

TRY Mentoring

Additional Sites

Operates in various locations. Call 03 8545 9504 or email mentoring@try.org.au for full details.

Phone

03 8545 9504

Email

mentoring@try.org.au

Website

<http://youth.try.org.au/>

Client Min Age

7

Client Max Age

20

Eligibility Criteria

TRY Mentoring targets young people between the ages of 7 and 20 years who are lacking adequate support in the community. Young People suitable for the program may be affected but not limited to issues such as;

/> • Loneliness • Isolation • Poor social skills • Low self esteem

/> • Inadequate adult relationships • Limited life opportunities They could also be

disengaging from school, have strained relationships with parents or be in alternate living arrangements other than with parents.

Service Area

City of Casey, City of Greater Dandenong, Cardinia Shire

Service Description

Community One-to-One Mentoring Program provides young people aged 7-20 years with a caring adult mentor to provide additional adult support, someone to confide in and look up to. Someone who can be both a positive role model and supportive friend. Mentors commit to spending a minimum of one hour a week with their mentee for 12 months. Mentoring in the Hood: Group Mentoring programs provide young people aged 12-17 years an opportunity to engage in a shared activity, based on the skill set of the mentor, for example, fitness, basketball or dance, etc. Mentors commit to weekly one hour classes for a 12 month period. We currently have classes that are run after school and we are looking to implement a similar program in a number of Casey secondary schools.

Participation Length

- Match duration or participation in the group programs is for a minimum of 12 months

Interpreters

Yes but requires booking in advance

Specific Exclusions

Young people who need respite care and young people who cannot engage with a volunteer because of either physical or mental disabilities.

Who Can Refer

- Referrals can come from, but are not limited to: Family Service agencies, support workers, mental health workers, student welfare officers, DHS, foster carers and parents.

Costs

- There is no fee for service, the only cost might be the activities the young person participates in with their mentor, however we encourage low cost/free activities where possible.

Disability Access

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Service Type

INDIVIDUAL

Service provider

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