



fact sheet: Bimberi

Services and Programs

On admission to Bimberi Youth Justice Centre every young person is assessed by a member of the case management team, has a health assessment by Corrections Health staff and a risk assessment, which is completed by a psychologist from Child and Adolescent Mental Health. In addition, each young person who attends the education program is assessed by education staff, with a particular focus on literacy and numeracy skills.

Following this, each of the professionals involved in the assessments meet with the Unit Manager of the residential area where the young person is assigned, and a case plan is developed to address the identified needs of each individual. The case plan will address a range of educational, health, and psychological needs, as well as any behavioural issues. From the case plan, a daily program of activities is developed for each resident.

For young people convicted of offences, a priority of the case plan is to address the offending or risk taking behaviour. Bimberi has a range of offence specific cognitive behavioural interventions and their effectiveness is supported by the current research into addressing juvenile recidivism. Other areas that will be addressed in the daily program include life skills, health promotion and recreation programs.

Key services are provided on site by the Department of Education and Training, the Canberra Institute of Technology and Corrections Health.

The case management team at Bimberi is the central coordination point for working with all internal and external stakeholders. A number of community organisations provide service to residents in Bimberi and are also involved in case plan development and transition planning for residents and will continue to support these young people on their release.

These community organisations provide programs under the Youth Services Program (YSP). The YSP providers are the community partners of the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support which provide funding to 19 community organisations to deliver 25 services, including youth centres; youth support services, youth development services and the youth peak body.

Community Youth Justice (CYJ) is responsible for the supervision of young people placed on a Court order by the ACT Children's Court or the ACT Supreme Court. The case management team works closely with CYJ, as they may have existing knowledge of a young person entering Bimberi, a role in transition arrangements and they may also provide on-going support post release from Bimberi.