

## **How Do I Get Into Youth Work?**

Each agency will differ slightly but as a general rule you will need experience and/or some qualifications to be able to do Youth Work.

- Experience working with young people; and / or
- Qualification in a relevant industry

### ***Volunteer Experience***

Approach the places in your local area where disadvantaged young people are well-engaged (e.g. accommodation services).

- Use Yellow Pages
- Ask Centrelink Social Workers
- Ask local Police station
- Ask local Child Protection Office

Examples of places you may find include:

- Drug Arm Y
- Youth Accommodation Services
- Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC)
- Life Line Phone Counselling
- St Vincent De Paul Child and Family Programs

### ***University Qualifications***

Higher Education qualifications in areas such as the following may assist you to secure a Youth Work position, depending on the organisation.

- Human Services
- Social Work
- Teaching
- Counselling
- Community Development

### ***TAFE Courses (Classes/Distance Ed)***

Certificate Courses:

- Community Services (Youth Work)
- Community Services (Child Protection)
- Community Services (Juvenile Justice)
- Community Services (Disability Services)
- Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drugs)

Certificate Levels:

- Certificate II, III or IV
- Diploma
- Advanced Diploma