

Veterans Mentoring Program (VMP)

Factsheet

Who can apply to be a mentor?

Any Veteran who in the Western Sydney or Mid North Coast areas, and would like to make a positive difference in the life of a young person in the Juvenile Justice system. The role of the mentor will be in a

Which RSL Clubs are included in the project?

At this stage, applications will be accepted from Veterans from RSL, Soldier On and Veteran clubs/networks from areas where the project will be operating.

Is there any training or support?

All mentors are screened and trained by Shine for Kids. Shine for Kids has provided mentoring services for young people in the Juvenile Justice system for many years.

All prospective mentors will be required to undertake the following:

- Current NSW Working with Children Check,
- National Police Check,
- Interview with SHINE for Kids,
- Initial two-day training,
- Online Safeguarding Children Training.

How long do mentors need to volunteer for?

You could be mentoring a client for up to 12 months, with 3-4 hours of contact per fortnight with that young person.

Who does the VMP target?

- young people under the supervision of Juvenile Justice in the community,

- young people transitioning into the community from custody, and
- young people exiting from Juvenile Justice supervision.

How do you apply to become a mentor?

- Via the SHINE for Kids website,
- Via the RSL NSW website,
- Via the Soldier On website
- Via emailing RSL NSW,
- Via phone contact to RSL NSW.

The VMP builds on the proven success of the 'Stand As One' mentoring program which has been conducted by SHINE for Kids at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice System since 2010.

We will aim to cater for 40 young people per year for two years. However the number of young people referred to the program will be dependant of mentors available.

For more information

Visit the website at

<http://shineforkids.org.au/nsw-rsl-and-shine-for-kids-combine-in-a-new-youth-mentoring-program/>

<https://www.soldieron.org.au/young-offenders-mentoring-program/>

<http://rslnsw.org.au/Veterans-Young-Offender-Mentoring-Program>