

Youth Justice Reform Select Committee inquiry into youth justice reform in Queensland

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Good morning Committee members

I sent this to Chair Sandy Bolton and forwarding onto the committee for consideration. Please see email below.

Kind regards

Nicole Miloseski


Begin forwarded message:

From: Nicole Miloseski 
Date: 4 November 2023 at 8:15:12 am AEST
To: Noosa@

Hi Sandy,

Firstly as a member of the community I like to thank you for stepping up to chair the youth justice reform committee.

I am a working mum of 3 kids, 25, 15 and 9 and I have noticed something over the years that has been frustrating for me as a parent. Kids up to year 6 have access to outside school hours care (OSHC) programs. I can go to work to support my family and know my children are cared for after school until I clock off at 5, race through traffic and collect them at 5:30pm.

However when my kids got to high school, I had to go back to working part time (lucky my employer was flexible) because there was no outside school hours program for kids from grade 7.

How many parents out there have to work till 5pm when their kids from grade 7 to 12 are left unattended? What do these kids do and who makes sure they aren't getting into trouble?

We need to install outside hours care programs within high schools.

With the cost of living crisis both parents have to work and don't have the choice to work part time, single parents have to work longer hours which means they aren't there to pick up their teens from school leaving kids free to get into trouble.

Why don't we provide OSHC for teens? Why has it just been assumed that once they reach high school (from grade 7) they don't require OSHC?

We can help stop crime before it happens by putting supports in place for parents. OSHC programs in high school can offer:

- Supervision
- Care for vulnerable kids (kids get meals at OSHC)
- Support for working families
- Lower youth crime with less children on the streets unsupervised
- Provide learning support and tutoring
- Provide sporting and active activities encouraging a healthy lifestyle
- Mentors who can help guide children and provide support emotionally

While it may seem controversial at first and older kids might hate it, once it becomes the norm as it is in primary school and the program evolves, I think we will begin to see a real difference in the community with a reduced number of unsupervised teens causing problems.

We just need to provide the tools and opportunities to support working families with kids this age.

Thanks for reading and taking on the idea.

Kind regards

Nicole Miloseski

