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Bimberi Youth Services Expo

The Youth Coalition of the ACT, the peak body for youth affairs and young people aged 12 to 25 years in the ACT, will today hold the annual Bimberi Youth Services Expo, at the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre.

Programs, services and youth and community workers will visit Bimberi Youth Justice Centre to provide information and activities for the young people in the youth detention centre.

'This Expo provide an important and valuable opportunity for young people under the age of 18 to connect with services,' said Emma Robertson, Director of the Youth Coalition.

'Young people in contact with the criminal justice system are amongst the most vulnerable in the ACT, and it is crucial that we connect those who are in Bimberi with appropriate services and supports that will assist them while they are in detention and when they exit from detention.'

'Today's Bimberi Youth Services Expo will include 20 services, who provide support to young people with support needs including: housing, alcohol and other drugs, mental health, income support, legal support, education, relationships, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services, and referral.'

'The focus of today's Expo is on linking young people with supports they will need when they return to community.'

This information and service expo is part of National Youth Week, the annual celebration of young people in Australia, held on 13 – 22 April 2012. The Youth Coalition of the ACT coordinates Youth Week activities in the ACT in partnership with the ACT Government.

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