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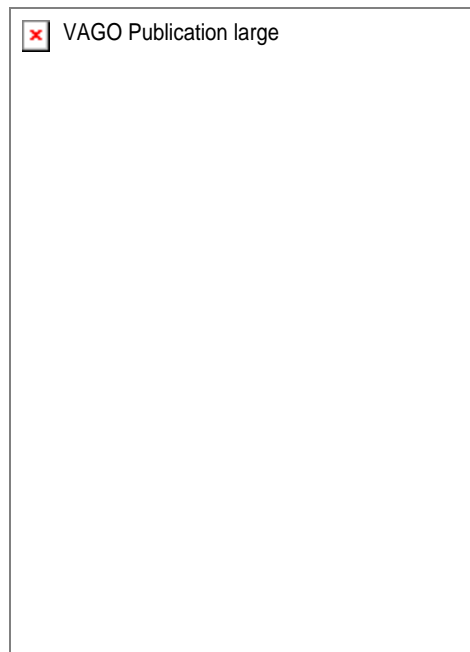
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Services to Young Offenders



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Youth offending is a matter of increasing concern for the community and the Government. Offending by young people stems from a range of problems such as family dislocation, alcohol and substance abuse, poor educational outcomes and limited employment opportunities. All these factors require service responses from a range of government and non-government agencies.

This audit examined the extent to which diversionary and rehabilitation services provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Magistrates' Court of Victoria (MCV) maximise diversion of young offenders from the criminal justice system, reduce the risk of reoffending and improve rehabilitation and reintegration into the community.

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