

Central West CLSD Program Action Plan 2023 and 2024

Young people and Youth Koori Court (YKC).		
Actions	What we need (resources)	Monitoring and notes
Advocate to expand YKC to Wellington once it is established in Dubbo	ALS Legal Aid CLSD Unit	Advocacy to expand YKC to Wellington -Not reached. Advocacy by partners to President of the Children's Court regarding expanding days Children's Court sitting in Dubbo.
Advocate to ensure that the YKC connects with local youth services, men's and women's elders' groups.		Bill Dickens and Sharon Tomas (Regional Coordinator) participated in the local reference group for the YKC. Magistrate for YKC and the YKC team attended CLSD meeting in September 2024 to provide update on operations of YKC in Dubbo.
Develop a resource for young people, their carers and support people about bail conditions.	Julianne Elliot, Senior Solicitor with Legal Aid Community Legal Education Venues to hold training. In kind support venue for Dubbo provided by REDI.	CLSD Meeting held May 2023 progressed work on this. More advocacy needed. Decision made by CLSD partners to instead focus on training people to support young people at police stations Training provided by Julianne Elliot, Senior Solicitor with Legal Aid Community Legal Education in Walgett, Coonamble and Dubbo in May 2024.
Support the establishment and operation of YKC in Dubbo.		Sharon Tomas met with YKC Caseworker to see how partners can support YKC. YKC very well resourced.
ADVO enhancement strategy continued ...		
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The Working Group continue its work.		Sharon Tomas to do a stocktake of the actions discussed and agreed to to-date.

Investigate availability of the Domestic Violence Duty Scheme in Dubbo and other locations in the region.		CLSD Program Unit following up with Sydney DV Unit.
Explore the feasibility of delivering an information session to community workers about ADVOs and related issues.		This could be in a CLSD meeting, a separate online event, or form part of networking/CLE combined with outreach. Not reached.
Outreach and referrals		
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Hold an online meeting with partners to coordinate our 2023 legal outreach events in January 2023.	Harmoni Dennis Ben Orcher Scott Fox Jess Allan Lauren Stefanou	Meeting held 24/01/2023 Attendees: Harmoni Denis (Legal Aid Walgett office) Ben Orcher (Legal Aid Bourke office) Scott Fox (Legal Aid Civil Law Team) Jess Allan (Legal Aid Civil Law Team) Lauren Stefanou (ALS) Pat O'Callaghan (Western CLC) Dale Pracy and Bud Crawford (Revenue NSW) Lynne Worrall and June Golland (WDO Service)
Add relationship building events between local services and visiting legal services during legal outreach events to demystify legal services.	Afternoon tea at Global Coffee Shop. CLSD outreach partners and local community sector workers to attend.	<i>Meet the Lawyer/ Advocate</i> afternoon tea held in Coonamble for community sector workers. <i>Get Up Close and Personal with Your Local Lawyer/Advocate</i> event held in Dubbo February 2024
Consult with partners about developing a joint legal service guide for Coonamble and possibly other locations.	Sharon Tomas to develop these resources.	A Legal Service Guide has been completed for Coonamble. Dubbo Legal and Community Services online Directory has been completed. Mudgee is the next location to consider.
Approach pro-bono legal partners about a project to determine unmet legal need in the Central West, particularly unmet legal needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.		Not reached

