



Kids that have fallen through the cracks”

Young people’s views on supporting children, young people and their families



Hi, I’m Isabelle Crompton

I’m the Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People. It’s my job to help everyone understand what’s important to children and young people from all over Tasmania, as well as standing up for their rights and wellbeing.

I’ve made this poster to share some of the things young Tasmanians have told me about the kind of support they need to help reduce the chance they’ll come into contact with the youth justice system (meaning contact with the police, law courts and places of detention.)

Thanks for reading!

What are rights and why do they matter?

Every child has the right to be and feel safe, live a healthy life, go to school and much more.

These rights are listed in a document called the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

A really important right listed in the UNCRC is the right for children and young people to have a say about the things that matter to them, and for adults to listen and take their views seriously.

That’s why Commissioners share posters like this – so that everyone will listen up.

Which rights did we talk about?

All children are entitled to the rights set out in the UNCRC.

When young people were talking about the support they need to prevent coming into contact with the youth justice system, this raised issues that relate to their right to:

- have their wellbeing considered by adults
- be safe, develop and grow healthily
- not be separated from their parent/s, unless there is a safety issue
- express their views about the things that are important to their lives, and for adults to listen up and take action
- be protected from violence, abuse and neglect
- legal help, fair treatment and chances to start over, when things go wrong

What did young people say?



We want to be treated with respect, have our basic needs met, and be told about things that matter to our lives



Young people want to be and feel safe, and want to be and feel cared about



We want support that is tailored for us and the things we need as individuals



More should be done to help prevent the things that make it more likely we’ll come into contact with the youth justice system