



Veterans Young Offenders
Mentoring Program

Change the **life**
of a **young** person
one future at a time

Use your leadership skills to **make a difference** to the life of a young person involved in the **juvenile justice system**.

We are looking for volunteers from the veterans' community in Sydney and the Mid North Coast to become Mentors who support a young person between the ages of 10 and 21.



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What does becoming a volunteer Mentor involve?

The Mentor supports and guides a young person affected by the criminal justice system. They provide non-judgmental and respectful social support to enable decisions that will create positive opportunities and ultimately prevent recidivism.

Mentors are matched to a young person serving a custodial sentence at least 3 months before their release. The Mentor and Mentee meet fortnightly for around 3-4 hours and the period of support is expected to last 12 months. Young people serving community-based orders are also eligible to participate in the program.

Mentors and young people who are matched through this program receive ongoing training and support from SHINE for Kids.

Mentoring is the **one-on-one relationship** between a **Mentor** and a **Mentee**

Benefits to the **Mentee**

The Program aims to provide the following benefits to the Mentee:

- > Life skills that support positive life choices
- > Links to education and training
- > Pathways to sustainable employment
- > Connection to ongoing personal support networks
- > Engagement with community, family and services

Ongoing training and support

SHINE for Kids offers structured training and support for Mentors and Mentees throughout the duration of the program. All prospective Mentors will be required to undertake the following:

- > Current NSW Working with Children Check
- > National Police Check
- > Interview with SHINE for Kids
- > Initial two-day training
- > Online Safeguarding Children Training

Mentors should be 24 years or older.

Benefits of becoming a **Mentor**

As a Veteran, your skills as a leader are sought after in the community. The Veterans Mentoring program for young offenders, provides a unique opportunity for you to pass on your life experiences to young people facing challenges, and build on your existing leadership skills.

Get involved

About



SHINE for Kids®

SHINE for Kids

SHINE for Kids works with and for young Australians affected by the criminal justice system. Our vision is to build futures for kids where they can shine and be the best person they can be. Our programs are world-leading and recognised as contributing to breaking the cycle of intergenerational offending.

The Veterans Young Offenders Mentoring Program is a partnership between SHINE for Kids, RSL NSW, Soldier On and Juvenile Justice NSW.



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Get involved

For more information about the Veterans Young Offenders Mentoring Program visit www.shineforkids.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/mentoring/

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