



WOMEN'S JUSTICE NETWORK also, known as WIPAN

Women's Justice Network is an organisation that is run by a united group of women including ex-prisoners who are dedicated to helping and advancing the human rights of women in the criminal justice system.

The Women's Justice Network has supported many women upon release from prison through mentoring relationships. Many women first enter the criminal justice system at a young age and have spent most of their life incarcerated as a result. The Women of the Women's Justice Network want to create an opportunity for female youth to choose a different path, and have created a youth driven mentoring program to prevent disadvantaged youth from entering the criminal justice system. To stop the cycle before it begins.

"If only this opportunity was available to me as a young woman, perhaps I would not have spent most of my adult life behind bars"
- 37-year-old Mentee.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Youth off the Streets
02 8217 470

Legal Aid NSW Youth Hotline
1800 101 810

Youthblock Health Service
02 9562 5640

Alcohol and Drug Info Service
1800 422 599

Oasis Youth Support
9331 2266

Mental Health line
1800 011 511

Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

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PRISON DOES IT HAVE TO BE YOUR NEXT STOP?

YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

You have a choice. Give yourself the chance to make the right one.

My Way

Everyone is different, this program will be driven by your interests and intentions. That is why we have chosen to call it 'My Way' because this program will work YOUR way!

Youth Mentoring Program developed for female youth aged 14-18 years to prevent disadvantaged female youth from entering the criminal justice system.

What's a mentor good for?

Sometimes it isn't always easy to talk to the people we have in our life. So, by having a Mentor you are able to build a relationship with someone you can talk to without judgement and who understands that life is not always easy.

F.L.Y FIRST LOVE YOURSELF

- Mentors can provide guidance and support
- Mentors can be a friend you can turn to for help
- Mentors are there to listen
- Mentors can help you build up your self-esteem and encourage you
- Mentors can show you another way to approach situations
- Mentors can help you find local services and achieve goals

A CHANCE TO BE THE PERSON YOU WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE

What's in it for me?

- A chance...
- Enjoy Life
 - Learn new life skills
 - Pay off outstanding fines
 - To help you find your feet again
 - Find meaningful employment
 - Pursue higher education and training
 - To have more confidence in yourself

- Repair relationships with family
- Address issues relating to Drug & Alcohol
- Become a part of your community
- Be your own voice

How do I get a mentor?

It may be suggested to you and with your consent you will be referred to us.

You can contact us by phone or email and we will organise to meet with you or if you don't feel comfortable simply ask to be referred to us by another service, family member or friend.

What's the catch?

Meet face-face with your Mentor at least once a week and be in contact with the Youth Mentoring Coordinator.

IF YOU'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET A SECOND CHANCE AT SOMETHING, DON'T WASTE IT.