

# WORKING WITH YOUTH IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

## A QUICK GUIDE:

01.

### EXPLAIN RIGHTS

Ensure children understand their legal rights, including the presence of a guardian, independent legal representation, additional support people available to them, and any Children Court protocols that may apply.

02.

### COMMUNICATE CLEARLY

Adapt to the individual child. Use plain and simple language, give examples, descriptions, even drawings to explain legal concepts, and listen back to ensure they fully understand.

03.

### FOCUS ON THE OUTCOME

Promote rehabilitation and the child's long term goals. Listening to their thoughts and feelings and offering compassionate support can reduce rates of re-offending and provide children with the tools they need to succeed.

04.

### SUPPORT SAFELY

Ensure you are adequately equipped to provide support to your clients. This may include undertaking cultural awareness training, or trauma informed training to appropriately assist your clients.

