

Stand As One

Mentoring for young
people in the youth
justice system

Building futures
so kids can *shine*

Who we are

We are passionate about transforming the lives of children and young people affected by the criminal justice system.

What we do

We provide services and programs to support children and young people who have had contact with the justice system, from infancy to adulthood.

Where we are

We are a national charity and operate in NSW, VIC, ACT and QLD. Email us at enquiries@shineforkids.org.au

Shine for Kids recognises the Traditional Custodians of Australia and the local Aboriginal communities where we provide services.



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What is Stand As One?

Stand As One is a mentoring program for young people in the youth justice system that supports them emotionally and practically to transition back into the community and rebuild their lives.



What's involved?

A young person is matched with a dedicated and trained mentor who supports them while they are in custody and with their transition back into the community. The mentor and young person meet regularly, fostering stability and trust.

Young people are supported to build resilience, motivation, and a positive outlook by talking with their mentor about their expectations, goals, and family relationships.

The young person also gets support with practical life skills like enrolling in education and training, getting a Medicare card, and looking for work and housing for when they are released.



Why is this program needed?

Many young people in the youth justice system have experienced severe disadvantage and trauma, and have little or no support before, during and post-incarceration.

This can lead to social isolation and a cycle of reoffending.

A whole of community approach is needed to provide positive role models to counterbalance a lifetime of risk factors. A mentor gives young people the level of support needed to prepare for release, rebuild their lives and reduce their risk of reoffending.



Who is eligible?

Young people in the youth justice system who are preparing for release back into the community. Please visit www.shineforkids.org.au to find current locations this program is offered.



How do I refer someone?

Please email us at enquiries@shineforkids.org.au to find out how to refer a young person for this program.



How do I become a mentor?

Please email us at volunteer@shineforkids.org.au to learn more about becoming a volunteer mentor in this program.

