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<p><b>Children and Youth Area Partnership</b></p>	<p>Children and Youth Area Partnerships (Area Partnerships) is a Victorian Government initiative to support better outcomes for vulnerable children and young people.</p> <p>Area Partnerships use a collaborative and broad-based model of governance. They bring together the most senior representatives in a local area from State, Commonwealth and local governments, the community sector and the broader community, who are most able to make a difference for vulnerable children,</p>	<p>?? x</p>	<p>All children and young people (0-18 years), particularly those who are at risk of disengaging or who have disengaged.</p> <p>The local priorities that are developed will be informed by data and the local experience of those in the Area Partnerships who work across the system with vulnerable children, young people and families.</p>	<p>Eight Area Partnership launch sites have been established across Victoria: Central Highlands, Inner Gippsland, Mallee, Loddon, Outer Eastern Melbourne, Ovens Murray, Southern Melbourne and Western Melbourne.</p> <p>Learning from these launch sites will inform the roll out of the Area Partnerships across Victoria.</p> <p><b>Contact</b></p> <p>The Vulnerable Children Reform Unit can be contacted regarding Area Partnerships.</p> <p>Ph: 03 9096 2601 Email: <a href="mailto:areapartnerships@dhs.vic.gov.au">areapartnerships@dhs.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>Further information is available on the Area Partnerships website.</p> <p><a href="http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/plans,-programs-and-projects/projects-and-initiatives/children,-youth-and-family-services/children-and-youth-area-partnerships">http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/plans,-programs-and-projects/projects-and-initiatives/children,-youth-and-family-services/children-and-youth-area-partnerships</a></p>



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<b>LOOKOUT</b>	<p>LOOKOUT Centres support Victorian schools, Child Protection Practitioners and case workers to improve educational outcomes for children and young people living in out-of-home care.</p> <p>LOOKOUT Education Support Centres employ education and allied health staff. Specialist staff include a Social Worker, Psychologist, Data Advisor and a Koori Cultural Advisor.</p>	<p>☐            ✓☐</p>	<p>LOOKOUT Centres work with all Victorian children and young people of school age (6-17 years) in foster, kinship, residential and lead tenant care arrangements.</p>	<p>The LOOKOUT Centres are based across the Department of Education and Training’s regional offices. Gateway LLEN is located in the North East Victorian Region.</p> <p><b>Contact</b></p> <p>Department of Education and Training North Eastern Victoria Region.            Principal: David Rose</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:lookout.nev@edumail.vic.gov.au">lookout.nev@edumail.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>Further information is available on the Department of Education and Training website.</p> <p><a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/lookout.aspx">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/lookout.aspx</a></p>



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<p><b>Navigator Pilot Program</b></p>	<p>Navigator pilots will actively work with disengaged young people and their support networks, providing the support required for a successful return to education.</p> <p>Navigator providers will target those students who have disengaged from education for at least one term (or 13 weeks).</p>	<p>x ☐</p>	<p>Young people aged 12-17 years who are not connected to school or are at risk of disengaging from school.</p> <p>Learners must live in, or be currently (or most recently) enrolled in a school in, the Area which a Navigator service operates.</p>	<p>Navigator is being piloted across eight regions in Victoria. There are currently no service providers based in the Gateway LLEN region.</p> <p><i>**However, if a student was last enrolled / still enrolled in a school which sits within the City of Greater Dandenong OR City of Kingston Or They live in the City of Greater Dandenong or City of Kingston but attend school in a Gateway LLEN region (Whitehorse, Manningham or Monash LGA) then that student is eligible for support from the Navigator program.**</i></p> <p>Navigator will be delivered by community agencies, who will work closely with local areas, school communities and Regional offices.</p> <p><b>Contact</b></p> <p>For all other enquiries about Navigator, email <a href="mailto:navigator@edumail.vic.gov.au">navigator@edumail.vic.gov.au</a> or phone Carly Kling on (03) 9097 1142.</p> <p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>Further information is available on the Department of Education and Training website. <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/navigator.aspx">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/navigator.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Reconnect: Engagement</b></p>	<p>Reconnect assists training organisations</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Young people who are aged 15-24</p>	<p>The following RTOs have received funding to deliver Reconnect services to eligible young people in the Gateway LLEN region:</p>



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<p><b>and Learning Support (REALS)</b></p>	<p>to support young, disengaged, early school leavers to enter further education, training or employment.</p> <p>Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) that are funded to deliver Reconnect Services will work with Learn Local and other organisations to provide appropriate wrap around support and services for eligible young people.</p> <p>Reconnect and Navigator will provide complementary services in identifying pathways for young people in their shared cohort of 15-17 year olds. Where possible,</p>		<p>that have left school without completing Year 12 and are not in education, training or in full-time employment, or are aged 20-24 and completed Year 12 but have been unemployed for more than 12 months.</p> <p>Students must have been disengaged for a minimum of 14 weeks OR completed school or training but haven't been able to find full time work in more than 12 months.</p>	<p><b><u>Centre for Adult Education/Box Hill Institute</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individualised learning support plan developed.</li> <li>▪ Study pathways Reconnect Box Hill can assist with are: General Education, VCAL, Pre-Apprenticeships, VCE, VET, English as an additional language.</li> <li>▪ Case Managers will provide an outreach service.</li> <li>▪ Actively seeking referrals.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: Meg Yates, Reconnect Program Coordinator Ph: 0466 470 129, Email: <a href="mailto:reconnect@boxhill.edu.au">reconnect@boxhill.edu.au</a></p> <p><b><u>The Avenue Neighbourhood House</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only available for young people enrolled in Refresh or Renew programs at The Avenue.</li> <li>▪ Services include intensive career/pathway planning and Youth worker support.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: Melinda Brown, Manager Ph: 9808 2000</p> <p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>General enquiries about the Reconnect program should be directed to <a href="mailto:training.participation@edumail.vic.gov.au">training.participation@edumail.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p>Further information about Reconnect is available on the Department of Education and Training website. <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/pathways/Pages/reconnect-program.aspx">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/pathways/Pages/reconnect-program.aspx</a></p>



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	<p>Navigator will support young people to re-engage with school. If that is not possible, these young people may be referred to Reconnect services.</p>			
<p><b>School Focused Youth Services (SFYS)</b></p>	<p>School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) is a service for schools and community organisations to assist in addressing the needs of young people at risk of disengagement with education.</p> <p>SFYS providers deliver and/or connect schools to a wide range of services, including direct interventions for</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Young people (aged 10-18 years) who are attending school, but are vulnerable to or showing signs of disengagement.</p> <p>SFYS is available across all school sectors (government, Catholic and independent) in Victoria.</p>	<p>SFYS providers in the Gateway LLEN region:</p> <p><b><u>City of Whitehorse</u></b> SFYS Coordinator Ph: 9262 6374</p> <p><b><u>City of Monash</u></b> SFYS Coordinator: Tim Moran Ph: 9518 3900 Email: <a href="mailto:TimM@monash.vic.gov.au">TimM@monash.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p><b><u>City of Manningham</u></b> Maroondah/Manningham SFYS Co-ordinator Ph: 9840 9452</p>



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	<p>young people, capacity building for school staff and partners, and local planning to identify and address disengagement.</p>			
<p><b>Springboard</b></p>	<p>An intensive support service for young people transitioning from residential out-of-home care who are not engaged in education, training or employment has been established in Victoria.</p> <p>Springboard is part of the existing suite of transition and post care services funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS) in each region.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>The Springboard program assists young people aged 16 to 21 on Victorian Custody or Guardianship orders who are in residential out-of-home care, or who have recently left care.</p>	<p>Springboard is provided by community-based organisations that have specialist skills supporting young people with education, training and/or employment.</p> <p><b><u>Springboard in the Eastern Metropolitan Region:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered by a partnership – K.Y.M. &amp; Anglicare</li> <li>• 4 Case Managers - 2 at Anglicare Box Hill &amp; 2 at K.Y.M. Ringwood</li> <li>• Covers Boroondara, Monash, Manningham, Whitehorse, Knox, Maroondah, Yarra Ranges</li> </ul> <p><b>Springboard Referral Arrangements</b>            Contact: Dan Kavanagh is the Springboard Program Manager</p> <p>K.Y.M. (Victoria) Inc            Phone: <a href="tel:0416225239">0416 225 239</a>            Email: <a href="mailto:dkavanagh@kym.com.au">dkavanagh@kym.com.au</a></p>



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<p><b>Structured Workplace Learning</b></p>	<p>The Structured Workplace Learning Program is a Department of Education &amp; Training (DET) initiative designed to increase the opportunities for young people aged 15 – 19 years of age to improve their skills and workplace knowledge through ‘on the job’ experience via Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) and School Based Apprenticeships/ Traineeships (SBATs).</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>SWL is available to Victorian school students undertaking a VET program as part of their VCE or VCAL studies, including School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs).</p>	<p>Gateway LLEN will be delivering the Structured Workplace Learning Program within the Gateway LLEN geographical area which incorporates the Local Government Areas of Manningham, Monash &amp; Whitehorse.</p> <p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>For further information on the Structured Workplace Learning program, go to <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/careers/work/Pages/structuredlearning.aspx">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/careers/work/Pages/structuredlearning.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Youth Employment Scheme (YES)</b></p>	<p>The YES Program is a component of the State Government's suite of workforce</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Young people aged between 15-24.</p> <p>Trainees must:</p>	<p><b>Contact</b></p> <p>For all enquiries and questions, contact the Youth Employment Scheme Coordinator via email: <a href="mailto:careers@dhs.vic.gov.au">careers@dhs.vic.gov.au</a></p>



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	<p>participation programs, which aim to strengthen Victorian industries and communities by increasing workforce participation, particularly by assisting people facing significant barriers to employment. The YES program is targeted at unemployed or disadvantaged youth.</p> <p>Traineeships are available to young people in a variety of areas in the Department of Health &amp; Human Services.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be unemployed or not working more than 15 hours per week;</li> <li>- not currently engaged in tertiary education; and</li> <li>- have not attained a certificate 4 or above qualification.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>Further information on the YES program is available on the Department of Human Services website.</p> <p><a href="http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/our-organisation/careers/employment-programs/victoriaworks-for-young-people">http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/our-organisation/careers/employment-programs/victoriaworks-for-young-people</a></p>
<p><b>Jobs Victorian Employment</b></p>	<p>The Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN) provides</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>The profile of jobseekers assisted will vary</p>	<p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>Further information on the JVEN program is available on the Jobs Victoria website.</p>





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<p><b>Network (JVEN)</b></p>	<p>funding for services that help unemployed Victorians to get on-going work.</p> <p>JVEC services are delivered by specialist employment experts who work closely with employers to identify job opportunities and prepare job seekers for those roles.</p>		<p>from location to location, depending on population and on existing services, but may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long term unemployed people from culturally diverse communities including refugees and asylum seekers</li> <li>- Aboriginal jobseekers</li> <li>- Mature age jobseekers</li> <li>- Youth justice clients</li> <li>- Young people in out-of-home care</li> <li>- Workers retrenched from the automotive manufacturing and</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/jobs-victoria/about-jobs-victoria/jobs-victoria-employment-network-jven">http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/jobs-victoria/about-jobs-victoria/jobs-victoria-employment-network-jven</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b> Providers servicing the Gateway LLEN region – Metro East and Statewide):</p> <p><b>AFL SportsReady Ltd (Multiple sectors) – Located in Abbotsford</b> *Targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander jobseekers* Ph: 1300 133 222 Email: <a href="mailto:info@aflsportsready.com.au">info@aflsportsready.com.au</a></p> <p><b>Jewish Care (Victoria) Inc (Health care and social assistance, education and training) Located in St Kilda Rd, Melbourne</b> *Targeting cultural diverse jobseekers* Ph: 8517 5999 Email: <a href="mailto:info@jewishcare.org.au">info@jewishcare.org.au</a></p> <p><b>McAuley Community Services for Women (Health care, hospitality and real estate) – located in Kensington</b> *Targeting job seekers affected by family violence* Ph: (03) 9371 6600 Email: <a href="mailto:mcsww@mcauleycsw.org.au">mcsww@mcauleycsw.org.au</a></p> <p><b>PeoplePlus Enterprises Pty Ltd (Multiple Sectors) – located in William St, Melbourne</b> *Targeting young jobseekers (aged 15-24 years)* Ph: 1800 773 338 Email: <a href="mailto:contactus@peopleplusaustralia.com.au">contactus@peopleplusaustralia.com.au</a></p> <p><b>RAW Recruitment Pty Ltd (Health and community services) – located in Brunswick</b> *Targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander jobseekers* Ph: 1300 316 630</p>



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			supply chain industry - Other retrenched workers - Disengaged young people (aged 15-24 and not engaged in education, training or employment) - Single parents Jobseekers with a disability - Jobseekers with a mental illness - Social housing tenants - Ex-offenders - Veterans and their families	<p><b>Social Ventures Australia (Retail and hospitality sectors) – located in William St, Melbourne</b>            *Targeting a range of jobseekers*            Ph: (02) 8004 6700</p> <p><b>TaskForce (Transport, postal and warehousing sectors) – located in Bentleigh</b>            * Targeting jobseekers who are ex-offenders or youth justice clients            Ph: (03) 9532 0811</p> <p><b>The Bridge Incorporated (Transport sector) – located in Dandenong</b>            *Targeting cultural diverse jobseekers*            Ph: 8710 8555 Email: info@thebridgeinc.org.au</p> <p><b>White Lion Inc. (Hospitality, waste management and cleaning sectors) – located in Metro Melbourne</b>            *Targeting young jobseekers (aged 15-24 years)*            Ph: 1300 669 600 Email: whitelion@whitelion.asn.au</p>
<b>Skills &amp; Job Centres</b>	Skills and Jobs Centres will be located at TAFEs and	✓		<b>Contact</b>



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	<p>offer a range of support services for individual and businesses. They are the first step for students looking to start training, workers needing to re-skill or retrain, and for employers interested in meeting their workforce needs.</p>		<p>Skills and Jobs Centres are aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- prospective students</li> <li>- employers</li> <li>- industry</li> <li>- apprentices and trainees</li> <li>- unemployed or retrenched workers</li> </ul>	<p>Young people interested in training can contact the Skills and Jobs Centre at Box Hill Institute, for expert advice on training and employment opportunities.</p> <p><b>Box Hill Campus:</b> 466 Elgar Rd, Box Hill 3128 Phone: 03 8892 1350 Email: SAJC.Elgar@boxhill.edu.au</p> <p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>Further information is available on the Department of Education website <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/pathways/skillsandjobscentres/Pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1">www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/pathways/skillsandjobscentres/Pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1</a></p>
<p><b>Empowering Youth</b></p>	<p>Empowering Youth Initiatives support new, innovative approaches to help long-term unemployed young people aged 15 to 24 years to improve their skills and move</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Young people aged 15 to 24 years</p> <p>Participants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young Indigenous people</li> <li>- Early school leavers</li> <li>- Young people in regional centres</li> </ul>	<p>Empowering Youth Initiative delivered Australia-wide:</p> <p><b><u>Headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation</u></b></p> <p>Headspace is a national youth mental health foundation. This initiative provides intensive vocational assistance to young people through a digital platform. It focuses on promoting a healthy mental state and connecting with local employers and the workforce.</p> <p><b>Further information</b></p> <p>Factsheets are available on the government website:</p>



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	toward sustainable employment.		with mild to moderate mental health issues.	<a href="http://www.employment.gov.au/empowering-youth-initiatives">www.employment.gov.au/empowering-youth-initiatives</a>
<b>Transition to work</b>	<p>Transition to work is a service to support young people improve their work readiness and to help them into work or education. Providers will also assist employers to recruit young people who meet their business needs.</p> <p>Young people will have post placement support for up to 12 months, to ensure they are settling in and meeting the employer's expectations.</p>	✓	<p>Young people aged 15-21 (particularly early school leavers).</p> <p>The service will also support some young people having difficulty transitioning from education to employment.</p>	<p>Providers servicing the Gateway LLEN region:</p> <p><b><u>SYC Ltd ( Job Prospects), Box Hill</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Services are restricted to young people living within suburbs in the City of Whitehorse, although at the Manager's discretion, a young person living outside the catchment area may be eligible.</li> <li>▪ Job Prospects provides training workshops, mentoring and access to HYPA services through SYC Ltd</li> </ul> <p>Contact: Layla Hackman, Ph 9024 7100</p> <p><b><u>Inner Melbourne VET Cluster Inc</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Services offered across the Inner Melbourne Metropolitan Region and are located in Cheltenham, Collingwood, Flemington, Melbourne and Brunswick.</li> <li>▪ Pathways options available are: employment or returning to education/training.</li> </ul> <p>Contact: Transition to Work Manager, Janine Livingston Ph: 9686 2354 or email <a href="mailto:jlivingston@imvc.com.au">jlivingston@imvc.com.au</a></p> <p><b>Further information</b> Further information and a list of providers is available on the Department of Employment website. <a href="https://www.employment.gov.au/transition-work">https://www.employment.gov.au/transition-work</a></p>