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Getting young offenders back on track

The not-for-profit organisation *Helping Young People Achieve* will receive the funding to deliver an intensive intervention program for young offenders.

Attorney General John Rau said this delivered on the Government's election commitment to deliver early intervention programs to help young people get back on track.

"As the selected provider of the Reboot Intensive Intervention Trial *Helping Young People Achieve* will receive \$900,000 over two years," he said.

"Up to an additional \$100,000 may be provided based on a demonstrated reduction in reoffending rates."

Helping Young People Achieve will work with the Australian Red Cross and our Youth Court to rehabilitate young people aged 15 to 17 years who have come into contact with the criminal justice system.

"Selecting a provider was a highly competitive process and I am looking forward to seeing real outcomes as a result of this trial."

Around 80 young offenders will participate in the two year trial of the reboot program. As part of the program young offenders will also participate in change programs such as the Operation Flinders Foundation Wilderness Camp.

"*Helping Young People Achieve* has identified strategies to work collaboratively with offenders, families, communities and the justice system to alter high-risk behaviours," he said.

"Referrals to program will be made at the Youth Court's discretion or as an outcome of family conference.

"*Helping Young People Achieve* will then undertake an assessment, determining the young person's needs and develop community-based support for the duration of six to 12 months."

The trial is expected to commence in September.