

AJJA UPDATE

December 2012

Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators

A message from the Chair...

The November meeting of AJJA in Hobart proved productive. The opportunity to meet with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and to discuss areas of shared interest including work cover, information technology and the engagement of service providers was particularly useful. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet outside of the formal meeting and to hear about happenings in all of the Jurisdictions. I look forward to working with you all in 2013 and will organise a teleconference early in the New Year.

Dr Mark Collis

National Youth Justice Framework

Key decisions regarding the NYJF were made by AJJA members at the November meeting. These included:

- Extending the timeframe for completion of the NYJF to May 2013.
- Valda Ruis will prepare a contextual statement for the front of the NYJF.
- The NYJF should be a shorter document outlining the principles including justification for the principle, key areas for consideration and links to references and legislation.
- Principles should reflect AJJA's philosophical approach and can be aspirational.

- Principles should be framed in the action or positive context.

A teleconference was held between the AIC and the Project Control Group (PCG) on 19 November 2012.

The AIC has taken on board feedback from the November AJJA meeting and is working to redraft the document, according to AJJA's requests.

As a next step the AIC will touch base with Kathryn Anderson regularly to confirm the structure and terminology is consistent with AJJA's brief.

Briefly

- ❖ As requested by Kathryn Anderson at the November AJJA meeting, could jurisdictions please provide Kathryn with any available information on therapeutic frameworks, behaviour management and/or trauma informed practice in custody.
- ❖ Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Travel safely and enjoy!
- ❖ The AJJA Secretariat will be in contact in mid January 2013 to set up AJJA's next teleconference.

AJJA Terms of Reference

The AJJA Terms of Reference and AJJA operating guidelines have been updated by the AJJA Secretariat.

Updates to the Terms of Reference and Operating Guidelines are minor and relate only to terminology and Standing Council references; in particular noting of the CYCSPRWG and SCCDSAC.

The updated documents have been placed on the AJJA website.



Youth Justice Terminology

The AIHW has been informed of AJJA's decision to change terminology within documents from juvenile justice to youth justice and of AJJA's decision to continue with the name AJJA.

The AIHW has informed the AJJA Secretariat that they will be changing the title of the next annual Report from *Juvenile justice in Australia* to *Youth justice in Australia 2011–12* (released in April 2013).

The AIHW will also change the terminology used in the Report, and the titles and terminology used in all subsequent reports.

All the details you need for the Australasian Youth Justice Conference are at:

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/youthjustice2013/home/>

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Feedback

* JJ RIG members have been asked to supply the AIHW with data for the Recidivism Project by 14 December 2012. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Aalders at AIHW (rachel.aalders@aihw.gov.au or (02) 6244 1112)

* Thank you to AJJA members who provided feedback on the AIHW Indigenous Community and Health Services Reporting Unit's request for unpublished summarised data from the Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set (JJ NMDS) to construct indicators as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery. QLD and NSW did not agree to the release of jurisdictional JJ NMDS data. NT and WA agreed to the release on the basis that only summary data combining all communities in a single statistic be released.

Important Dates to Remember...

- **20 December 2012** - Report – *Juvenile Detention Population in Australia 2012* (AIHW)
- **April 2013** – Report - *Youth Justice in Australia 2011-12* (AIHW)
- **20 -22 May 2013** -Australasian Youth Justice Conference
- **22 and/or 23 May 2013** - AJJA Meeting (Canberra)

Significant Leave

- The AJJA Secretariat will be on leave from 24 December 2012 to 14 January 2013.
- *Please let the AJJA Secretariat know if you are taking any significant leave in the next three months and details of a contact person in your Jurisdiction during your leave period.*

Australasian Youth Justice Conference

Preparation for the First Australasian Youth Justice Conference is well under way.

Themes for the Australasian Youth Justice Conference have been announced, and include:

- family and community-based interventions;
- policing young people;
- young offenders and the courts;
- intervening within a corrections context;
- therapeutic jurisprudence and restorative justice;
- policies and programs to assist Indigenous young people and their families; and
- young women in the youth justice system.

Please forward the conference internet link

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/youthjustice2013/home/> to colleagues and contacts who may be interested in attending the conference. Please also encourage the submission of papers and workshops.

The AIC is currently working on attracting minor sponsors to assist in financing the conference. Bonuses for sponsors may include Sponsor's branding on promotion material, product material included in conference satchels and reduced registration.

If AJJA members are aware of any individuals or groups who may be interested in providing minor sponsorship for the conference please advise Colin Campbell at the AIC (Colin.Campbell@aic.gov.au).



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