

The types of issues that young people and families referred to Finding Solutions may need support and assistance with could include:

- Adolescent behavioural issues (including aggression)
- Communication breakdown
- Adolescent/parent conflict
- Development of parenting skills
- School/education issues
- Issues involving substance use concerns
- Issues involving mental health concerns.

Involvement with the Finding Solutions program is voluntary. The young person and/or their family should be willing to work with Finding Solutions.



Contacting Finding Solutions

For further information about support in your community, providers and or community members can contact MASP Finding Solutions on 5021 6500
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Referrals directly from Child Protection Intake contact:
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FINDING SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE AND AIMS

The objective of the Finding Solutions program is to provide a rapid response to young people and their families in order to prevent family breakdown and entry to the Child Protection and out-of-home care systems.



The Finding Solutions program aims to:

- Divert a significant proportion of young people at risk of entering out-of-home care to community based services.
- Provide a creative service response to young people and their families which will include the use of mediation intervention, to reduce the need for out-of-home care and which supports and strengthens the family relationship.
- Provide support to parents and young people that assists them to identify and resolve behaviours and /or issues that are placing their relationship at risk of breakdown, and which eases tension in the family without severing links or reducing parents' capacity to care for the young person.

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CLIENT ELIGIBILITY AND TARGET GROUP

Eligible clients for Finding Solutions comprise young people of secondary school age and their families who are at risk of entering the Child Protection and out-of-home care systems. It should be noted that eligible clients for Finding Solutions are not Child Protection clients.

It is expected that referrals to finding solutions are from one of the following groups:

- Young people who are at risk of being asked to leave or choosing to leave the family home
- Young people who have recently left, or been asked to leave the family home and are in a voluntary care arrangement (this does not include young people formally placed by Child Protection)
- Where a report has been made to Child Protection and it is assessed at the intake phase that current issues do not require Child Protection involvement but community agency intervention or prevention work



It is expected that all young people and their families who may be eligible for Finding Solutions service meet the following criteria:

- Young people are of secondary school age
- The young person and/or the family agrees to participate.

While young people and their families may exhibit a number of presenting issues requiring a range of interventions, a central requirement is the need to resolve immediate issues threatening the family relationship which are placing the young person at risk of requiring an out-of-home care placement.

