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## Presentation to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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# Victorian young people today

- There are 902,796 young people in Victoria
  - 73.5% live in metropolitan Melbourne and 26.5% live in rural and regional Victoria
  - 96% of young people live with their families
  - 17% speak a language other than English at home
  - 94.8% are studying full or part time; and 44.1% are in full time, part time or casual employment
- The three things most valued by young people are positive family relationships, friends and physical and mental health



# 2010-11 programs and initiatives



- **FReeZA** – supporting 12-25 year olds to stage and attend local drug, alcohol and smoke-free music and cultural events
- **Advance** - 16,000 young people linked to 1,800 community organisations
- **youthcentral** – maintaining an average of 70,000 unique users per month
- **webWise cyber safety initiative** – supporting young people to use the internet safely
- **Mentoring and Capacity building** – supporting quality mentoring programs for young Victorians
- **Youth Participation and Access** – supporting more than 50,000 vulnerable young people very year
- **Youth Foundations Victoria** – providing \$445,800 to 189 projects across the 15 sites

- 1. Increasing the capacity of Scouts and Guides**
- 2. Supporting young people in community radio and SYN FM**
- 3. Regional support for culturally and linguistically diverse young people**
- 4. Sponsoring the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge**
- 5. Expanding the opportunities and funding for the Victorian Youth Parliament**

## New Output Measures for Youth Affairs

<b>Major Outputs/Deliverables</b> <i>Performance Measures</i>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>2011-12 Target</b>
<i>Quantity</i>		
Participation by young people in programs that provide opportunities to be involved in social and economic life in their communities	number	194 680
Participation by young people in programs that support young people to be involved in decision making in their community	number	1 925
<i>Quality</i>		
Participants reporting development of transferable skills that support education, training and vocational opportunities	per cent	75
<i>Timeliness</i>		
Program delivery meets milestones	per cent	85

## Priorities for 2011-12

- **Supporting best practice** – promoting and supporting practice that demonstrates good outcomes for young people including:
  - Opportunities for volunteering
  - Enhancing mentoring opportunities
  - Working to expand opportunities for non-tertiary based career pathways
- **Listening to young people** - ensuring that the voice of young people is heard
- **Building partnerships** to:
  - Identify and promote best practice
  - Enhance capacity and make the best use of available resources
- **Service reform** - improving support for young people through the Youth Partnerships reform

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