

These updates aim to keep you informed about the development and progress of the Fresh Start initiatives, outlined in earlier newsletters available on our website.

Innovation Fund

Applications for the second round of the Innovation Fund closed on 2 July. The selection panel will meet later this month, and applicants will be advised of their success on 20 August. Service delivery will begin from 1 September 2010.

Preferred providers

We've now finalised the criteria and process for selecting preferred providers for the following Fresh Start programmes:

- > Youth Court ordered mentoring programmes
- > Youth Court ordered parenting education programmes
- > Court supervised camps
- > Community youth programmes

Contracting and 'fee for service' opportunities will be open to current Child, Youth and Family approved providers, as well as those who undertake to become approved, and who meet the following criteria:

- > good organisational capability
- > expertise in youth justice and service delivery
- > demonstrated ability to manage and develop the programme
- > experience in delivering to high risk Māori and Pacific youth, or young women
- > strong stakeholder networks.

The closing date for the first round of applications is on 30 July, and decisions will be made by 30 August. A regional panel will assess and approve the applicants, and amend the preferred providers list as required. Applications can then be made at any time, with panels meeting on a monthly basis to review any applications received.

Successful applicants will be added to the list of preferred providers, and will be contacted when a need for their services is identified. As more than one preferred provider can be chosen for a particular service, preferred provider status does not guarantee that a provider will automatically be selected to deliver services. Decisions will be based on the individual needs of the child or young person, and which service provider can best meet those needs.

More details about the [preferred provider selection criteria and how to apply](#) are available on our website.

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

