

Welcome to the eighth Fresh Start newsletter, which aims to keep you informed about the development and progress of the Fresh Start initiatives, outlined in earlier newsletters.

Local forums

Many of you have attended the local forums that were held around the country over the last few weeks. For those of you who were unable to attend, or who were not contacted directly by the local youth justice manager, we have attached a copy of the presentation that was given. If you would like further information, please contact the youth justice manager or operations manager via our contact centre 0508 FAMILY.

Innovation Fund

There has been an overwhelming amount of interest in the Innovations Fund and we received over 100 applications for the first funding round. The national selection panel has been finalised and will meet early May to assess the applications and recommend programmes to be funded. Applicants will be advised by 20 May whether they have been successful or not.

The second funding round for the Innovation Fund, for the 2010/2011 financial year, will open 7 June. The application form and guidelines will be available on our website www.cyf.govt.nz and if you need further assistance you can call our dedicated helpline 0800 884411 or email us on freshstartapplications@cyf.govt.nz.

Panel members

Members of the Innovation Fund selection panel include:

Katherine Rich	CEO – NZ Food and Grocery Council
Joy Liddicoat	Human Rights Commissioner
Sue Bradford	Community advocate
Ben Irving	CEO – On the Edge
John Prendergast	CEO – The Community Trust of Southland
Jacob Te Kurapa	Chairman – Murupara Community Board Whakatane
Richard Aston	CEO and Trustee – Big Buddy
Jack Baker	Youth representative - William Wallace Award recipient

Service descriptions

The service descriptions for the various Fresh Start initiatives are now available on our website <http://www.cyf.govt.nz/youth-justice/fresh-start.html>.

- mentoring programmes
- parenting education programmes
- court supervised camps
- community youth programmes
- Supported Bail programmes
- Supervision with Activity

Please note that the mentoring, parenting education and supervision with activity programmes service descriptions are subject to the findings of the concept tests, which will be complete in July. There may be minor amendments at that point, prior to their coming into effect on 1 October.

Preferred providers

Where Fresh Start is expanding or extending initiatives, Child, Youth and Family will seek expressions of interest from preferred providers. The criteria for determining preferred provider status is currently being developed, and we will let you know further details by mid June.

This process excludes:

Supervision with activity programmes: These will continue to be provided by our current nationally contracted providers, who have demonstrated a good track record in delivering services to serious young offenders. In areas where we have identified gaps in the provision of services, we are working with providers with the experience to deliver this type of specialist service.

Alcohol and other drug programmes: We will work with the Ministry of Health to enhance existing services, and ensure young offenders needing intervention or treatment for alcohol or drug issues have access to appropriate District Health Board contracted services within their community.

If you have any queries about Fresh Start, please contact the project team on freshstart@cyf.govt.nz.



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