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## BoysTown employment help for Inala youth doubled

**Federal Member for Oxley Bernie Ripoll MP today officially launched BoysTown's Job Services in Inala promising to more than double employment help offered to Inala youth.**

BoysTown Chief Executive Officer Tracy Adams said the organisation is delighted to be able to offer a fresh start to more young locals through the new Federally funded Job Services Australia model.

"The Job Services model recognises people may face multiple barriers to employment and provides a mix of training, work experience and other interventions to help job seekers obtain suitable employment. This has been BoysTown's approach to helping young people for some time," she said.

Ms Adams said BoysTown first established a site in Inala in 2006 because it was recognised those experiencing disadvantage in this region could benefit from the range of services BoysTown offered.

"In the last financial year close to 300 young people were helped through our training and enterprise programs in Inala," she said.

"We are pleased that with our new purpose built Job Services facilities and the assistance of the Federal Government, this year we will be able to more than double this number with around 685 Inala young people being supported in their search for work.

"We also aim to assist an additional 100 young people via our other learning and development programs.

"BoysTown's slogan, 'Fresh start. New Hope' has been adopted for a very good reason. We believe every young person deserves a fresh start and new hope in their future regardless of how many challenges they have faced."

A research project currently being conducted in partnership with Griffith University identified that when young people entered BoysTown programs more than 40 per cent lacked any future aspirations. As they progress this statistic drops dramatically to seven per cent.

"Our team of trainers, youth workers and administrators are dedicated to ensuring this statistic drops from seven per cent to zero, but we recognise this cannot be achieved alone," Ms Adams said.

"I encourage the Inala community to work with BoysTown by getting behind the Job Services model and helping our young people excel and go forward."

BoysTown is set to triple its employment services offered to young people nationwide with the new Job Services not only in Inala but in Ipswich, Kingston, Woodridge, and Redlands, Queensland; Adelaide and Port Pirie, South Australia; and Blacktown and Campbelltown, Sydney.

To contact BoysTown Inala call 07 3877 4100. For information about other BoysTown Job Services' sites visit [www.boystown.com.au](http://www.boystown.com.au).