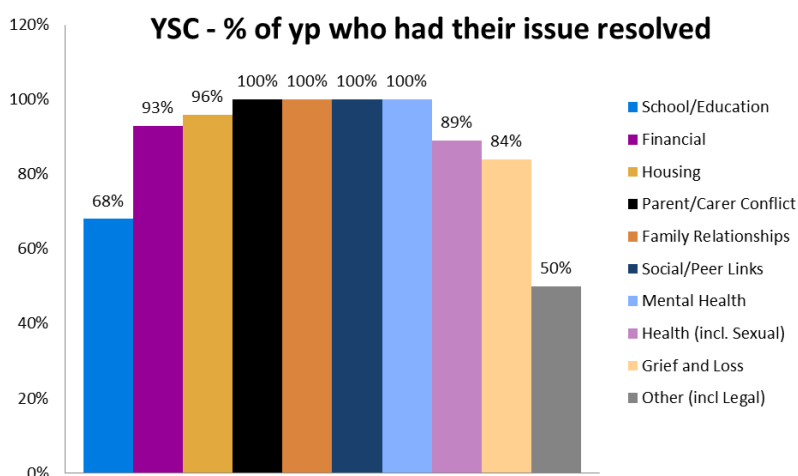
YSC - Top 10 Presenting Issues



This data on presenting issues reflects the social and environment challenges which create barriers for young people who access the YSC program to fully engage in mainstream education. Outcomes data on the other hand demonstrates the positive contribution YSC support has made in the areas of educational and social-economic outcomes.

The graph below demonstrates the outcomes for young people who presented with a specific issue, reflected by the percentage of young people who at the end of a support period with a YSC had that issue improved or resolved.

YSC - % of yp who had their issue resolved



In addition to working with young people individually, YSC's develop / organise / deliver group work with selected young people to address particular issues or needs. Group work programs often address issues impacting upon young people's willingness or capacity to engage at school. YSC's may deliver sessions themselves, in collaboration with other facilitators and / or contract external facilitators to deliver group work programs.

Similarly, YSC's delivered a number of Community Projects which address a particular issue relevant to the local school or wider community.

In total, the ICYS YSC Team engaged **1568 young people in a range of group and community projects in the 2014/15 financial year.**

Activities included:

- Anger Management and Stress/Anxiety Management sessions
- Song Writing workshops
- Youth Markets
- School Holiday Kayaking and Rock Climbing day
- Day for Daniel Walk and School based education focussing on the issue of child safety
- Career pathway sessions
- YSC 'Your Success Counts' Scholarships
- and many more projects, including this example below:

Through consultation with school staff, the YSC identified a need among senior students to have access to information around several issues, without necessarily requiring one on one case management. A significant concern for many of these young people was accessing meals, but they desired a level of anonymity that was not always afforded in approaching support staff. The YSC provided the Senior Studies Room, a space that students felt comfortable and regularly visited, with a contribution of food items. Information envelopes covering issues of Housing, Mental Health, Finances, and Legal issues were also made available in this space for young people to take as required. 400 information envelopes were accessed by students, and the provision of food items was so successful that the school allocated funds for this to continue into 2015.

FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING

Youth Housing and Support Program

An 18 year old couple with a one year old son move into a motel after being forced to leave home

ICYS place the young family in a YHAS property, where they are assisted with basic life skills



Clients are assisted to gain relevant ID for use when applying for Centrelink and rental applications

ICYS assists with referring clients to specialised support services relevant to their needs



Clients are assisted with budgeting and organising payments for any debts



Clients are assisted with sourcing rentals and provided with transport to attend viewings

Clients are offered a private rental and successfully transition with life skills and knowledge to ensure success



ICYS INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIONS

REPORT

ICYS initiatives and collaborative events are activities run that are either unfunded or largely unfunded to meet an identified need in the community or to raise awareness.

ICYS Youth Time

Needing access to computers and a printer?
Assistance filling in forms, with a resume or homework help?

When: Wednesdays
Where: ICYS, 17 Thorn Street, Ipswich
Time: 3:00 - 4:30pm



ICYS BreakFree Brekky

ICYS' BreakFree Brekky provided a free hot brekky and coffee to approximately 276 young people under the age of 25 in the 2014/15 financial year.

When: Thursdays
Where: ICYS, 17 Thorn Street, Ipswich
Time: 8:00 - 9:30am

ICYS Movie Trivia Fundraiser

Fundraiser to support at risk young people. Stories of the silver screen, movie trivia fundraiser, 3 course meal and 5 rounds of trivia.

When: Friday 22nd August 2014
Where: Viva Italia Restaurant
Time: 5:30pm - late



INITIATIVES & COLLABORATION

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Ipswich Region Child Protection Week Events

Funding assistance provided to the Ipswich District Child Protection Week Committee from Mission Australia - Communities for Children Inala to Ipswich to run various Child Protection Week Activities.

Collaborative Partners:

- ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Service
- Queensland Police Service
- Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services
- Ipswich City Council

Ipswich Region Child Protection Week Symposium

Child and youth service providers, school support staff, health professionals and students studying in the human services field come together to join in an education engagement event. An excellent professional development opportunity that addresses relevant practice issues relating to child protection.

When: Wednesday 3rd September 2014
Where: University of Southern Queensland,
Springfield Campus
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Ipswich Region Child Protection Week Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation

The Ipswich Region Child Protection Week Awards promote the safety and wellbeing of children across the Ipswich and West Moreton Region. The Awards raise awareness and highlight the importance of child protection in our community, while at the same time recognising the efforts, programs, services and achievements that individuals and organisations have accomplished.

When: Friday 5th September 2014
Where: North Ipswich Reserve Corporate Centre
Time: 6:30pm - late



Ipswich Region Child Protection Week Awards 2014
5 September 2014



INITIATIVES & COLLABORATION

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Chamber of Commerce Ipswich Business Awards

ICYS was a finalist in the 2014 Ipswich Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Ipswich Business Awards in the category of – Stanwell Corporation Community Involvement Award.

When: Friday 17th October 2014
Where: Ipswich Civic Centre
Time: 7:00 - 10:00pm



Ipswich Day for Daniel Community Walk

A collaborative event to raise awareness of safety to children in the Ipswich community and fundraising for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Collaborative Partners:

- ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Service
- Queensland Police Service
- Ipswich City Council

When: Friday 31st October 2014
Where: Ipswich CBD
Time: 9:30am - 12noon
Funds Raised: \$1776.00



ICYS Supported Accommodation Carpet Makeovers

A special thanks to Modern Commercial Floor Coverings Capalaba who donated carpet and sold at cost price to allow for two of our Supported Accommodation Properties to be re-carpeted. A huge thanks to carpet layer Chris Shannon who volunteered his time to lay the carpet in both properties for free.



INITIATIVES & COLLABORATION

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ICYS Holiday Program Craft and Movie Day

Over the September/October 2014 school holidays, ICYS held a school holiday activity program, craft and movie day for young people with intellectual impairments.

When: Friday 3rd October 2014
Where: ICYS, 17 Thorn Street, Ipswich
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

The Ipswich and West Moreton Child, Youth and Family Alliance invites you to the

'STATE OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS REPORT 2014'
INFORMATION LAUNCH

Proudly hosted by the University of Southern Queensland

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2014
8.45 am for a 9.00 am start
(lunch will be provided after conclusion of the program at 1.00 pm)
USQ Auditorium, USQ Springfield Campus
Education City, Sinnathamby Boulevard, Springfield Central

A map of the campus can be found at
www.usq.edu.au/springfield/directions/map

RSVP by COB Thursday, 6 November
to Katrina or Amanda at
ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Service
Phone (07) 3812 1050
Email pa@icys.org.au
Please advise of any dietary requirements



CYFA State of the Children and Young Persons' Report Ipswich and West Moreton - Report Launch

ICYS is a CYFA Strategic Reference Group Member and collaborated with other member organisations to create this comprehensive report outlining the current state of our children and young people across the Ipswich, Somerset and Lockyer Valley Regions.

When: Thursday 13th November 2014
Where: University of Southern Queensland, Springfield Campus
Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

* The Report can be located on the ICYS website

10th Annual Dance For Daniel

The Ipswich District Child Protection Week Committee attended the 10th Annual Dance for Daniel in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and the work that Bruce and Denise Morcombe do in the community promoting child safety and child protection.

When: Saturday 21st March 2015
Where: Brisbane City Hall, King George Square
Time: 6:00pm - late



INITIATIVES & COLLABORATION

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ICYS Youth Market

An opportunity for young people to showcase their skills and sell their homemade wares to raise money for school holidays.

When: Friday 10th April 2015
Where: Darcy Doyle Place, Ipswich
Time: 3:00 - 6:00pm



The Inaugural ICYS Youth Homelessness Matters Day SleepOut Challenge

Our annual SleepOut Challenge is an opportunity for stakeholders, community members and young people to experience sleeping rough while raising awareness and funds for youth homelessness.

When: Tuesday 14th April 2015
Where: ICYS, 17 Thorn Street, Ipswich
Time: From 6pm - the following morning
Funds Raised: \$2751.00



ICYS Youth Homelessness Matters Day Community Breakfast

An event for those who were unable to sleep rough and an opportunity to congratulate those who did while raising awareness for youth homelessness.

When: Wednesday 15th April 2015
Where: ICYS, 17 Thorn Street, Ipswich
Time: 8:00 - 10:00am



SARAH'S STORY

Youth Support Coordinator Program

For a young person with multiple barriers to engaging in school, the support provided by an ICYS YSC can make all the difference to completing year 12:

When ICYS started working with me I was in a pretty bad spot of my life. I wasn't going to school and had gotten into drugs bad. I wanted help to change to start going to school and to graduate year 12. I wanted to get clean so I could get a good job in the future.

To do this I needed help to get into a safe environment with no violence and to be happy to go home and feel safe. With the support I got to achieve this while I was still able to keep my relationship with my family who I do love.

We have had a few ups and downs like I would stop going to school for weeks at a time and Bree would call me and offer to pick me up to get me to school and give up her time to help me with my school work I missed. I wouldn't have been able to complete school without Bree's help. My life would be completely different if I did not complete my schooling.



Sarah*, 17 years

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