

working tOgether in **partnerships**

In 2021-22 YFS built strong partnerships with other organisations to improve opportunities and outcomes for the people we work with and for our community. Several of our new initiatives are partnership based, highlighting the real potential of working across organisations.

Daisey is working towards achieving her goals with support from YFS and the Johnathan Thurston Academy.

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It's all about changing your mind set, being positive, focusing on your future and being ready to change.”

Daisey - YFS youth services participant





Our story:

Partnerships change young people's trajectory

In 2022, YFS kicked off Resolve, a new initiative targeting young people at risk of involvement in the justice system. The partnership with Griffith University, Overflow Foundation and Queensland Police attracted Federal Government funding for a two-year trial.

The Resolve team connects with young people aged 12 to 16 through outreach activities in places where they gather. The small team provides coaching and support to help young people engage with school, family, community and positive activities to divert them from pathways into the youth justice system.

Griffith University researchers have helped design the project and will evaluate its impact. The Resolve team works closely with the Logan New Directions initiative and organisations including Ted Noffs The Street University to maximise the impact and reach of programs for at-risk young people.

Resolve complements YFS' collaboration with ATSICHS on the Community Youth Response and Diversion program for young people in the youth justice system, enabling us to intervene earlier with young people who are on the cusp of getting into trouble.

Quick statistics



✓ = 94%

positive rating for YFS' collaboration in our 2022 stakeholder survey



160

families supported by Assessment and Service Connect during Child Safety investigations



16

new jobs created through Substation33's Containers for Change partnership



2021-22 Highlights:

Productive partnerships

In 2021, Substation33 developed an exciting new partnership with Containers for Change Queensland, creating more jobs, more work experience opportunities and more environmental benefits. In April 2022 we opened a new container processing facility in Slacks Creek to house this initiative, which will increase revenue certainty for our social enterprise as well as more opportunities for long-term unemployed people to build skills, confidence and work readiness so they can transition to mainstream employment.

We launched a much-needed service for people with complex mental health and housing concerns in partnership with Micah Projects, ATSICHS and the Brisbane South Primary Health Network. In its first six months, YFS' Home and Healthy team worked with 36 people in Logan and Beaudesert whose serious mental health concerns are putting their housing at risk.

Project Hera, our co-location with Queensland Police Service, continued to demonstrate the benefits of collaboration between police and domestic violence workers. Project Hera worked with 144 people in 2021-22 with outcomes including improved housing stability, financial security and safety through short-term support and linkages with specialist services.

Responsible Men, our group program for people using violence, partnered with Griffith University to trial a community garden-based perpetrator intervention program, with 16 men participating.