





## Legal Support

 Young People 10-17  Brisbane, Redlands, and Sunshine Coast

YAC's specialist youth lawyers provide:

- legal information and advice about the law, legal and court processes, and young people's legal rights
- referrals to legal and other services where appropriate
- representation in court and tribunals for youth justice, domestic violence, child protection and other matters
- advocating for young people with the police and other authorities they may be in conflict with

## Bail Support Services (BoSS)

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BoSS provides three different services to young people and families that aim to keep young people out of court, out of custody and reduce reoffending:

- **Bail Support:** supports young people who are on bail or have a Youth Justice order to work towards their goals
- **Community Connector:** for young people waiting on court or are worried about getting involved with Youth Justice, we connect young people to people who can help

The BoSS team can help:

- provide resources, supports and activities to young people with education and employment, housing and accommodation, connection to family and connection to culture
- assist young people in achieving their goals such as getting into school, finding somewhere to live, learning life skills, or finding other support in the community.



## Youth Court Assistance (YCAP)



 Young People 10-17  Brisbane, Caboolture, Pine Rivers, Redcliffe, Ipswich, Richlands, and Cairns.

YCAP is a court support program that identifies and responds to court related social support needs on Children's Court days at several court locations. YCAP helps to:

- ensure young people have legal help and understand the court process
- identify any social support needs of the young person
- provide information and referrals in relation to bail support, homelessness and any other issues which may contribute to the young person's involvement with the justice system.

## Youth Support (YASS)



 Young People 16-19  Brisbane, Ipswich, Redlands, Logan, Caboolture

 Young People 16-25  Moreton Bay

YASS works with young people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or require additional support to their legal issues. The team is based in Brisbane and Caboolture but travels to where young people are. YASS can help:



- provide information, referrals and short-term intervention through supportive engagement in various outreach locations
- find somewhere to live – now and in the longer term
- help young people develop the skills they need to live independently
- support young people who are transitioning from homelessness, detention, youth justice and the child protection system and help engage with legal supports
- young people to work out what they want for their life, and help them get on track towards these goals
- ensure young people are heard and their wishes taken into account when decisions are being made about them
- court support, including when young people are the victim of a crime and giving evidence

## Positive Moves

 Young People 14-19  Brisbane Metro

Positive Moves supports young people to transition to stable housing or return to the family home, particularly when exiting detention, and address emotional, psychological, and social well-being.

## Family Support



 Young People 10-18  Greater Brisbane

YAC's Family Support worker works with young people aged 10 to 18 and their family – but only with the agreement of the young person. They help:

- Young people to re-build relationships within their families and communities
- put strategies in place to make things better at home for the young person, their parents and siblings
- at court, by going with the young person and their family and providing a report for the court where appropriate

We also offer **Family Partnership**, an intensive support service for young people (and their families), who are on bail or a Youth Justice order in North Brisbane.

## Community Legal Education

 Young People 10-17 & Youth Workers  South-East QLD

YAC's community legal education officer (CLE) works with young people aged 10 to 18 and with youth workers. They can:

- attend schools, detention centres, and youth organisations across Greater Brisbane to provide information so young people about the law and their rights
- provide those who work with young people - youth workers, teachers, guidance officers, etc - with information and training about legal issues relevant to their work
- CLE delivers a 2-day workshop of legal information and decision making framework (Laying Down the Law) - this is also available as an online course.

## Advocacy & Policy

YAC engages in discussions on issues affecting young people, and provides expert opinions and experiences of young people to Government and the community in order to bring about positive change - learn more on our website.

