

# JUVENILE JUSTICE WORKSHOP

*“Juvenile Justice:  
Private, Government or  
Community Responsibility?”*

Convened by The Ignatius Centre  
for social policy and research –  
a project of Jesuit Social Services



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## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JUVENILE JUSTICE WORKSHOP**

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Fifty representatives were invited by *The Ignatius Centre for social policy and research* to attend a workshop to discuss the future of the juvenile justice system in Victoria, in particular to respond to the proposal that a second senior juvenile justice is required to deal with an expanding population of young people in this age group who are sentenced by the courts.

Those invited represented as far as possible the key stakeholders from both government and community organisations or institutions working in the field of juvenile justice.

The workshop was addressed by three key speakers in the morning:

- Father Peter Norden, Director of Jesuit Social Services
- Mr Paul McDonald, Director of the Youth Substance Abuse Service
- Mr Yeheudi Blacher, Director of Youth and Family Services, Victorian Department of Human Services.

In the afternoon, there were five workshops covering the following areas of concern:

- Child Protection
- Education, Training and Employment
- Youth Housing
- Health Issues
- NESB/Ethnicity Issues

### **CONCLUSION**

**The workshop concluded that there were alternative sentencing options available to prevent the continued expansion of the adult juvenile justice population and that these should be pursued more vigorously.**

**The workshops provided a number of suggestions for the way in which early intervention and prevention could avoid a continuation of the expansion of this juvenile offender population.**

**There was clear opposition to the construction of a second adult juvenile justice facility and definite opposition expressed to the option of such a facility being tendered to a private ‘for profit’ organisation.**

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE FORUM PARTICIPANTS

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