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Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the Youth Employment Education and Training Initiative (YEETI) Quarterly Newsletter!

YEETI aims to produce and distribute a newsletter every 3 months to keep you updated on what is happening within Employment, Education and Training.

There is a lot of information around, and we hope to have your input regarding what you'd like to see. Please contact Susan (YEETI Community Development Worker) if you have any ideas - sslattery@mcm.org.au

YEETI has entered its 11th funding round (closing on the 14th September -details below), and is also working on community capacity building (details below).

Happy almost Spring, from the YEETI team!

YEETI Funding Round 11

Following on from a successful Round 10 of funding, YEETI is excited that Round 11 has opened! A total of 106 applications were received in Round 10 - more information is below in the Brokerage Report. Please check out the website or call 9680 8233 if you have any questions about the funding. The round opened on Monday 6th August and will close on Friday 14th September.

- There is a specific amount of funding available - if applications meet the expected capacity prior to this date applications will be placed on a waiting list. These applications will be reviewed if there are unexpended monies after the YEETI Panel has reviewed the first round of applications.
- Applications are accepted in order of receipt - if capacity is reached prior to the closing date the YEETI website will be updated to reflect this information immediately. If an application is placed on the waiting list the worker will be informed of this.
- New funding guidelines and funding caps are available on the website - *please ensure you read these prior to submitting an application as there have been some changes* - www.yeeti.org.au
- New application forms are available on the website - old forms will not be accepted. We encourage you to download new forms each time you write an application to ensure you have the most recent forms.

YEETI Website

www.yeeti.org.au

Other Useful Links -

**Family
Reconciliation
Mediation
Program**

www.frmpp.org.au

**Victorian Council
of Social Services**

www.vcoss.org.au

**Victorian Regional
Homelessness
Networks**

<http://net.saap.infoexchange.net.au/>

**Victorian Office
of Housing**

<http://www.housing.vic.gov.au/>

Infoxchange

www.infoxchange.net.au

**School Focused
Youth Services**

www.sfys.infoxchange.net.au

**Local Learning
and Employment
Networks (LLEN)**

www.llen.vic.gov.au

**Australian
Apprenticeships**

www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

Youth Central

www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

TAFE Directory

www.education.vic.g

YEETI Evaluation

Many of you would be aware that all of the Youth Homelessness Action Plan (YHAP) Stage 1 initiatives are currently being externally evaluated by Thomson Goodall Associates. Whilst this evaluation is being undertaken, both the YEETI & FRMP programs have received approval for interim funding until December 2007. The outcomes of this evaluation process will be made accessible as soon as they are available.

Community Capacity Building Initiatives

Earlier this year the YEETI program moved teams within Melbourne Citymission to sit alongside the Family Reconciliation Mediation Program (FRMP), another of the Youth Homelessness Action Plan Stage 1 Initiatives. Mandy Baxter now manages both the YEETI and FRMP programs. This organisational change was aimed at developing the Capacity Building arm of YEETI program.

YEETI Exchange: Your Client, Their Rights/ Welfare to Work, what you need to know

The inaugural YEETI Exchange forum was held on the 27th June, with around 50 people in attendance to hear clear information regarding the impact of Welfare to Work on our clients, the importance of housing support workers understanding the policy, and the ways in which housing support workers are able to support and their clients in their interactions with the Welfare to Work policy and Centrelink. Guest presenters for the forum were:

Rosanne Jansz - Social Worker, Centrelink

Renee Sinclair - Jobs Placement Employment Training (JPET) Coordinator, St Kilda Youth Services

Colleen Cartwright- Manager, Employment Education Training Support Unit, Melbourne Citymission

Jodi Brown - Team Leader, Western Region Accommodation Program (WRAP), Melbourne Citymission

Youth Homelessness Tool

At the YEETI Exchange on the 27th of June, Colleen Cartwright and Jodi Brown presented a Youth Homelessness Tool that is to be utilized when a young person presents at Centrelink, and in particular when they are meeting with a Jobs Capacity Assessor. The tool was developed after workers recognised that young people were not disclosing their barriers to Centrelink, which often meant they are being categorised incorrectly in the Job Capacity Assessment.

The Tool aims to assist the young person by informing the Jobs Capacity Assessor that this young person is facing barriers to “participation” in the work force, and that these barriers should be considered when they are categorised as to their ability to “participate”.

YEETI is convening a working group to further develop the Tool. The working group consists of representatives from the Youth SAAP sector and Centrelink. If you'd like more details about the Tool please contact Susan - sslattery@mcm.org.au, otherwise keep an eye out for it in the coming months!

Regional Network Forums

Over the past 3 months YEETI has been attending Regional Homelessness Network meetings presenting statistics and case studies about YEETI Funding over the past 3 years. Presentations have been done in the Hume, Loddon Mallee and Western regions, with upcoming presentations planned in the Easter, Barwon South West and Grampians regions. The Northern and Gippsland regions are yet to be confirmed.

ov.au/tafecourses/
Job Juice
www.jobjuice.gov.au

Youth Net
www.youthnet.mcm.
org.au

VCAL
www.vcaa.vic.edu.a
u/vcal

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Family Reconciliation Mediation Program (FRMP)

The Family Reconciliation Mediation Program has also secured interim funding until December 2007. Their contact details are available at www.frmp.org.au

FRMP are hosting a training as part of the SAAP calendar -

“Youth Centred Family Focused Interventions - What Does It Take?” 4th September 2007, Melbourne

FRMP has assessed the success of this training, and with feedback from participants in previous sessions, have developed this NEW skills-based workshop. We are excited to announce Sarah Marrinan from White Cat Psychology will be facilitating this workshop. For information relating to this workshop, please refer to the FRMP website, www.frmp.org.au or contact Mandy Baxter on 8625 4476.

Brokerage Update

Services may now be aware that due to the Thomson Goodall Associates external evaluation of YHAP 1 initiatives, interim funding for YEETI has been approved until December 2007. As a result, the YEETI program will be closely calculating the amount of Brokerage funding available to the sector during this 6-month period. Specific funding formulas and guidelines have been articulated to the sector and are available at www.yeeti.org.au. YEETI will ensure that practices relating to these processes are as transparent as possible.

Brokerage Report

The following report is a basic report - it will be enhanced for the next YEETI Exchange Newsletter. The information below is for YEETI funding Round 10, which closed on the 8th June.

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| Applications Approved | |
| Initial round of applications - | 83 |
| Waiting list applications - | 16 |
| Total | 99 |
| (Please note: 4 applications were Withdrawn by the applicant, and 3 were not approved by the YEETI Panel- these were included in the calculations) | |
| Regional breakdown of services accessing funds | North-West Metro - 32 |
| (Only applications which are approved) | Eastern Metro - 28 |
| | Southern Metro - 23 |
| | Gippsland - 10 |
| | Barwon - 2 |
| | Grampians - 2 |
| | Hume - 2 |
| | Loddon Mallee - 0 |
| Gender of young person | Female - 64 |
| | Male - 35 |

Some of the most popular items that were applied for in Round 10 included:

- Services applied for support for young people to maintain their schooling (this included school fees, stationary, text books and uniforms)
- Laptops to enable study at home/maintain education (Secondary and Tertiary)
- Clothing for casual, school and work
- Public transport tickets (metro and regional)
- The YEETI Panel noticed an increase in the number of Personal Training/Fitness courses that were applied for in the last round

YEETI Website

For up-to-date information about brokerage, sector news and events visit the YEETI website. The site is updated with news and events on a regular basis, and it a great place to start when you are looking for information.

Website Update:

YEETI is aiming to make the website more user friendly and informative. We are currently in the midst of updating our "Support Tools page". If you have any recommendations or ideas for the type of resources you would like available please email Susan - sslattery@mcm.org.au

If you have any other feedback regarding the website, please let Susan know.

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Future Newsletters

If you would like to contribute articles or other relevant information to this newsletter please contact Susan Slattery, Community Development Worker directly on 9680 8233 or email sslattery@mcm.org.au The next edition will be published in November 2007 and thereafter on a quarterly basis.