

## Accessing MAYFS services

### Eligibility

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 10 to 17 years currently involved with the Youth Justice system and/or South Australia Police.

### Referrals

Young people can be referred to MAYFS through South Australia Police, Youth Justice, the courts, schools, Department of Child Protection (DCP), community service organisations, self-referral or by family members, with consent of both the young person and their parent or carer.

## Contact details





- ☎ Freecall: 1800 NUKKIN (1800 685 546)
- 📠 (08) 8414 8902
- @ mayfs.info@sa.gov.au
- 📍 9 Bayer Road, Elizabeth South SA 5112
- 🖥️ [dhs.sa.gov.au/MAYFS](https://dhs.sa.gov.au/MAYFS)

## Feedback

- DHS Client Feedback
- 📧 [dhs.sa.gov.au/feedback](https://dhs.sa.gov.au/feedback)
  - ✉️ GPO Box 292 Adelaide SA 5001

## Alternative formats

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# MAYFS

**Metropolitan Aboriginal  
Youth and Family Services**



# **MAYFS is a dedicated Aboriginal service with a focus on diverting young people away from the justice system and toward improved life outcomes.**

## **Our approach**

Our family-inclusive service has a strong focus on strengthening Aboriginal young people's connection to family, community and culture.

We recognise that young people are more likely to make positive changes in their lives if they have an active role in decision-making and planning, a supportive community, and access to positive opportunities for learning and social connections.

We work in partnership with other agencies, including Youth Justice, South Australia Police, the courts, schools, the NDIS, as well as non-government and community service organisations to provide access to a range of services and programs.

## **Our staff**

MAYFS staff understand Aboriginal culture and have the skills and experience to meet the needs of Aboriginal young people who have been in contact with the youth justice system, and their families.

## **Our aspirations**

Our approach supports young people to be:

- engaged in education, training or work
- connected to community activities such as arts, culture, music, sport and recreation
- supported and engaged in healthy relationships with family and friends
- not engaged in crime or risky behaviours
- confident, empowered, proud and respectful—a role model to others
- better connected to culture and community.

## **What we offer**

- Opportunities for social participation and cultural connection, including recreational, sport, language, dance and music.
- Support to navigate education, training, skills development and employment.
- Case management that includes Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making to identify the strengths of the young person and their family, and meet their needs in a way that is culturally responsive and informed.
- Family-centred yarning circles that help the young person and their family to make positive change.
- Support with legal matters and youth justice requirements, such as attending legal appointments, advocacy in court, support at family group conferences and navigating the legal system.
- Referrals to other services, including mental health, domestic violence, housing, financial counselling and drug and alcohol services.

