

Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support

Strategic Plan 2024–2028

Vision

A safer community with fewer victims of crime by restoring consequences for action and reducing reoffending through effective and early intervention and empowering youth offenders to turn their lives around.

Purpose

Keep Queenslanders safe by delivering stronger laws and fewer victims of crime, providing meaningful support to victims of crime through victim support services.

We respect, protect and promote human rights in our decision making and action.

We value and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Our objectives for the community

The Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support contributes to the Government's objectives for the community: *Safety where you live* by supporting actions to reduce the number of Queenslanders becoming victims of crime.

 Fewer victims of crime	 Ensure victims are supported	 Enable our workforce and partners	
Our strategies			
Deliver implementation of stronger laws that hold youth offenders to account	Provide more help for victims of crime as they navigate the justice system	Improve the capability and capacity of the sector and our workforce to respond to changing demands	
Deliver rehabilitation programs to help youth turn their lives around and break the cycle of reoffending	Provide victims of crime with timely updates about their case as justice progresses	Implement an improved safety environment for our workforce	
Deliver early intervention community-led initiatives to reduce crime, boost education, training and employment	Establish a nation leading Victims Advocate Service	Optimise infrastructure and facilities to enable improved rehabilitation outcomes and safety	
Reduce youth reoffending through community, partner and government agency collaboration	Partner with communities to support victims of crime	Implement key performance indicators for every program	
Our performance indicators			
Reduction in youth crime across Queensland communities	Decrease in reoffending rates among youth offenders	Improvement in support services for victims of crime	Increase in efficiency of support service delivery

Opportunities

- Support victims through tailored and effective supports
- Collaborate with the community, partner organisations and other government agencies
- Empower local communities to take an active role in delivering what their communities need
- Use data to target the things that make the most difference

Challenges

- Diverse needs of victims of crime
- Youth crime crisis with escalating violent offending
- Incidents involving youth in detention
- Capacity and efficiency in Youth Detention Centres
- Workplace safety and operational security