



KIMBERLEY JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGY (KJJS)

- EVALUATION FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS -

FINDINGS

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STAKEHOLDERS HAD VARYING DEGREES OF AWARENESS ON WHETHER THE KJJS WAS DESIGNED THROUGH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND UNDERSTANDING. THIS INDICATES THAT THERE MAY BE ISSUES WITH TRANSPARENCY AND LIMITED ON-THE-GROUND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION.

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STAKEHOLDERS ADVOCATE FOR TRANSPARENT DECISION-MAKING, ACTIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES, SUCH AS POVERTY AND TRAUMA, FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT.

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THE KJJS DEMONSTRATES POSITIVE INTENTIONS AND A COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE REINVESTMENT AND CULTURAL CONNECTION.

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BARRIERS TO EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDED INTERNAL COMMUNICATION, STAFF TURN-OVER, AND LOW TRANSPARENCY ABOUT DESIGN AND VISION OF THE KJJS.

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INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOTH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS IS CRITICAL FOR IMPROVING PROGRAM EFFICACY.

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LIMITED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN CONSULTATIONS AND INADEQUATE COORDINATION AMONG FUNDED PROGRAMS WERE HIGHLIGHTED CHALLENGES.

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YOUNG PEOPLE WITH NEURODEVELOPMENTAL IMPAIRMENTS MAY HAVE BOTH THE HIGHEST RISK OF OFFENDING AND THE HIGHEST RISK OF DISENGAGEMENT FROM JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS.

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CONCERNS WERE RAISED ABOUT HIGH-RISK AND HIGH-NEEDS YOUNG PEOPLE BEING OVERLOOKED OR EXCLUDED FROM KJJS PROGRAMS.



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SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES INCLUDED COMMUNITY BUY-IN, INCREASED CAPACITY OF ACCOS, AND ACCESS TO CULTURALLY SAFE INITIATIVES.

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STAKEHOLDERS HELD DIFFERING VIEWS ON THE BENEFITS OF SHORT-TERM PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND BELIEVED THESE OUTCOMES TO BE LIMITED DUE TO COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDERS, COMPETITIVENESS RELATED TO GRANT PROCEDURES, THE ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND DIFFICULTY ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF YOUTH OFFENDING.

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LIMITED TRANSPARENCY AND SHARING OF DATA, SUCH AS CRIME STATISTICS, POINTED TO A DECREASE IN BOTH PROGRAM EFFICACY AND DATA SOVEREIGNTY FOR KJJS STAKEHOLDERS, WHICH MISALIGNS WITH CLOSING THE GAP PRIORITY REFORM 4.

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STAKEHOLDERS FELT THAT KJJS-FUNDED PROGRAMS ARE MORE LIKELY TO IMPACT SHORT-TERM CHANGE RATHER THAN LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE CHANGE.

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CURRENT KJJS PROGRAMS HAVE LIMITED LONG-TERM IMPACTS ON CRIME RATES AND NIGHTLY STREET PRESENCE.

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FOOD INSECURITY IS A CONTINUOUS FACTOR IMPACTING THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE KIMBERLEY AND THE PROVISION OF FOOD AT KJJS PROGRAMS IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUSTENANCE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

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PROVIDING A SAFE SPACE FOR CHILDREN IS A MAJOR PRIORITY FOR PROVIDERS AND A SIGNIFICANT SERVICE GAP ACROSS THE KIMBERLEY.



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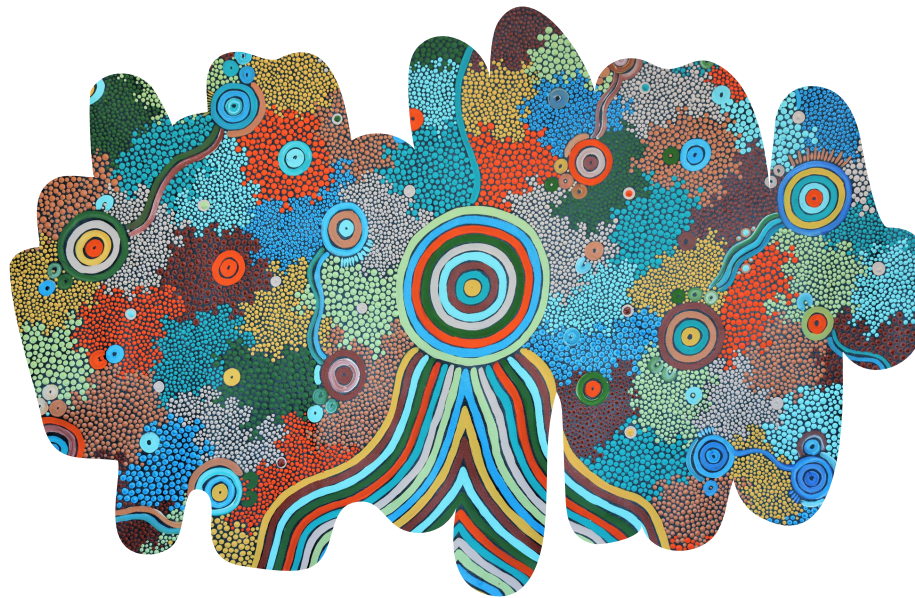
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PROGRAMS THAT HAD IMPLEMENTED EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES WERE NOTED BY SOME AS HAVING SIGNIFICANTLY POSITIVE LONG-TERM IMPACTS.

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INCREASING PARENT AND FAMILY MEMBER ENGAGEMENT IS A MAJOR PRIORITY FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS AND A SERVICE GAP TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY.





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ENHANCE THE INVOLVEMENT OF OLDER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITHIN THE FACILITATION OF KJJS PROGRAMS, TO FACILITATE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.

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FOSTER CULTURAL CONNECTION BY MAXIMISING LOCAL ABORIGINAL PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM DESIGN ACROSS ALL KJJS PROGRAMS.

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FACILITATE COLLABORATION BETWEEN SERVICE PROVIDERS BY ESTABLISHING A SERVICE MAP OUTLINING WHERE ALL PROVIDERS ARE LOCATED AND DETAILING THE PROGRAMS THEY ARE CURRENTLY DELIVERING.

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INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY AND REGULARITY OF COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE KJJS SCOPE AND PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY, AND INDIVIDUALS ARE ALIGNED WITH THE GOALS OF THE KJJS AND AWARE OF RELEVANT INFORMATION AND FINDINGS.

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CENTRALISE EFFORTS TO ENHANCE COLLABORATION AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING VIA A KJJS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE, INCORPORATING VALUABLE INPUT FROM ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES.

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TO HELP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE MORE CONSISTENT SUPPORT, ENHANCE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS TO ENSURE THAT PROVIDERS CAN MONITOR, COLLABORATE, AND SHARE RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTEND MULTIPLE PROGRAMS ACROSS DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.



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PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO SERVICE PROVIDERS SO THAT THEY CAN EFFECTIVELY APPROACH AND SUPPORT A WIDER SPECTRUM OF YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE WITH NEURODEVELOPMENTAL AND SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING NEEDS.

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ESTABLISH CLEARER DATA SOVEREIGNTY GUIDELINES AND COMMITMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND PARTICIPATING ACCOS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLOSING THE GAP PRIORITY REFORM 4.

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STRENGTHEN SERVICE PROVIDERS' ABILITY TO FOSTER LASTING POSITIVE CHANGES IN YOUNG INDIVIDUALS BY FOCUSING ON THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, CULTURAL IDENTITY, AND SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING.

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CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS, THEREBY MAKING PROGRAMS MORE ATTRACTIVE AND INCREASING ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUNG PARTICIPANTS.

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PRIORITISE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SAFE SPACE FACILITY FOR STREET-PRESENTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN EACH TOWN.

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ENSURE THERE ARE EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM LOGICS FOR ALL KJJS PROGRAMS.



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BOOST ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, FACILITATING ACCESS TO LOCAL EMPLOYMENT, JOB TRAINING AND RELATED OPPORTUNITIES.

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EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE KJJS TO INCORPORATE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT TO A YOUNG PERSON BY ADDRESSING THE NEEDS AND INFLUENCE OF THEIR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

