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News for Community Representatives



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Survey

The ROD team surveyed Work and Income regions to get an understanding of how each region operates the ROD process. Once the results are compiled we'll up date you.

Welfare reform youth package

From 20 August 2012, a young person applying for financial assistance or disengaged from education will be referred to Youth Service if they meet the qualifying criteria.

- Group 1 – Young people receiving government financial assistance
 - 16 and 17 year olds and
 - 16 to 18 year old teen parents who are receiving government financial assistance will receive a new Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment with youth-focused obligations.
- Group 2 – Young people not in education, employment or training 16 and 17 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) and school leavers at risk of becoming NEET. This group of young people are not currently receiving financial support from the Government, but are identified as needing assistance before problems become entrenched.

What is Youth Service?

Youth Service is a new approach to working with targeted groups of young people. The Ministry of Social Development will contract a Youth Service provider to work actively and intensively with

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young people providing on-going support and mentoring to improve their educational outcomes. Support will be tailored and intensive to ensure the young person is sustainably engaged in education, training or work-based learning. To assess the effectiveness of contracting this service, in some areas Work and Income will provide the same type of service using specialist case workers.

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The areas chosen for in-house Youth Service delivery are Whanganui and Rangitikei (solely Work and Income) and Wellington City (jointly between a provider and Work and Income).

Work and Income will retain all responsibility for administration of financial assistance and provide administrative support to Youth Service providers.

What is the Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment?

The Youth Payment is paid to young people aged 16 or 17 years who are on their own or with a partner, and don't have dependent children. Most are living away from family and not getting financial assistance from anyone.

The Young Parent Payment is paid to young people aged 16 to 18 years who have a dependent child or dependent children. They can be on their own or with a partner and must be living away from home without any financial help from anyone.

Youth Service Providers

A Youth Service provider is a community-based organisation that is contracted by the Ministry to deliver Youth Service to young people. Their primary role is to provide wrap-around service to clients to support them in making the right decisions for their individual circumstances. 43 providers have been selected by the Ministry of Social Development to deliver this service. You can view the list on

www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/welfare-reform/list-of-providers.html

What benefits are being replaced?

Youth Payment will replace the following benefits for people aged 16 or 17 years with no dependent children:

- Independent Youth Benefit
- Domestic Purposes Benefit – Care of Sick or Infirm (For new applicants of DPB - CSI)
- Sickness Benefit

Young Parent Payment will replace the following benefits for people aged 16 to 18 years with dependent children:

- Emergency Maintenance Allowance (except for those who don't meet the residency requirements)
- Domestic Purposes Benefit – Sole Parent
- Domestic Purposes Benefit – Care of Sick or Infirm (For new applicants of DPB-CSI)
- Widow's Benefit
- Unemployment Benefit
- Sickness Benefit

Should you require more information about Youth Service contact your regional co-ordinator.

Recruitment round

The Minister has approved a recruitment drive for Community Representatives as there are in most regions; these will be advertised in local news papers shortly.

Out of Time decline letter

The out of time letter went live in HIYA on 16 July, in both cases, whether it is allowed or disallowed, the BRC do not need to complete a report. The only requirement is for the letter to be sent to the applicant advising of the decision to allow or disallow.

When the BRC decides to disallow the substantive case to be heard (i.e. decline the out of time hearing), it is important to include how and why the panel has come to that decision in the letter.

Legislation updates

The Ministry will no longer print and distribute a hard-copy version of the Consolidated Legislation.

The Legislation is available now via the Work and Income website, and that includes recently added PDF version that can be downloaded and printed.

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/manuals-and-procedures/legislation/index.htm>

Summary of relevant Legislation and Policy changes

This newsletter has for those requiring a hard copy an attached update of MAP and Policy changes from 17 April 2012 to date.

Below is the link to the Ministry's external website for MAP and Policy updates:

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/manuals-and-procedures/help/changes.htm>