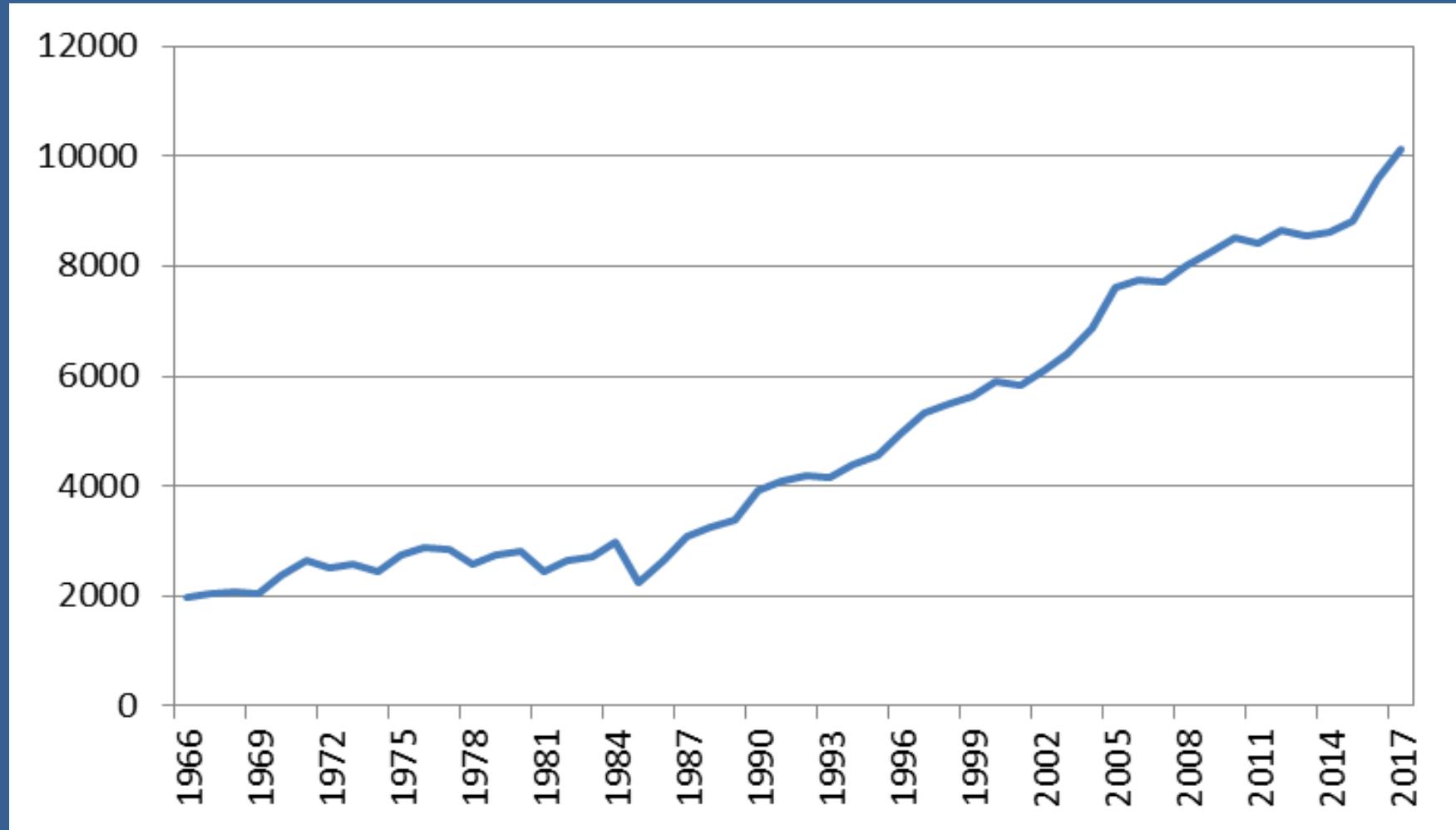


Youth in Corrections



...and the Youth Crime Action Plan

Long-term trend in NZ prisoner population (1966-2017)



**Approximately 1,900 youth
in Corrections aged
Under 20**

Approximately 350 are in custody
Of these:

92% are males
8% are females
60% are Māori

Approximately 1,530 are in the
community

Of these:
80% males
20% females
42% Maori



Approximately **7,000** youth in Corrections aged between **20** and **24**

Approximately **1,450** are in custody
Of these:

93% are males
7% are females
58% are Māori

Approximately **5,500** are in the community

Of these:
82% males
18% females
42% are Maori



Why Youth?



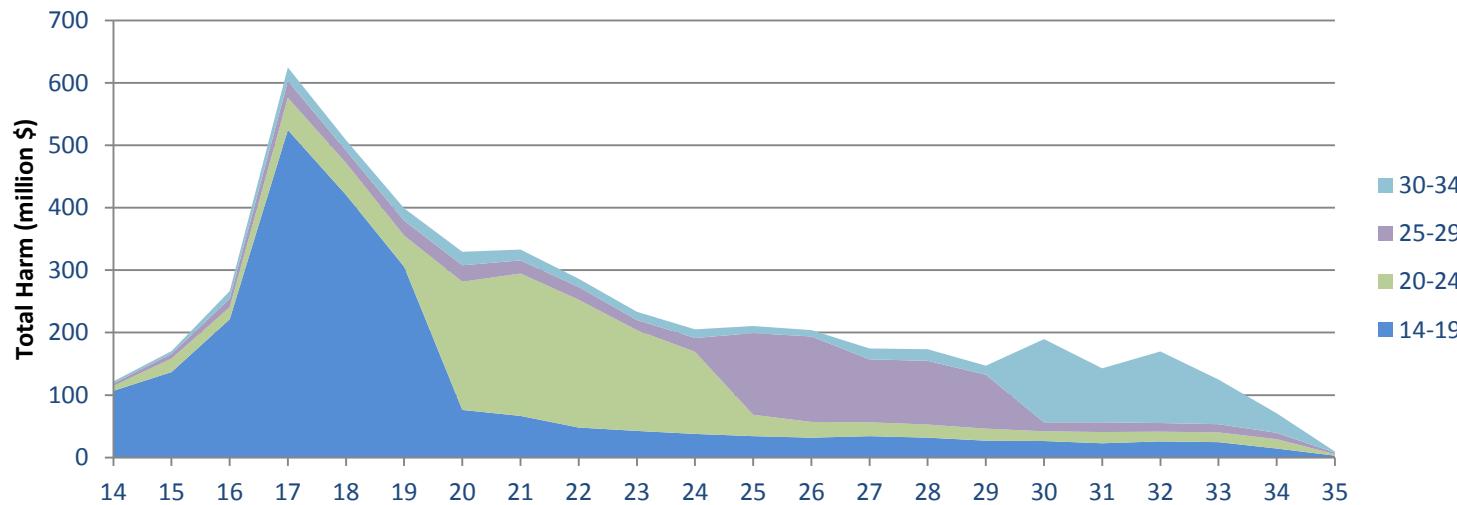
The Adolescent Brain



Knowledge of brain development can make a significant difference!

About youth in Corrections

- Over 70% of youth in Corrections have a care and protection or youth justice history
- Of a current sample of 147 youth under 20 in custody, 68% have no recorded education qualifications
- 17 to 24 year old male prisoners have the highest rates of diagnosis of current substance use disorder (55%)
- The majority of males in custody have sustained a head injury – one in five before the age of 15 years



- 50% of total lifetime harm is committed by the age of 23
- Youth aged under 20 released from custody are 20% more likely to be reconvicted and 15% more likely to be re-imprisoned compared to other prison releases
- In 2016/17 financial year, youth under 20 had the lowest rate of Parole than any other population in Corrections (Males: 23% - 37 cases out of 159; Females: 0% out of 5 cases)



Did you know...

- Corrections has two custodial Youth Units for 17 year olds and very vulnerable 18 & 19 year olds. These are based at Hawkes Bay Regional Prison and Christchurch Men's Prison
- There are 70 places across both Youth Units. This means that most youth Under 20 years are placed outside of youth units.
- There are no Youth Unit placements for young women
- A snapshot from the 2016/17 financial year found that youth under 20 had the lowest rate of Parole than any other population in Corrections

Corrections Youth Strategy



**Unlock young people's potential; young people leave us educated and employed
and with a sense of belonging**

We are aspirational:

- **youth units** as centres of excellence
- exceptional staff engagement with
a focus on **youth champions**
- world leading **rehabilitation** and
reintegration services...

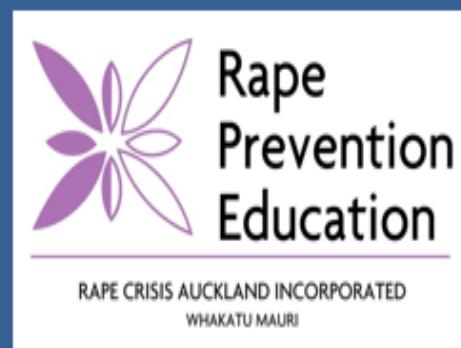


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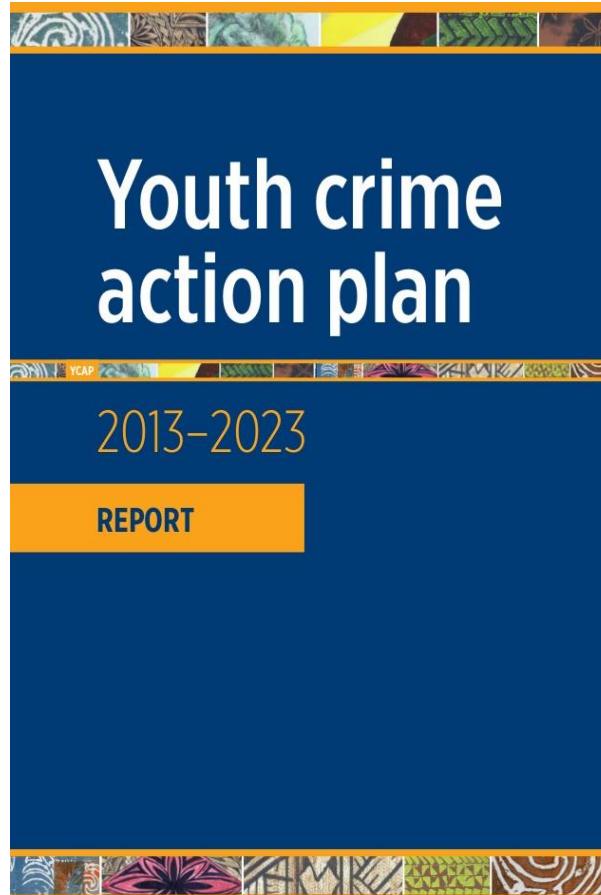
- Almost 300 frontline staff trained as youth champions

Since 2017

- A new high risk youth rehabilitation programme at Christchurch Men's Prison, the Mauri Tū Mauri Ora
- a 2 year graduated driver licence pilot programme across six community corrections centres in South Auckland, targeting young people under 25.
- A new rehabilitation and reintegration service to reduce reoffending by burglars aged under 25 years
- An intensive Youth AOD programme
- New youth education tutors and youth activities coordinators in both youth units



YCAP AGENCIES



Community consultation from Dunedin to Kaitaia



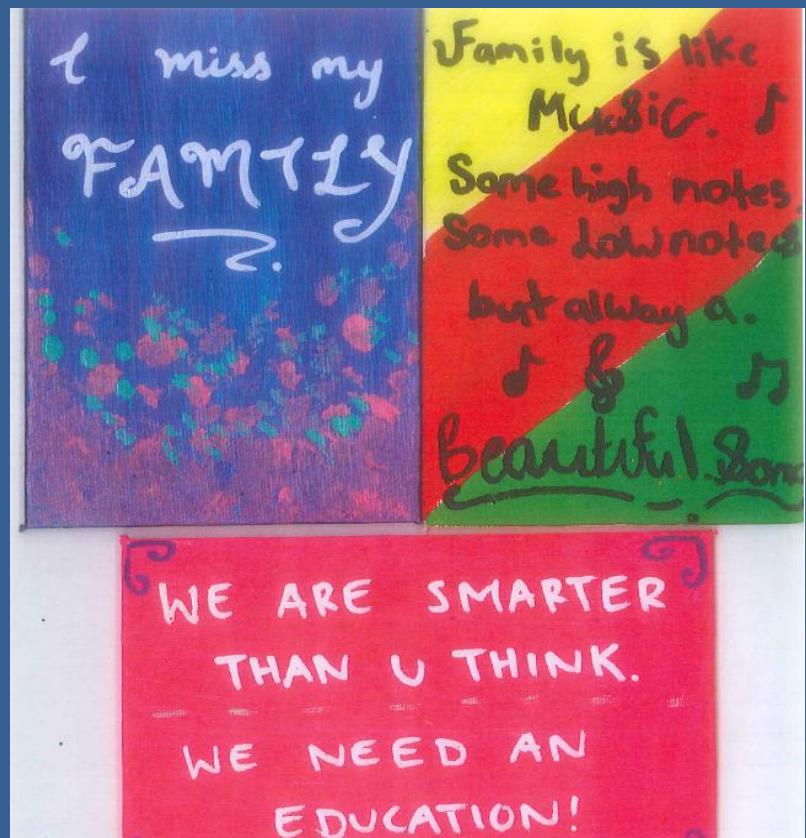
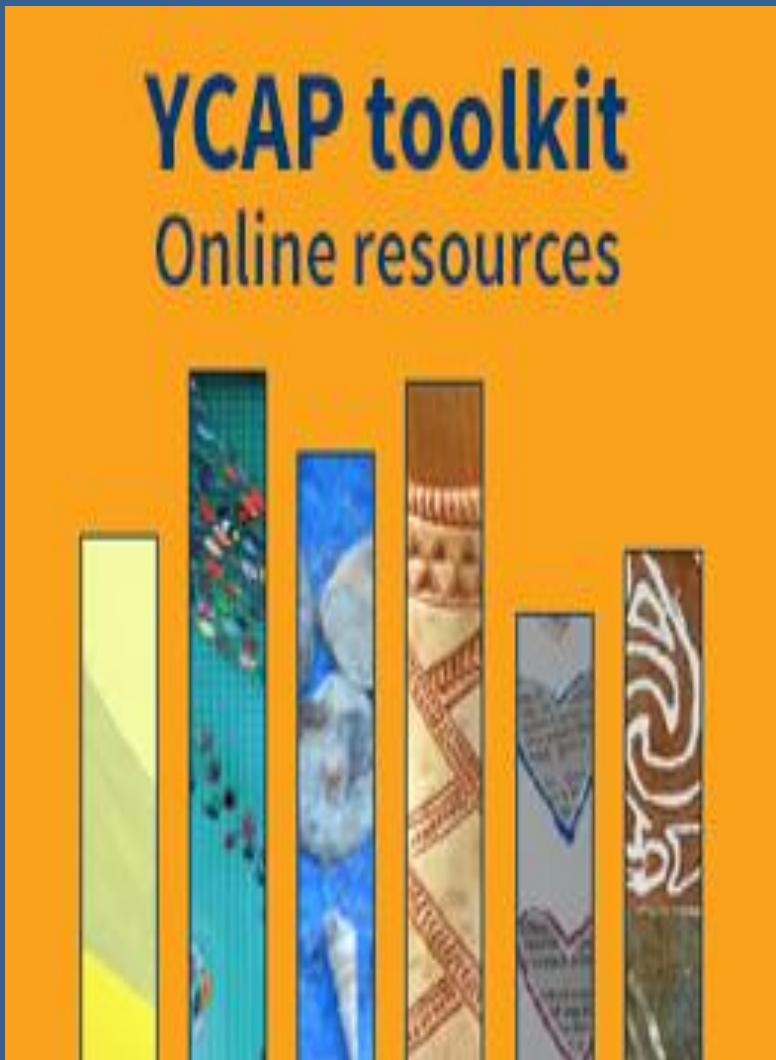
Three Pillars



Reduce Escalation

Early and Sustainable Exits

Partnering with Communities





Proportion of serious crime increasing



High rates of custodial remand
in youth justice residences



Including 17 year olds in the Youth Justice System from July 2019



Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi
With your basket and my basket the people will live

