
Crime, Choices & Consequences

(CCCP) - Incorporating P.A.R.T.Y.

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The governing body of the **Visy Cares Hub** – Sunshine,

The Visy Cares Hub is a youth service encompassing ten partner agencies focusing on specific youth services such as health, housing, legal, education, employment and recreation.

The 10 integrated youth agencies are:

- ❖ Ardoch Youth Foundation
 - ❖ Brimbank Youth Services
 - ❖ Centre for Multicultural Youth
 - ❖ Centrelink
 - ❖ Headspace Western Melbourne
 - ❖ Melbourne Citymission (MCM)
 - ❖ Robert Stary Lawyers
 - ❖ Sunshine Youth Housing
 - ❖ Sunshine Youth Legal Centre
 - ❖ Victoria University
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The Youth Junction Inc...

...is an Incorporated Association with Deductible Gift Recipient status that provides programs within a crime prevention and social justice framework.

These include:

- ❖ Crime, Choices & Consequences Program
 - ❖ Youth, Community & Law Program
 - ❖ Homework Zone
 - ❖ Schools Social Justice & Wellbeing Program
 - ❖ Intake and Referral Services
 - ❖ Internet Drop-In & Book Distribution
 - ❖ Youth-Tube Program
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CCCP incorporating P.A.R.T.Y.

- ❖ A community justice partnership that allows the courts and the wider justice system to be better connected to the community it serves.
 - ❖ A creative and innovative pre sentence intervention program that aims to deter young adults from risk-taking behaviour leading to crime and injury.
 - ❖ An initiative that integrates problem solving into the Court process.
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The Partnership...

The primary partners are:

- ❖ **The Youth Junction Inc.**
(Sunshine)
 - ❖ **The Alfred & Royal Melbourne Hospitals**
(Prahran & Parkville)
 - ❖ **Victoria Police**
(Brimbank Community Policing Unit)
 - ❖ **The Victorian Magistrate's Court**
(Sunshine/Werribee)
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How it works?

- ❖ **Magistrates' Court referral**
(Sunshine or Werribee Court)
 - ❖ **Pre-P.A.R.T.Y. Introduction Session**
(Youth Junction Inc, P.A.R.T.Y., & VicPol staff @ Visy)
 - ❖ **P.A.R.T.Y.**
(1 day @ The Alfred or Royal Melbourne Hospitals)
 - ❖ **Post-P.A.R.T.Y. Debrief Session**
 - ❖ **Individual psych-social assessments**
(Youth Junction Inc. @ Visy)
 - ❖ **Magistrates' Court sentencing**
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Sunshine Magistrates' Court

- ❖ **The second largest Court in Victoria**
 - ❖ **Includes Werribee Court**
 - ❖ **All referrals to the CCCP come from Sunshine Court**
(The CCCP is solely for the service of the Courts and does not accept referrals from any other source)
 - ❖ **The Diversion Officer at the court:**
 - provides participants with the CCCP incorporating P.A.R.T.Y. information pack
 - collates a database of attendees
 - provides consented client lists to P.A.R.T.Y. staff pre Programs
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The P.A.R.T.Y. Program...

Prevent Alcohol & Risk-related Trauma in Youth

- ❖ **Canadian trauma-prevention model**

(Sunnybrook Medical Centre – Toronto)

- ❖ **Over 100 sites operating world-wide**

(Canada, USA, Australia, Japan, Europe)

- ❖ **In Australia – 4 sites**

Melbourne - 2, Brisbane)

(Perth,

- ❖ **Schools Programs in Melbourne since 2009**

school students per year)

(1300

- ❖ **Young Offenders Program since 2010**

(200 clients per year from Sunshine/Werribee Courts only)



Trauma causes...

- ❖ **major injury** from motor vehicle accidents, falls, drowning, gun fire, burns or blunt assault etc.
- ❖ nearly 345,000 **hospitalisations** in Australia each year
- ❖ 50% of childhood **deaths**
- ❖ 75% of adolescent **deaths**
- ❖ 40% of all **deaths** in the 15-25 year age bracket
- ❖ catastrophic **injury and disability** in youth

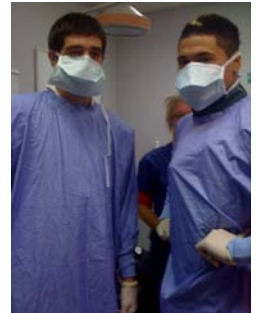
The incidence of inter-personal violence is increasing, particularly amongst young adults

P.A.R.T.Y. includes...

- ❖ a full day program in the hospital
(9am – 3pm)
- ❖ up to **30 participants** each program
(divided into 3 small groups for tours and activities)
- ❖ **Hands-on activities & tours in:**
 - *the Emergency & Trauma Centre*
 - *Intensive Care Unit (ICU)*
 - *Trauma or Burns Units*
 - *Rehabilitation Units (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Orthotics & Prosthetics).*
- ❖ **Presentations** from Ambulance Officers, specialist doctors, nurses, therapists, and patients/families



P.A.R.T.Y...



P.A.R.T.Y...



The P.A.R.T.Y focus...

- ❖ **Consequences** for actions
- ❖ Making sensible **choices**
- ❖ **Disability** not death
- ❖ Good **partnerships** with emergency & support services
- ❖ **Does not moralise** about vices...
- ❖ **Is not anti-alcohol**
- ❖ **Does not focus on good outcomes**



Victoria Police...

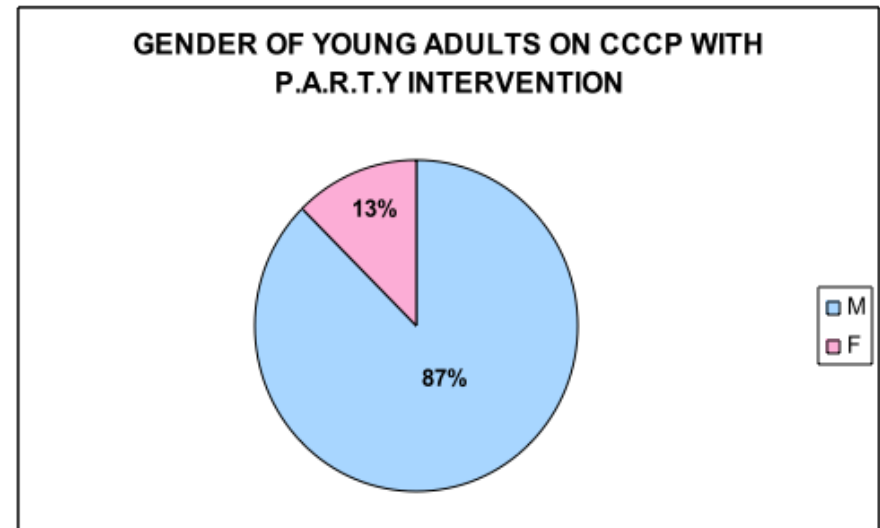
The role of police:

- ❖ **Presentation at Pre & Post P.A.R.T.Y. sessions**
 - ❖ **Supervision on P.A.R.T.Y. Program Days** (3 members provided each program)
 - ❖ **Presentation on P.A.R.T.Y. Program Days**
 - ❖ **Report writing for Magistrates' Court** (client P.A.R.T.Y. participation and attendance reports)
 - ❖ **Relationship building**
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2010/11 CCCP Attendance

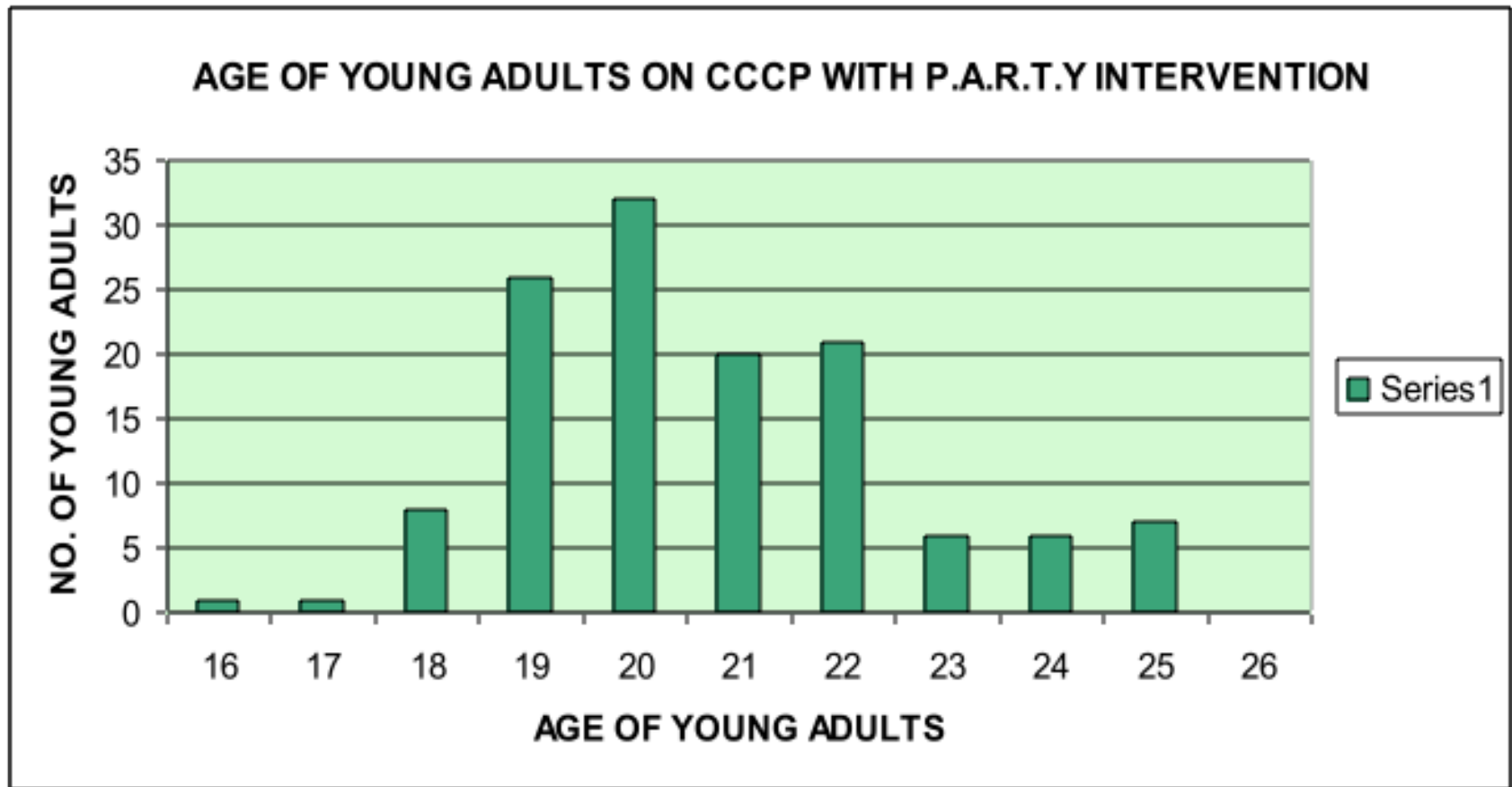
- ❖ There are been **128** young people referred by the magistrates to complete the program.
- ❖ Out of **128** referred, **23** did not manage to complete the program.
- ❖ Out of **105** remaining, **52** young people were eligible to complete a 3 mth follow-up survey

(data valid at 22/01/11)



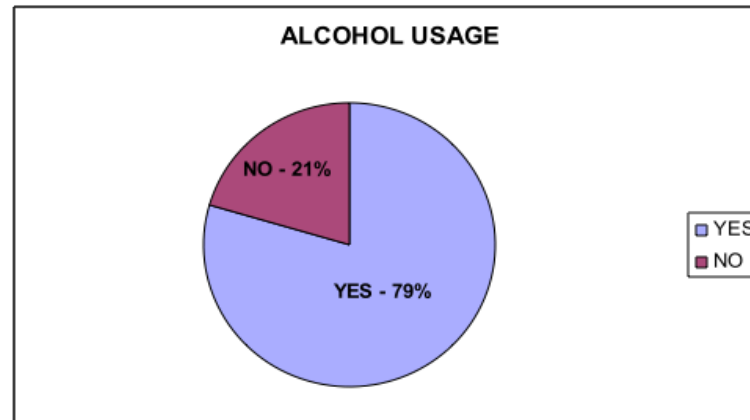
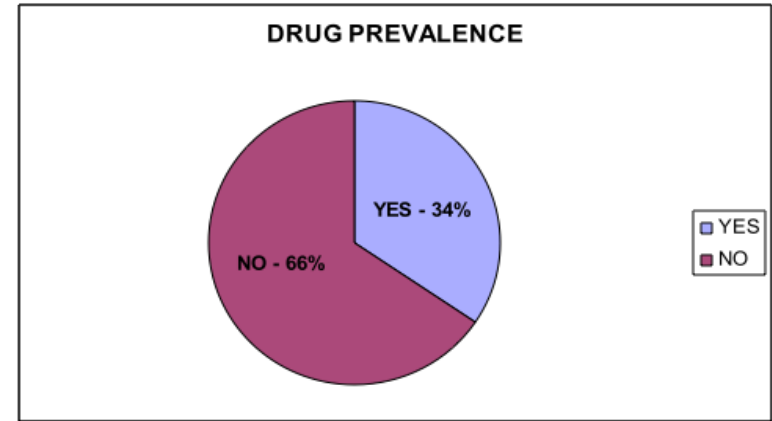
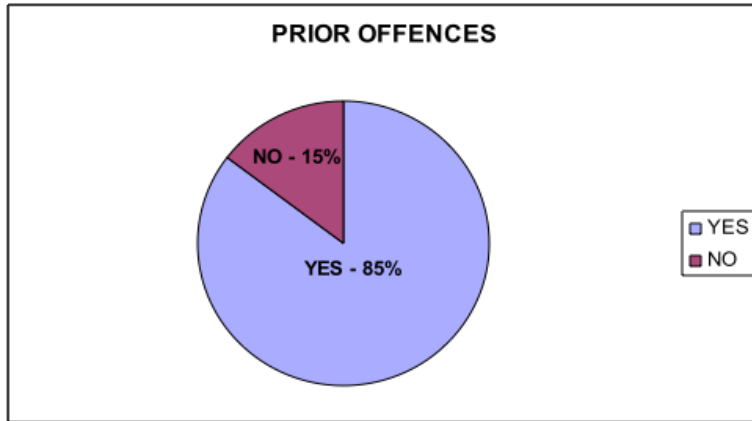
Demographics...

Age of Participants:



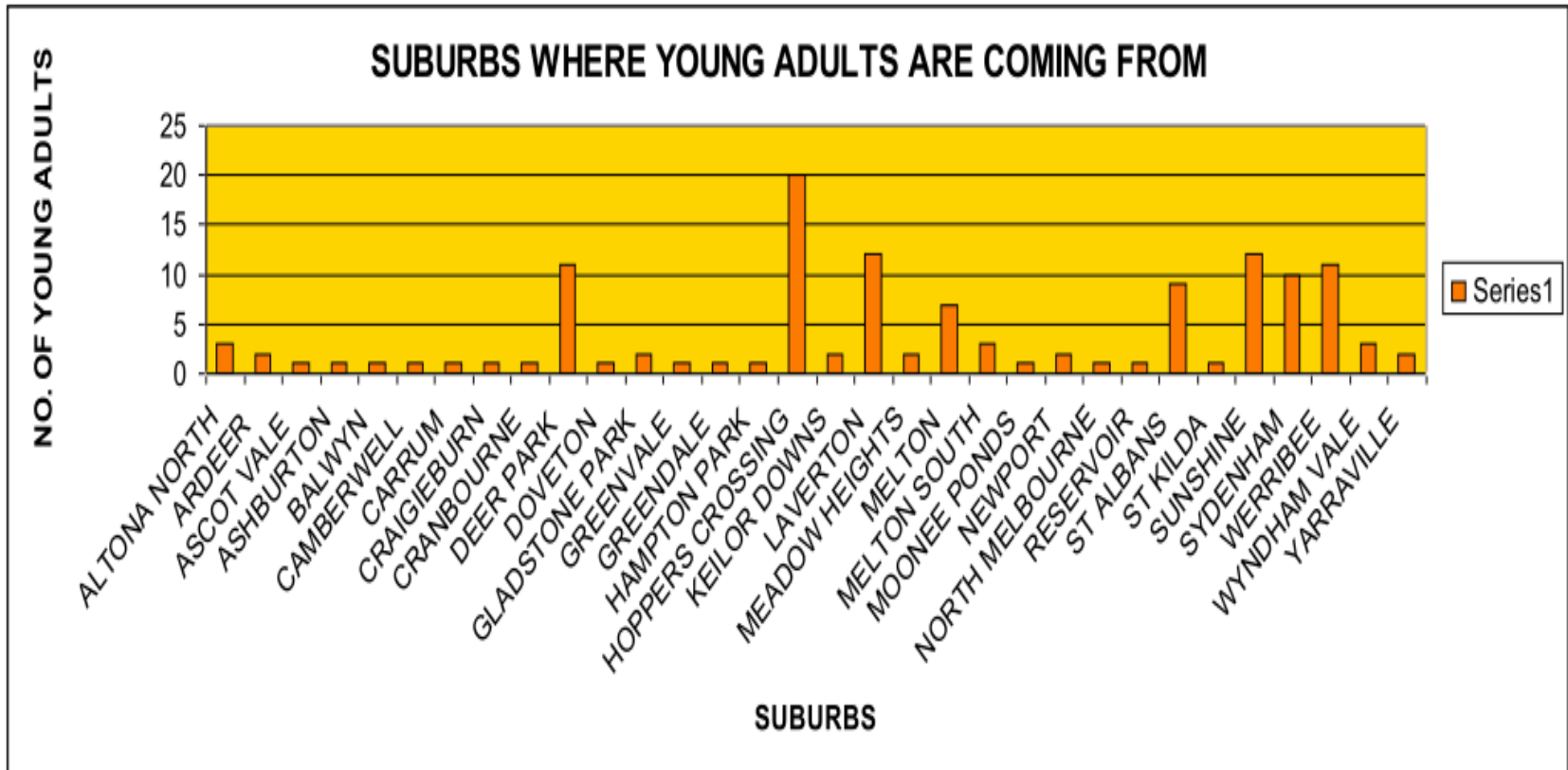
Demographics...

Significant Risk Factors:



Demographics...

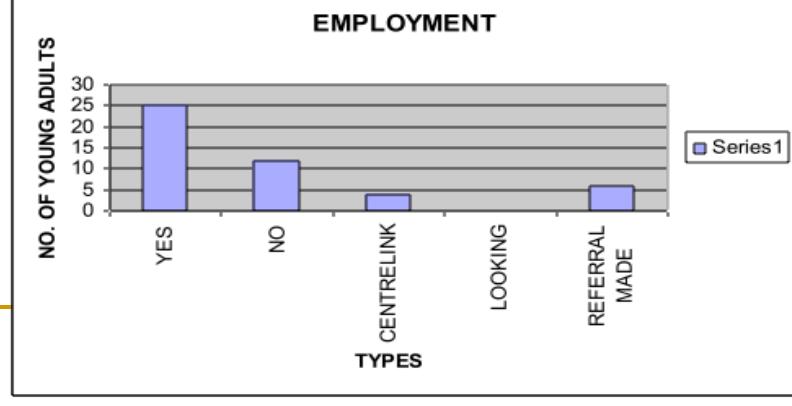
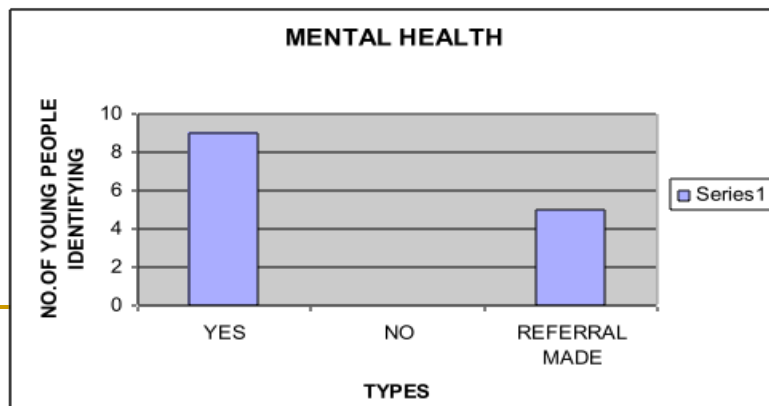
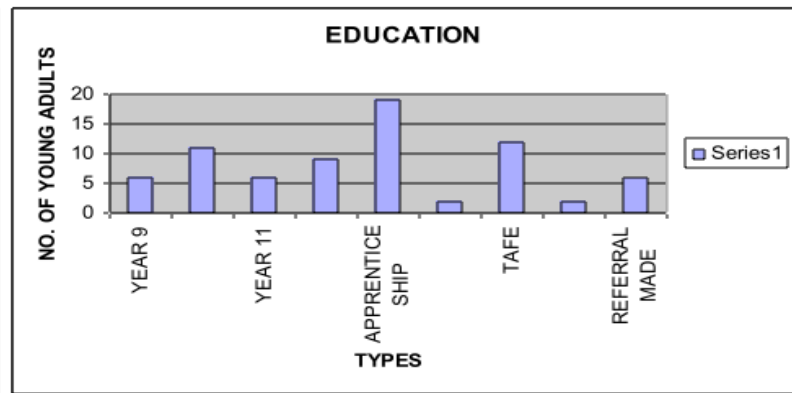
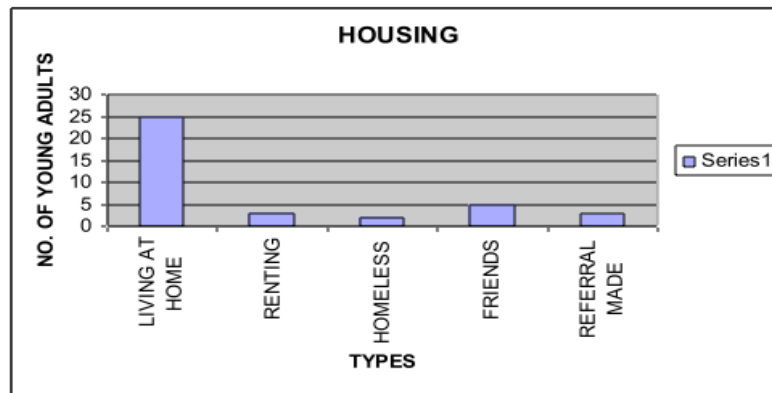
Spread of participants - Western Region:



Follow up...

3 month follow up – 52 completed:

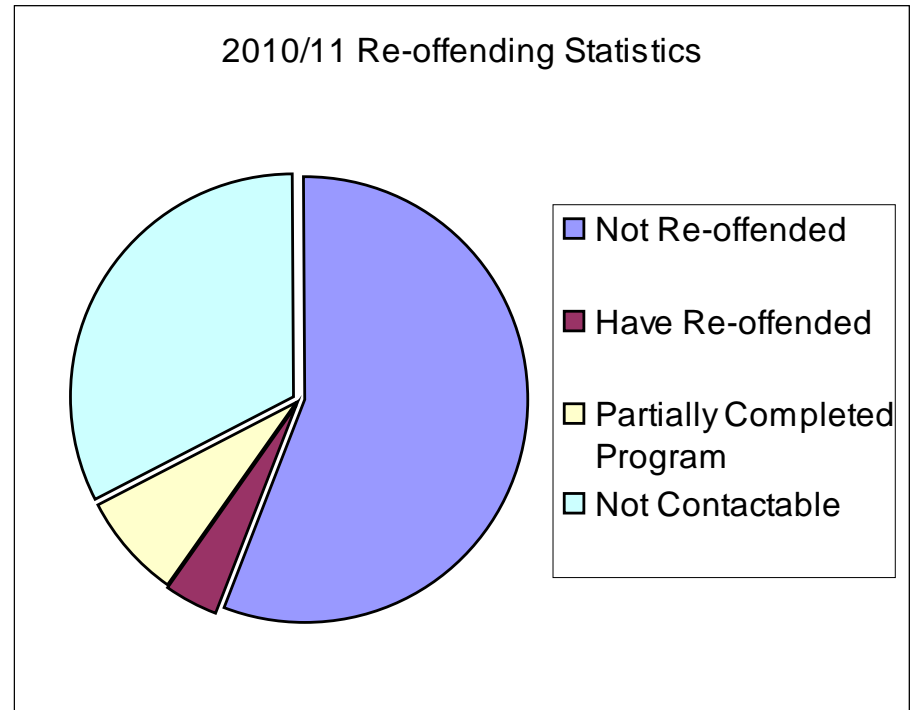
- ❖ Of these, **43** had completed psychosocial assessments.
- ❖ Of the **43**, **23** received referrals to services at the Visy Cares Hub
- ❖ Distribution of Services utilisation at Visy Cares Hub below...



Short-term Recidivism...

At 3 months...

- ❖ **29** have not re-offended (this figure includes the **23** that have been referred to services)
- ❖ **2** have re-offended
- ❖ **4** failed to complete the program as they did not attend the P.A.R.T.Y. Component
- ❖ **17** were uncontactable



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