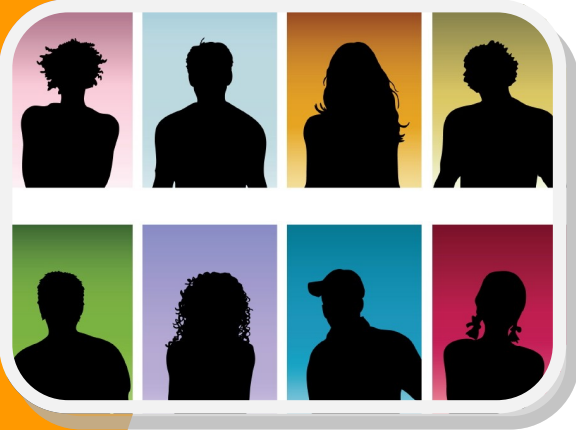


What do you see?



Most young people don't get in trouble with the law.
Some do, but there are many reasons why.
Early intervention, prevention and diversion do work.

Vulnerable young people or thugs?

Tough on the causes of youth crime

Young people exposed to a cluster of risk factors and a lack of protective factors are more vulnerable to becoming youth offenders.

Risk factors

- ⇒ Negative educational experiences
- ⇒ Difficult family relationships
- ⇒ Community disadvantage
- ⇒ Friends and peers engaging in anti-social behaviour
- ⇒ Experiencing child abuse or neglect
- ⇒ Availability and exposure to drugs

Protective factors

- ⇒ Opportunities for learning
- ⇒ Positive parental supervision and relationship
- ⇒ Community relationships
- ⇒ Resilient temperament
- ⇒ Involvement in range of leisure activities
- ⇒ Adult role models and mentors

Did you know?

- ◆ Less than 2% of Victorian young people commit over 50% of youth crime.
- ◆ The younger you are when you first commit an offence the more likely you are to become a repeat offender.

Multi agency and community approaches aimed at reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors are the most effective youth crime reduction strategies.



recommends...

Increased funding, resourcing and support for:

- * Implementation of the Vulnerable Youth Framework
- * Early intervention and prevention services within the Child Protection system
- * School and community based early intervention and prevention services
- * School attached youth workers and youth services to work with disengaged youth