MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

YOUTH BOOT CAMP CONSULTATION CONTINUES
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Feedback on how the Territory’s Youth Boot Camps should be structured is being sought from non government organisations in Darwin today.

The Youth Boot Camps are part of a Country Liberals commitment to address juvenile crime and keep Territory families safer.

Minister for Correctional Services John Elferink said the feedback will be used to set the parameters of the pilot Youth Boot Camps.

"The Youth Boot Camps really will be a catalyst for change in a young offender's life. The camps will provide structured evidence-based interventions," Mr Elferink said.

"The feedback from the consultation session in Alice Springs highlighted the importance of ongoing support for young people and the involvement of their families in the program.

"Our young people are our future and it is important that we get those that go astray and commit crime back on track. It is vital for government and non government organisations to work together on this important issue and this consultation process is the first step in achieving that.

"The Country Liberals made a promise to introduce youth boot camps as part of the measures to curb juvenile crime and that is exactly what we are doing," Mr Elferink said.

The tender process will begin in March and it’s anticipated the trial boot camps will start operation in May 2013.

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