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REDUCING REOFFENDING IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

Minister for Corrections David Elliott today announced the creation of new caseworker roles at Juvenile Justice, providing support, guidance and discipline to young offenders as part of a commitment to reduce reoffending.

The 22 new caseworkers will assist detainees reintegrate into the community after their release from custody, including access to housing, education, employment and health services.

“While the number of young people in custody is decreasing, these offenders have complex needs and many of them have a psychological disorder and experienced trauma,” Mr Elliott said.

“If a detainee has a stable home, access to education or a job then there is a greater chance that they stay out of trouble and don’t return to custody.”

Juvenile Justice NSW Executive Director Melanie Hawyes said the new caseworkers will encourage detainees to fulfill their potential without offending.

“It’s essential Juvenile Justice continues to strengthen and develop practice to ensure the safety, wellbeing and engagement of detainees and staff,” Ms Hawyes said.

The new caseworker roles follow a \$1 million training and support package announced late last year to support frontline officers manage high-risk detainees.