



gateway to industry schools **community services**

From aged care and youth justice, mental health and disability support, the Community Services sector provides a range of diverse career options. The Community Services Gateway to Industry Schools project works with students, schools, industry employers, trainers, universities and families to build a strong training and experiential pathway for tomorrow's Community Services workforce.

“The Community Services Industry is projected to have significant growth, making it a key driver in Australia’s economy.”

Community Services
Industry Alliance

PURPOSE

- Inform students about careers and pathways in the Community Services sector.
- Create learning opportunities that expose students to industry skills and experience for jobs now and into the future.
- Work with the Community Services sector employers and industry to connect with students for workforce growth.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide industry focused training programs, events and activities to develop students’ career goals in community services.
- Create sustainable partnerships between schools and industry to develop learning and work experience opportunities for students.
- Provide experiential learning opportunities to enable students to make informed decisions about their career pathway.
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in employment.

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PROJECT PRINCIPLES

The program builds on the following principles

- 1. Discovery** – Boost awareness of careers in the Community Services sector among young people, their families and school professionals through access to current information and professional development.
- 2. Experiential learning** – Exposure to meaningful experiences for students to ‘learn and do’ that provide a real-life view of working with, and in the community.
- 3. Connections that count** – Direct access to prospective employers, vocational trainers and universities to gain an employment advantage for a career in the sector.
- 4. Clarity** – Plan career pathways and navigate immediate and future steps to gain skills and qualifications.
- 5. Differentiation** – Community Services Gateway to Industry Schools are identified as local launching pads for Community Services careers, providing students with a fast track to employment and tertiary specialisation.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES INDUSTRY

The project provides career pathways and occupation explanations for eighteen (18) Community Service sectors

- Aged Care
- Alcohol and Other Drugs Services
- Community Services
- Children Services
- Child, Youth and Family Intervention
- Community Development
- Counselling
- Disability Services
- Education Support
- Employment Services
- Family Services
- Leisure and Health
- Mental Health
- Social Housing
- Youth Justice
- Youth Work
- Volunteering
- Social Work

PROJECT OFFERINGS

The Community Services Gateway to Industry Schools Project is a forward-thinking approach to promote Community Sector jobs and to ensure an ongoing supply of industry-mentored workforce in the years to come.

We do this by supporting students in transformative experiences to open career pathways within the community services sector, provide teachers with relevant resources, professional development and information of the sector, and establish partnerships between employers, schools and students with this industry.

The project offers a suite of programs and activities for students, professional development sessions for teachers plus a targeted website acting as a portal to all community services career information to support students, teachers, and employers within the sector.



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