

# AYDC PRACTICE FRAMEWORK

## A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

### PURPOSE

Through collaboration and excellence in trauma informed practice, work with young people to address their offending behaviour and develop social responsibility.

### VISION

Working together to maximise a young person's potential and participation on return to the community.

### ROLE

The role of AYDC is governed by the *Youth Justice Act 1997* which was proclaimed in February 2000. Consistent with the *Youth Justice Act 1997*, AYDC has 3 broad objectives:

- To provide a therapeutic, safe and secure environment for young people on detention;
- To contribute to community safety and confidence;
- To provide opportunities for the rehabilitation and reintegration of young offenders.

AYDC uses a strengths-based approach to build relationships that foster felt safety, communication, respect and achievement of goals resulting in healthy young people and staff. We do this through modelling pro-social behaviour, accountability, active listening, play, problem solving, recreational learning, recovery, restorative practices, resource building and wellbeing.

## PRACTICE PRINCIPLES

We are mindful of how experiences can impact everyone differently and that we all have unique perspectives and needs.

We build healthy and positive relationships and provide experiences that support the development of new brain and body connections resulting in positive behaviours.

We create an environment where everyone can feel safe, secure and listened to by modelling empathy, trust, respect and regulation.

We are committed to giving young people a voice in decisions that affect them and encouraging them to participate in learning opportunities and skill development.

We provide opportunities for young people, their families and communities to connect and support to heal and strengthen relationships.

We acknowledge young people's identity and culture and provide opportunities to maintain connections to culture, to tell their stories and to share their culture in a safe environment.

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