



ACT Government

2003-2004 BUDGET

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR RecLINK

The ACT Labor Government has committed \$960,000 over the next four years to maintain the recreation support program for at risk young people (RecLINK) after a successful two-year pilot.

“The government is pleased to be able to continue to support this important initiative. The Police and Citizens Youth Club will have the opportunity to build on the program’s success and further develop this unique service model,” Minister for Education Youth and Family Services, Ms Katy Gallagher said.

RecLINK aims to develop individual resilience, reduce recidivism in young people, and improve relationships between young people and the police.

The program includes an innovative mobile support service that operates throughout the ACT, with a particular emphasis on geographically isolated areas of Canberra.

RecLink supports young people by offering sporting and recreational opportunities and targeted assistance, including case management.

“The independent evaluation concluded RecLINK has succeeded in engaging young people in positive pursuits and achieving great outcomes for vulnerable young people.

“The program has used a collaborative approach to service delivery with effective working partnerships established with a range of complementary support services.

RecLINK is managed by the Canberra Police and Citizens Youth Club, and is delivered in partnership with the Belconnen Community Service, Communities @ Work and the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

Statement ends.

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