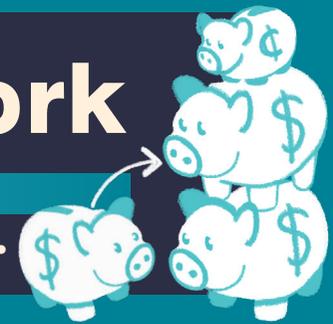


Victoria needs to invest in youth work

Every \$1 invested in young people via youth work programs returns at least \$2.62.



Improved mental health and wellbeing



- **More pathways** for young people to access mental health support
- **Early intervention** before mental health crises
- **Immediate support** for young people while they're on waitlists

Better outcomes for employment and education



- **Better goal-setting** and career planning.
- **Improved engagement** with education and employment
- **Greater access** to opportunities which lead to employment
- **Increased life skills** and independence for young people earlier

Safe, secure homes for young people



- **Improved connection** to housing options
- **More stability** in housing placements
- **Better family and kinship relationships**
- **Connection** with other support services, such as mental health

Risk prevention with alcohol and other drugs



- **Positive changes** in the severity and risk of young people's substance use
- **Reduced levels** of drug and alcohol-related crimes
- **Fewer** drug and alcohol-related hospital admissions and deaths
- **Youth-specific** rehabilitation

Fewer young people in youth justice settings



- Young people are **diverted away** from police and court systems
- **Reduced** re-offending rates
- **Support** for young people in education and employment programs
- **Support** for young people after prison

More connection for communities



- Young people connect with **services, support and opportunities** earlier
- Young people contribute to, participate in, and design **community initiatives**
- Young people are represented in **leadership and decision-making**
- Young people develop **goals, identities and connections**



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