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Participation in education and training and engaging in work are considered important aspects of developing individual capability and building a socially inclusive society.

DEEWR, 2009, Social Inclusion Agenda
COAG commitment

Whole of govt agreement on:

- Increased participation of young people in education and training

- Young people make a successful transition from school to further education, training or full-time employment

- Increased attainment of young people aged 15-24, including Indigenous youth

COAG, National Partnership Agreement on Youth Attainment and Transitions, July 2009
The National Youth Participation Requirement includes:

a) a mandatory requirement for all young people to participate in schooling until they complete Year 10; &

b) a mandatory requirement for all young people that have completed Year 10, to participate full-time (at least 25 hours per week) in education, training &/or employment, until age 17.
Youth not in education, training or employment

- 81% aged 15-24 yrs were fully engaged in education &/or work
- 19%, or 561,000 young people were not (including 224,000 15-19 yr olds)
- No change from 1999
- School leavers < 15 yrs old

ABS 2009 Survey of Education and Work
Disengaged youth

- Family breakdown
- Young mothers
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Mental illness
- Anger, violence and offending
- Homelessness
- Low language literary, numeracy
- Live in areas of disadvantage
Art - Creative Youth Initiatives (CYI) - NSW
Music - Urban Quest – Dandenong VIC
Leisure - Connect Us - VIC
Mentoring - Dubbo Leadership and Cultural Development Program - NSW
Alternative education settings - Triple Care Farm - NSW
Alternative education settings - South West Youth Peer Education Program (SWYPE) - NSW
Social enterprise - Urban Renewal - VIC
Social enterprise - Charcoal Lane - VIC
Employer partnerships - Getting to Work - VIC
Thank you

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