

Policy Position Statement

Youth Justice



Hi, my name is Jacqueline McGowan-Jones and I am the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA.

It's my job to stand up for the rights of children and young people.

To listen and to find out what you like, need and worry about as well as hear the great ideas you all have.

To help me do this, my team and I do surveys, forums and visits to places where children and young people get together, like schools and youth clubs.

I also talk to families, communities and people who work with children and young people to hear what they have to say.

I want to share what I have learnt so that people can make youth justice better in Western Australia.

What is important for children and young people in the justice system?



Make justice right for them. They are not adults.



Help to stay safe, happy and keep out of trouble.



Supportive adults who work well with them and make them feel supported.



Give each of them the right support.



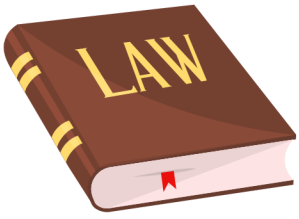
Understanding for what they have been through.



To have a say.



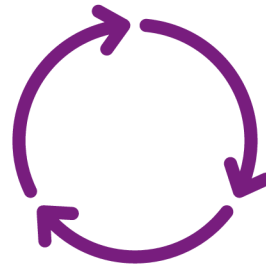
What is needed for children and young people?



A change in the law so they cannot be locked up under 14 or sent to adult jails.



Support and services to keep them out of jail.



Support to turn things around if they do get in trouble.



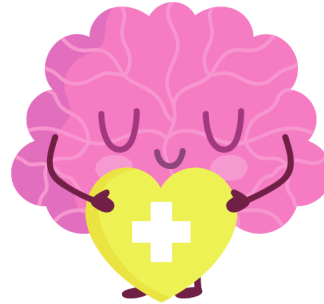
Help those in detention to learn, grow, and succeed when they leave.



Ensure they have understanding of what is happening to them and good legal support.



Support to stop bullying and make them feel safe.



More health and mental health care in schools.



Safe and easy ways for them to share their thoughts, ideas and worries about school.



Opportunities to speak up and adults to listen and make changes for them.



Support to help them stay in school.

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