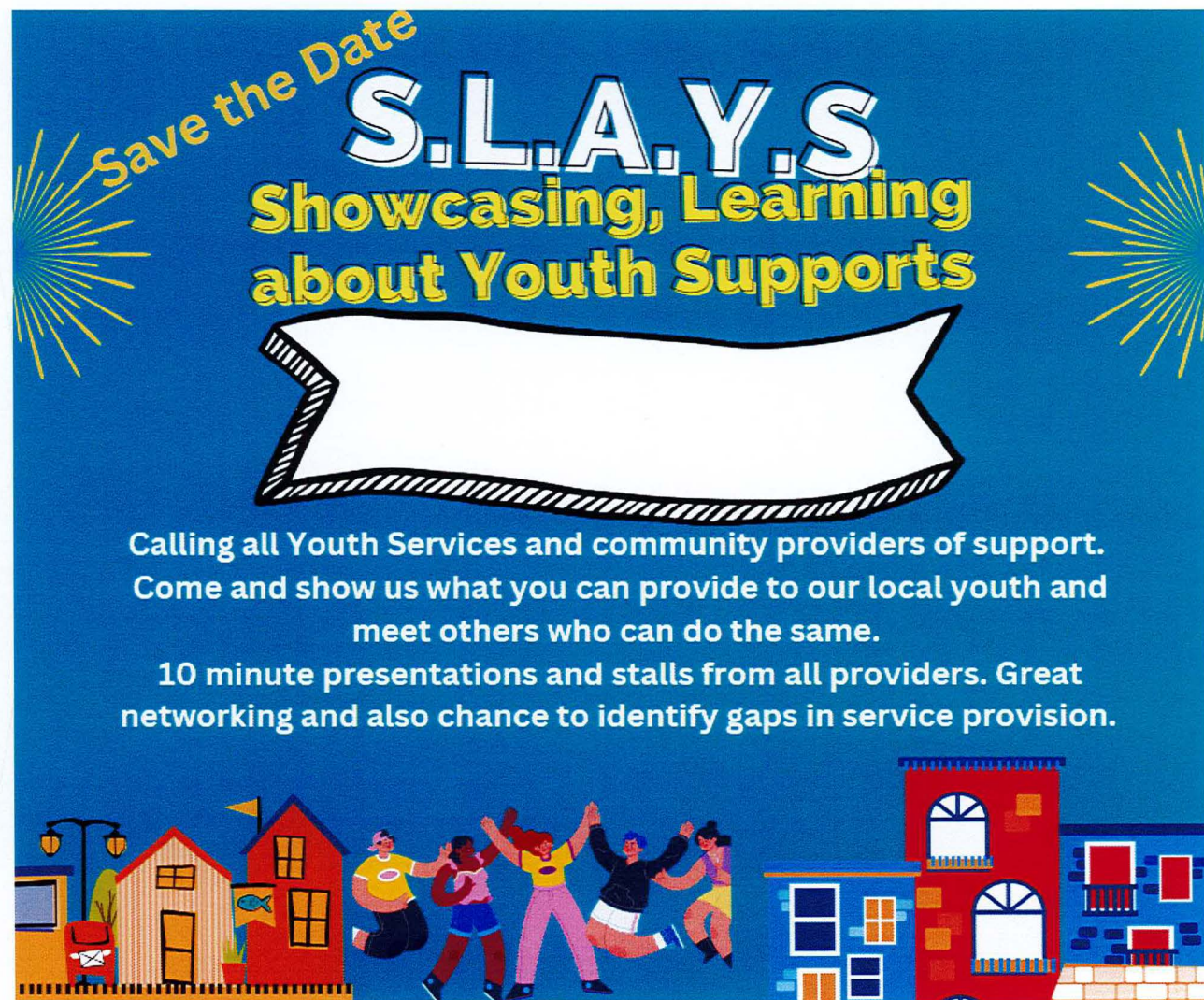


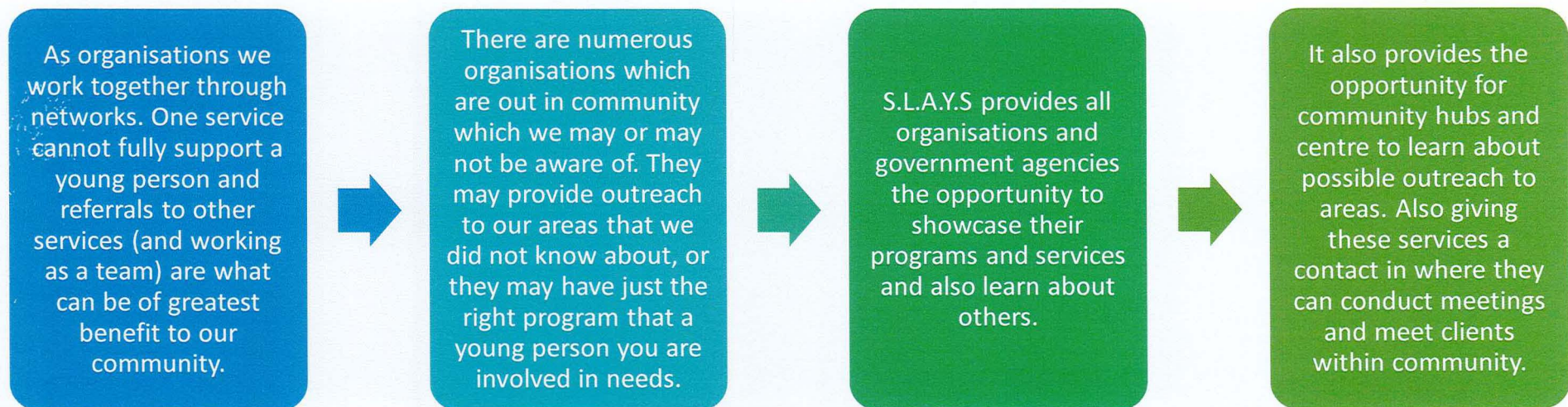
An initiative by Riverina Police District and Youth Justice Wagga

S.L.A.Y.S was designed to help us identify all service provision in our regional areas and identify the gaps.

Working together and sharing information will only benefit the youth of our area.



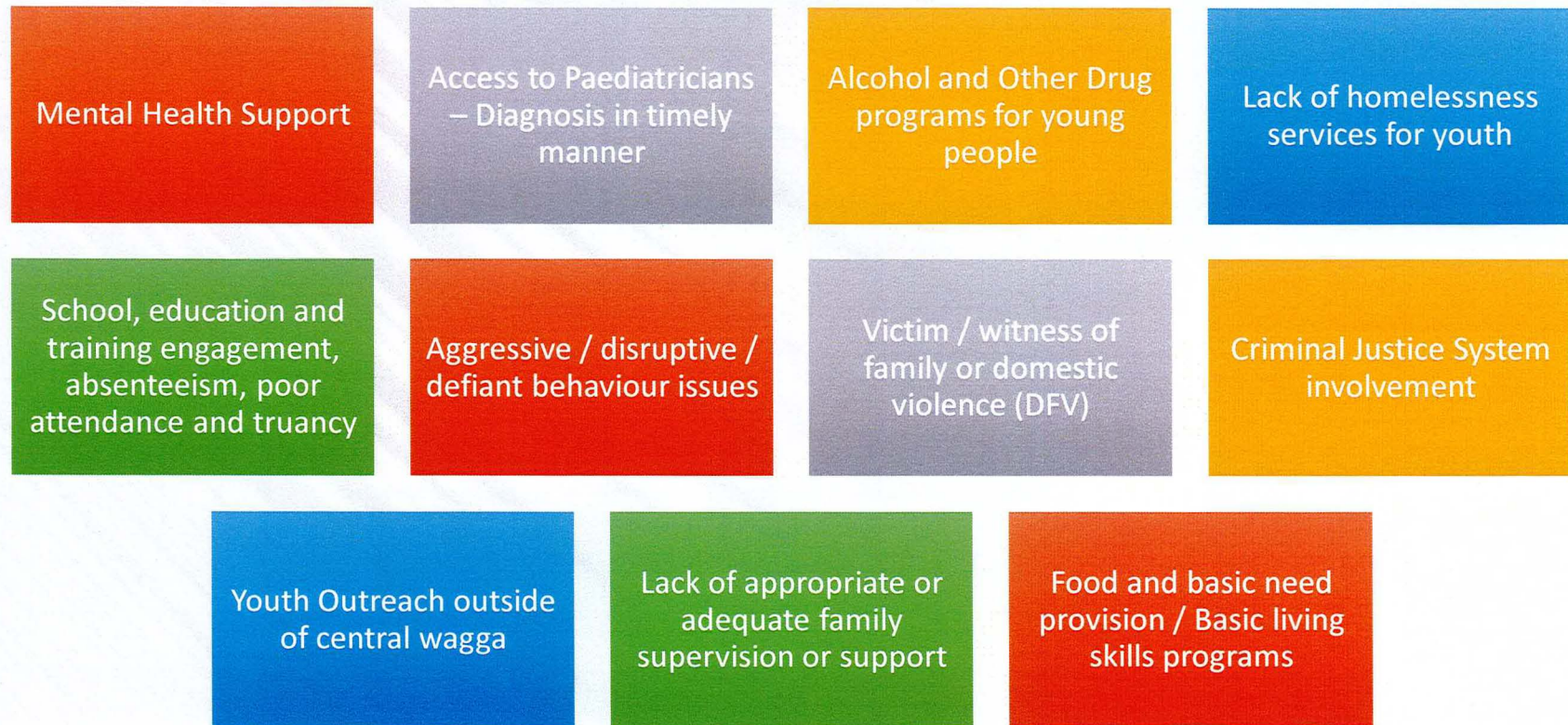
Why S.L.A.Y.S?



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What did S.L.AY.S Wagga
identify...

What are the top Identified service areas of need for Wagga



What did we find from the day?

Almost all services learnt about services they were not previously aware of or did not realise they provided such in depth supports

All services identified gaps in services for area

Funding for programs and access for youth to participate in programs / utilise services was a major issue for all

Lack of outreach to rural locations identified as need

All participants ranked the day as a success and would like to see completed on more regular basis to keep information up to date

What did people say we lacked...

Mental Health counselling – Services are at capacity and have long waiting lists or youth are “not in crisis” and are put on back of list

Alcohol and drug programs

Disability Support

Family Support

Youth Homelessness – Where can these kids go when home is not enough

Assistance in NDIS

Diagnosis – Long wait lists for medical intervention and support including paediatricians – Flagged as HUGE issue

Parenting support / education

Targeted early intervention

School disengagement flagged as big issue – Where do they go when they are so far behind

First Nations services and collaboration – Not occurring

Services not talking to each other and not knowing what each other does – So much was learnt from the day about other services we did not know existed.

OOHC – Working advocating in this space for the child

Flexibility in services – Not having strict entry criteria

Costs – The kids cannot pay for it, the family can't pay for it.

Length of servicing – How long a client stays with service according to funding

Sexual Health programs – Consent etc

Long Term Case Management required – One overseeing issues so not over servicing and we are making appropriate referrals

Education Engagement

Mentoring

Driving programs and education

Lack of case management – Communication needs to improve

Crisis Support

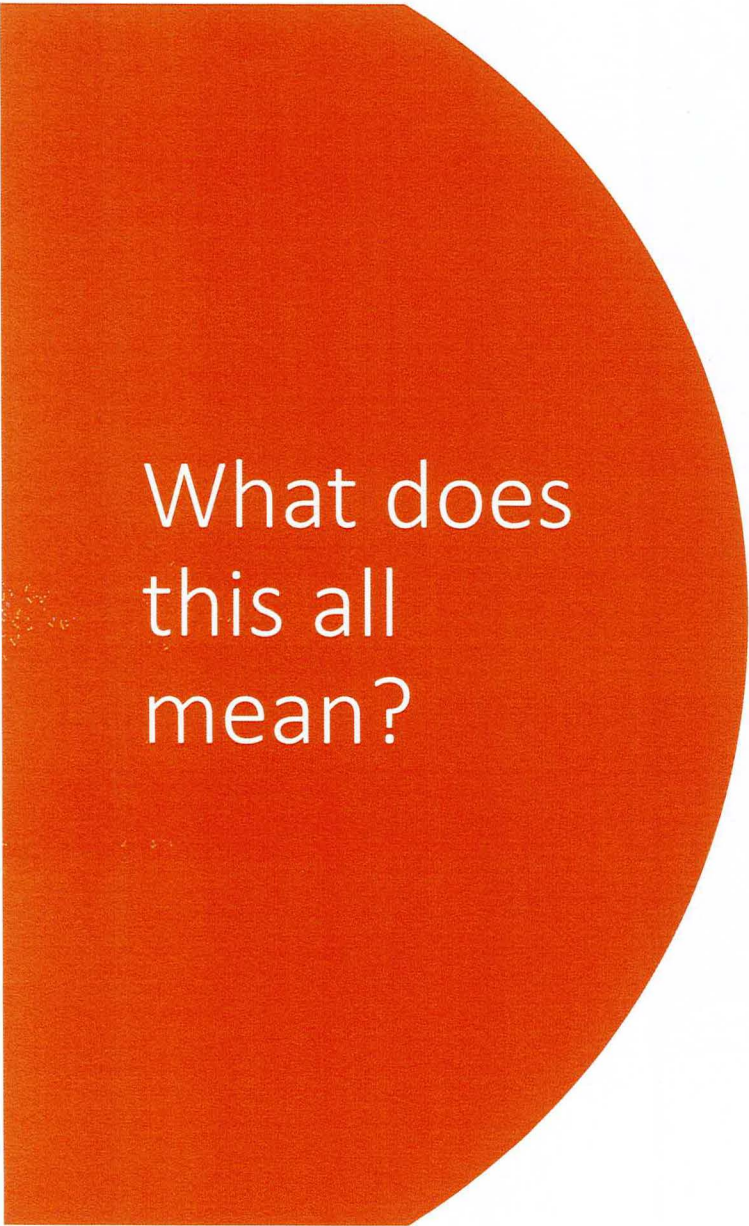
Service Navigating – People don't know where to go

Cultural Competency in services

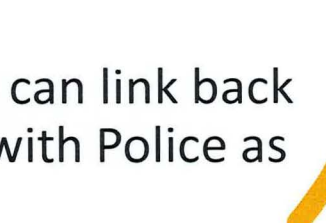
Free ongoing social groups outside of sport as well as involving sport

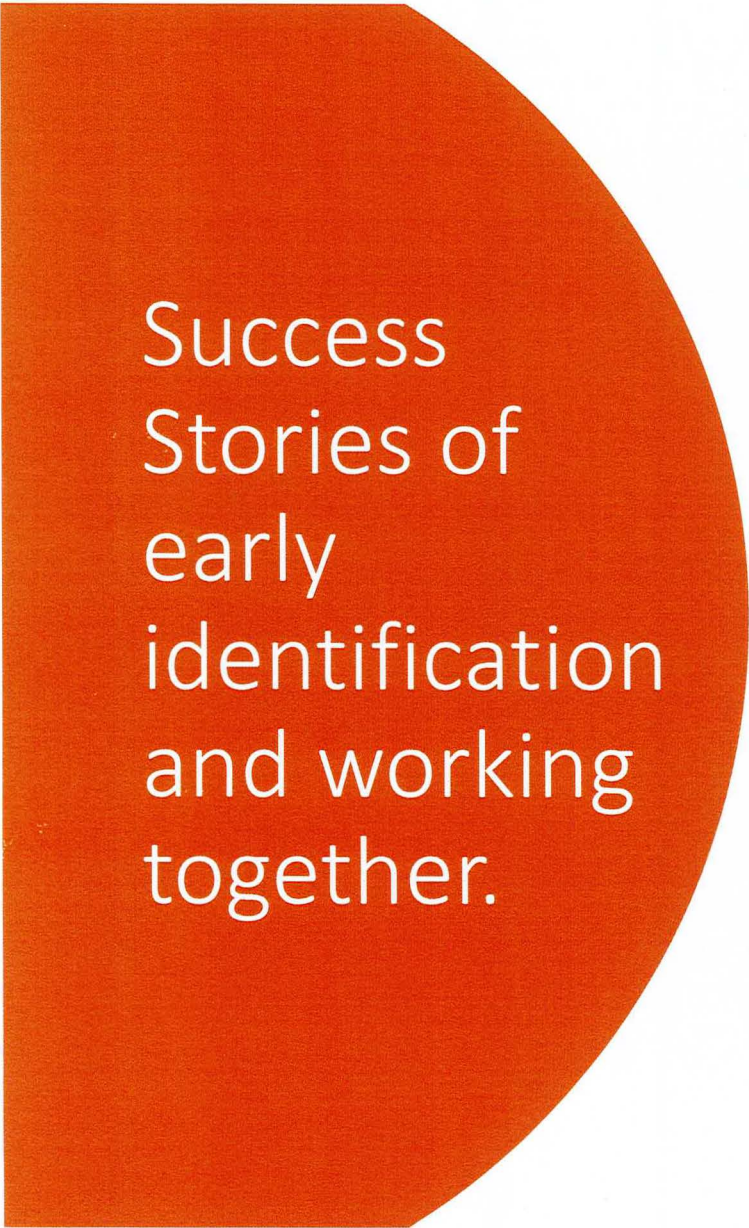
More outreach to rural areas

More targeted programs for females.

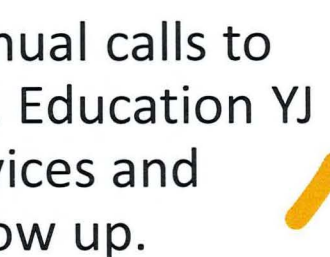
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What does this all mean?

- Early identification is key. We have some great systems in place including Mandatory reporting that assist in this process. Education and SAMS have played a very important role in this practice
 - Centralised registers of support services. What people do and what are limitations or expectations. Give us the information about supports available and funded programs
 - Support for programs. Ensuring that where kids need to be funded for specific programs / diagnosis we have ability to find the money.
 - All the issues identified in youth crime can link back to issues prior to coming into contact with Police as an offender.
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Success Stories of early identification and working together.

- 12 Year old – Junee – Identified for lack of school attendance / behaviours / domestic offending against mum and siblings / Diagnosed with disability.
 - SAMS and Education referred through to YAMS – Identified gaps in servicing and worked with Mission Australia. Identified self managed NDIS package which wasn't being used due to strain on mother.
 - 14 year old – Cootamundra – Continual calls to service for mental health for police. Education YJ and Police brought together all services and held to account for actions and follow up.
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The Future of S.L.A.Y.S

Southern Region



How do we
replicate in
other areas...

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- You can't do this alone. Get together a group of people who can help, from different organisations. Wagga Youth Justice were integral in getting information out and putting together the day. We had a group of 5 who managed the day.
 - Meet in lead up to event. How many replies have you got, who are you missing. Target these organisations to attend. Communication is key.

What do I need to run the day...

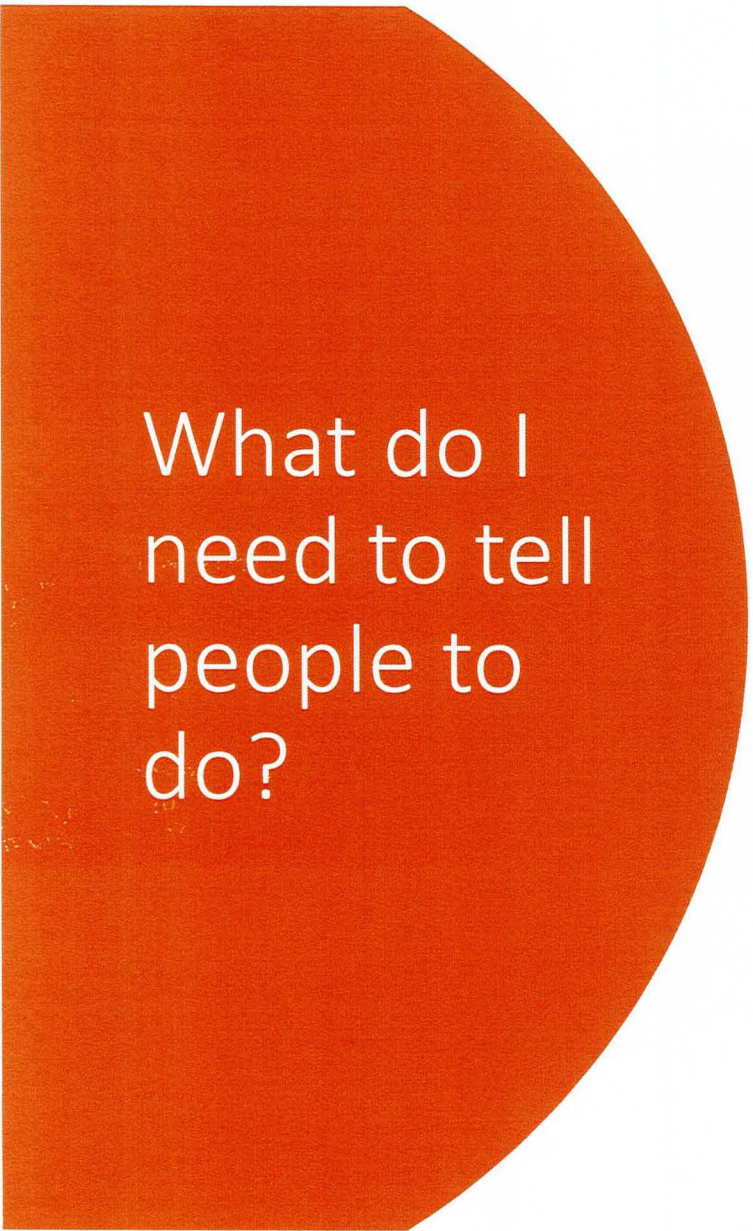
- Location – Holds up to 200 people – Tables of 10 are recommended from survey results. RSL's have club grants that can waive costs of booking. Speak to your local clubs re application.
- Timing – This is an all-day event as everyone wants to find out more.
- Speakers – We had 14 speakers which was great but took too long. Prioritise speakers and their timing. Allow time for networking or speed service dating where people move from table to table speaking about their programs.
- MC – Have an MC that is able to engage and highlight good work but also highlight where we lack information. Engaging is key.
- Catering – If you are able to locate funding to cater for event that is amazing. Tea and Coffee should be priority and allow for services to have lunch break where they can get their own lunch at location if unable to pay for lunch.

How do I get people there...

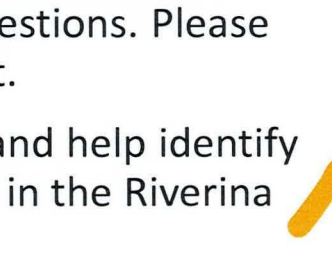
Networks – Send this out through all your networks – All your meetings and tell people it is a pass on the message situation. There are so many services we are not aware of that we would all benefit from hearing about.

Promote the gaps in service aspect – The information gathered will highlight gaps in services for your area. This information will be published and available for services to use to target these gaps and apply for funding or programs in the future.

Personal Contacts – Speak to people, cold emails and working with funding providers including DCJ to send out also. Use your contacts.

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What do I need to tell people to do?

- Register your organisations through the QR code – Eventbrite registration to be set up by each location
 - Complete the survey and advise us of your program, your outreach and what issues you cover. This includes age group of young people you work with. Completing this prior to event can be helpful in providing all information to those in attendance.
 - Prior to date bring in any service brochures or information to be compiled in service packs for people on the day.
 - You will be placed on tables with different services and allowed opportunity to network and speak about your service.
 - A number of services will be given 10-minute presentation time slot to also articulate this and answer questions. Please contact committee if you would like a timeslot.
 - Your service will be logged on our Mind Map and help identify gaps in services and funding for young people in the Riverina area.
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What will come of it?



You will network and find out what is out there to help young people in your community



You may be identified for participation in future and current projects and pilots including Youth Action Meetings



You will be provided copies of the Mind Mapping and show identified gaps in funding and service for the area allowing you to target future grant applications and programs in community.



We will increase of capability in servicing young people in the Riverina efficiently and appropriately.

How to get started...

- Click the link to register on Eventbrite and register your event. Or scan the QR code
- [Sell Tickets Online | Free Event Ticketing Software | Eventbrite](#)
- Online surveys have been created for all responses to programming requests and all evaluation of S.L.A.Y.S for each location.
- QR codes are available for publication on flyers or emails.



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