



# Initiative Fact Sheet

## A PLACE TO GO

### INVESTING IN BETTER OUTCOMES

*Their Futures Matter* is a landmark reform of the NSW Government to deliver improved outcomes for vulnerable children, young people and families.

The reform seeks to understand the needs of children and will direct and prioritise whole-of-government funding to deliver targeted, evidence-based interventions.



### A PLACE TO GO

*Targeted solution for young people in the juvenile justice system*

**A PLACE TO GO** aims to improve supports and deliver a better response for 10-17 year olds entering and exiting the juvenile justice system, with a focus on young people in remand.

It draws on services from across the NSW Government to deliver a coordinated and multi-agency service solution that can support a young person to change their life trajectory.

### KEY ELEMENTS OF THE INITIATIVE



**A DEDICATED CROSS-AGENCY COORDINATOR AND AN EDUCATION COORDINATOR** to act as central points of contact to coordinate the response to young people in contact with the juvenile justice system.



**AN ADOLESCENT SPECIALIST FACS CASEWORK MANAGER** to work with young people, their families and carers, and Police to resolve accommodation and out of home care issues.



**ACCESS TO INTERAGENCY CASE PANELS** to provide case oversight and a coordinated approach for young people, ensuring continued collaboration between agencies and services.



**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AT THE CHILDREN'S COURT** through a court-based multidisciplinary team working with existing services to provide a coordinated response to young people involved in court proceedings.



**INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF THERAPEUTIC, TRAUMA-INFORMED SHORT-TERM AND TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATION** for young people who are unable to return home (including those in out of home care), while longer-term planning is undertaken.



**A MULTIDISCIPLINARY HEALTH TEAM** to provide community-based supports, including a youth health liaison nurse, drug and alcohol clinical nurse consultant, and a senior mental health clinician.



**SERVICE DELIVERY SUPPORTED BY FLEXIBLE BROKERAGE FUNDING** to ensure that young people are able to access the right services at the right time.

# JAYDEN:

## First contact with the juvenile justice system

**AGE:** 14

**EDUCATION:** Currently in Year 8

**ACCOMMODATION:** Foster care

**PRIOR OFFENCES:** Nil



- **JAYDEN IS LIVING IN FOSTER CARE.** However, the placement has broken down. His dad is in prison, and FACS has determined that Jayden is unable to live with his mum.
- **JAYDEN HAS EXPERIENCED TRAUMA IN HIS LIFE, IS STRUGGLING AT SCHOOL AND IS DISENGAGING.** He has trouble regulating his behaviour and this is escalating as he gets older.
- **HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE BAIL/REMAND PROCESS.** He has poor verbal and written literacy, so he just nods when told of his bail conditions but doesn't understand them.
- **JAYDEN FEELS FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY** that people are always telling him what to do. He wishes he had someone who would listen to him.

## HOW A PLACE TO GO COULD SUPPORT JAYDEN



A *Place to Go* would provide Jayden with **TAILORED WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS** to meet his needs. **DEDICATED A PLACE TO GO COORDINATOR AND EDUCATION COORDINATOR ROLES** will connect government and non-government service providers.



Through *A Place to Go*, Jayden would have access to **SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION WITH 24/7 THERAPEUTIC, TRAUMA-INFORMED SUPPORT** from staff. **A DEDICATED FACS MANAGER CASEWORK** would work with Jayden and his out of home care provider to identify a longer term accommodation option.



When Jayden appears in court, he would be supported through the proceedings by a **COURT-BASED MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM** who can talk with him through the proceedings, talk to him about his education and other important aspects of his life such as his health and mental health.



Jayden will be supported to reengage with his school or an alternate education option with the assistance of the **EDUCATION COORDINATOR** and **EDUCATION COURT LIAISON OFFICER**.



Continued support from the *A Place to Go* team would **EMPOWER JAYDEN TO REALISE HIS POTENTIAL** and make the changes he wants in his life.

## MORE INFORMATION

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