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Supporting Service for the Arrested Youth

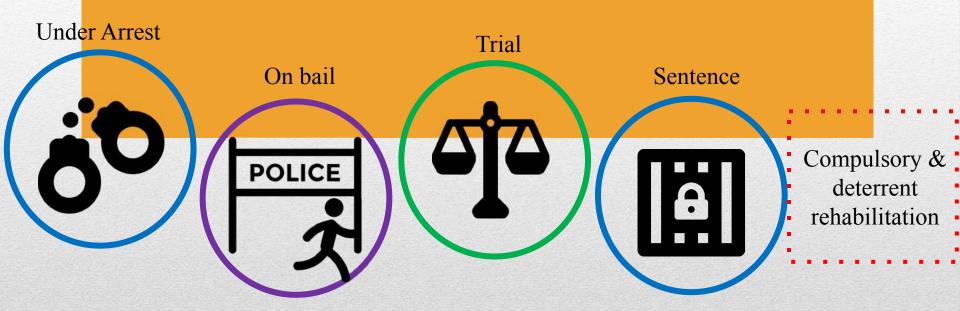
青少年被捕後支援服務

Rationale of the Project





定罪後模式 (Post-conviction)





High Risk of Take more Drug + Abscond + Re-offence

They will seek help concerning their court cases





- Stressful & Anxious
- Worried about the future

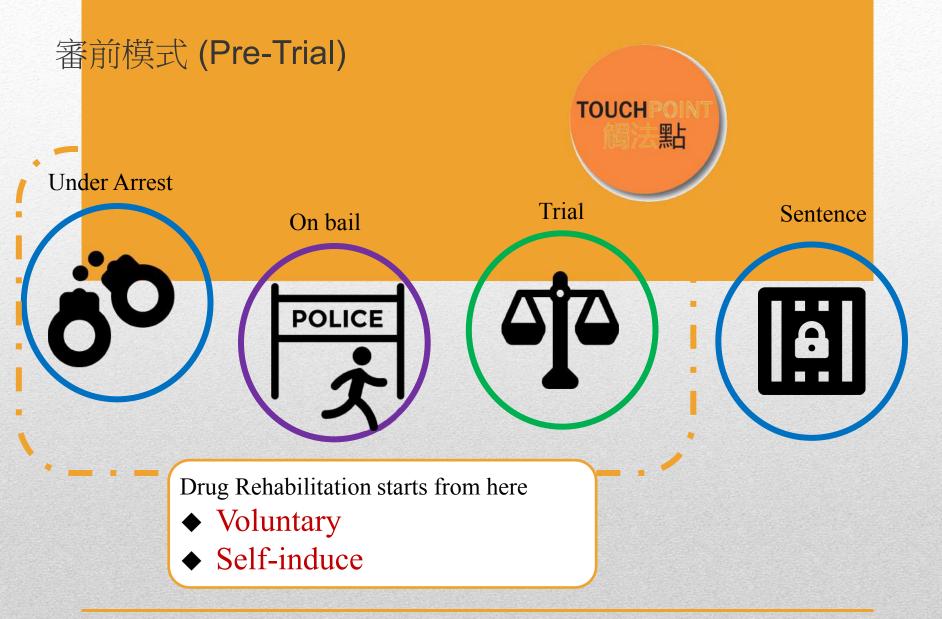
- Friends Social worker Internet Family
- Lawyer
- Low Do nothing Lack of resource/ outreach) information

High motivation

(from hotline)

motivation

(from court



Objectives

- 1. Earlier intervention in the pre-trial stage
- 2. Enhance client's motivation to quit drugs
- 3. Reduce the chances of relapse and re-offence
- 4. Support their family members

Highlights of the Project

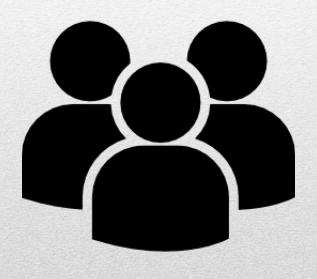
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- Group work approach in working with arrested drug abusers and their families
- Early intervention to deal with the drug abusers' myths and irrational beliefs towards the court cases

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Service target

Characteristics of our clients



- •First offence/ no criminal record (64.3%)
- •Age 24 or above young adults (56%)
- •Working Youth (65 %)
- Actively seek help (33% from hotline)
- ·Hidden drug abusers
- Connection with family/friends
- Emotional instability: Stressful & Anxious
- ·High motivation to change

we approach our targets through

Court outreach- (47% source of clients)

- 7 magistrate courts
- ♦3 times per week
- Offenders committed drug related crimes
- → High risk offenders, E.g. committed gangs related crimes / bogus marriage / common assault/ criminal damage



Social media –

- Website
- Facebook
- Hotline
- Keywords search







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Google 搜尋

http://youknowlaw.caritas.org.hk/

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Service Content

Pre-Trial Intervention-

short term rehabilitation

- 1. Risk assessment
- 2. Counseling and emotional support
- 3. Interest class and physical exercise
- 4. Medical assessments
- 5. Family support service









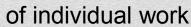


Re-offending and relapse prevention workshop

預防重犯工作坊

- Gather a group of drug abusers on different stages of court procedures
- Provide a platform share their worries and myths concerning the court cases
- Platform to develop their wisdom of facing the difficulties

Those wisdoms breakthrough the limitation









Stress management

看見自己小組

- Review the life experience on:
 - 1) Impact on drug abuse
 - 2) Learning from the court experience
- Identify their personal resources and inner strengths







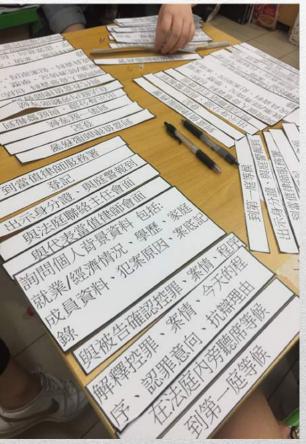
Buddy training

法庭義工訓練

- Sustain Changes
- ❖ Role transformation

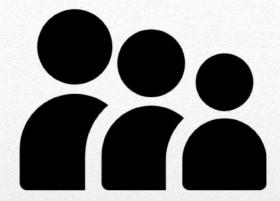






Service for family members

家長工作



- ❖ 71.4% arrested drug abusers living with their families
- 2 Severe Shocks: their children are drug abusers and offenders
- Many conflicts regarding their drug issues and court cases
- How to help their children in right way?
- ✓ Individual Counseling and Emotional support
- Mutual support group

Output

1	To reach 400 arrested young drug abusers.	
2	To provide counselling and assessment services for 70 arrested young drug abuser.	
3	To provide counselling and assessment services for 70 hidden young drug abusers who are in the arrested social life.	
4	To provide counselling services for 28 family members of arrested young drug abusers .	

OUTCOME

Arrested drug abusers 75.3% (301)	Complete brief risk-assessment
87.1% (61)	Improved their drug quitting motivation and understand their treatment needs
Family member 92.9% (26)	Improved their awareness on the drug problem of their family members
Hidden drug abusers 81.4% (61)	Improved their drug quitting motivation

We discover...

Individual work **ONLY** is not effective enough to help the arrested drug abusers and their families.

For the young drug abusers, providing a good platform fro them to share their myths and difficulties can develop positive attitude towards the court cases

For their family members, providing a good platform for them to share their worries and difficulties can create good mutual support

Challenges

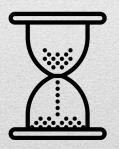
1. Repeated offenders



1. Sustain changes after the court case



1. Time limited

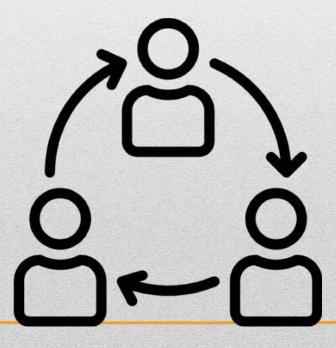


Our learning

1. Role of the client

From offenders to victims of drugs

Eligible to rebuild their life themselves



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