

Community Justice Programs

Why Red Cross?

Red Cross is a leading humanitarian organisation in Australia, improving the lives of disadvantaged people. We are part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the largest humanitarian network in the world with over 100 million volunteers.

In all activities our volunteers, members and staff are guided by the Movement's Fundamental Principles – Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary service, Unity and Universality. We are partners of choice in the humanitarian services of the public authorities, independent of government and without any political, religious or cultural affiliations.



Act for humanity

Action in South Australia

Red Cross is committed to reducing the overrepresentation of vulnerable people within the justice system while enhancing community safety. Our programs and supports, assist young people and adults involved in the criminal justice system, along with their families and communities.

Red Cross works to achieve the following:

- People at risk gain the support necessary to move away from further contact with the justice system.
- People in custody are better able to manage their safety, health and wellbeing while remaining connected to their families and communities.
- Families are better supported where a family member has become involved in the justice system.
- Individuals gain improved opportunities, greater resilience and have access to positive social connections.

Action in local communities

Our range of supports span community and custodial settings across South Australia. We are engaged in communities across regional and metropolitan locations, including Port Adelaide, Ceduna, Port Augusta, APY Lands, Port Pirie, Port Lincoln and Mount Gambier. We provide supports in custodial facilities including the Adelaide Women's Prison, Port Augusta Prison and Kurlana Tapa Youth Justice Centre. Our team also provides and coordinates Aboriginal Community support.

Programs which underpin our capacity to support people moving away from the justice system include, but are not limited to:

Community Based Health First Aid (CBHFA)

An internationally acclaimed program, CBHFA is being innovatively applied to Australian prison communities including a pilot site in South Australia. Participants use tools and resources to identify and improve the health, wellbeing and safety of their community. The program is currently underway at Adelaide Women's Prison, working with the women to support them in making their environment and community a safer, healthier place.

Did you know?



The prison population has doubled in the last 20 years



The rate at which we imprison people has increased by 48%

OUR IMPACT

Sisters Alongside Sisters (SASS)

This program is a community-based group which supports women transitioning through the justice system. The group aims to develop skills, strengths, opportunities and connections to support participants. SASS offers an alternative to traditional one-on-one case management approaches through group-based supports. Participants have access to peer mentors, ongoing training and opportunities to build leadership capabilities.



Police Call Out Program

Trained volunteers are called to be present with a young person while they are being held in police custody (e.g. a police interview when a parent or guardian is unavailable). The volunteer is an objective observer of the interview process and seeks to ensure due process is followed.

Prison Transport Program

Red Cross assists newly released offenders exiting the justice system at the Mount Gambier and Mobilong prisons by providing personalised transport options that help integrate them back into community. Red Cross works closely with prison staff on the day of discharge to be waiting to transport the client to either the bus depot, a motel, Community Corrections or a nominated home in a safe and supportive manner. All drivers are trained in Psychological First Aid.

Adelaide Magistrate's Court Support Office

Our office opened in July 2021 with Red Cross staff and volunteers offering psychosocial support to all those in need. Whether those accessing the services are survivors of crime, the family member of someone who has been sentenced to a prison term, a court staff member or a witness, the support officers provide a listening ear, support and referrals to relevant support services including Red Cross programs.

FoodREDi™

An interactive healthy lifestyle program designed to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the community. Sessions aim to educate and provide individuals with the skills they need to prepare and budget for healthy meals for themselves and their families. It is delivered in custodial settings including Adelaide Women's Prison and Port Augusta Prison (including in the Aboriginal Accommodation) and in school and community settings such as Clontarf Academy.

Save-a-mate (SAM)

Red Cross provides participants with the skills and knowledge to prevent, recognise and respond to emergencies that may result from alcohol and other drug use, focusing on harm minimisation. This program is delivered at schools, custodial facilities and in the community.

Workin' it Out to Step Out

A structured program which uses fitness-based activities to deliver health and wellbeing messages and education to support personal development for young people involved in the Youth Justice System or those who are at risk. It is currently delivered at the Kurlana Tapa Youth Training Centre.

Step Out

Red Cross supports young people using an individualised approach to develop strong support networks; education, employment and training pathways; navigate other supports and services; and connect to community. The program provides participants with ongoing assistance through key transitions to support them to move away from contact with the justice system.

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