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Improving health & justice: partnering for children & families at risk

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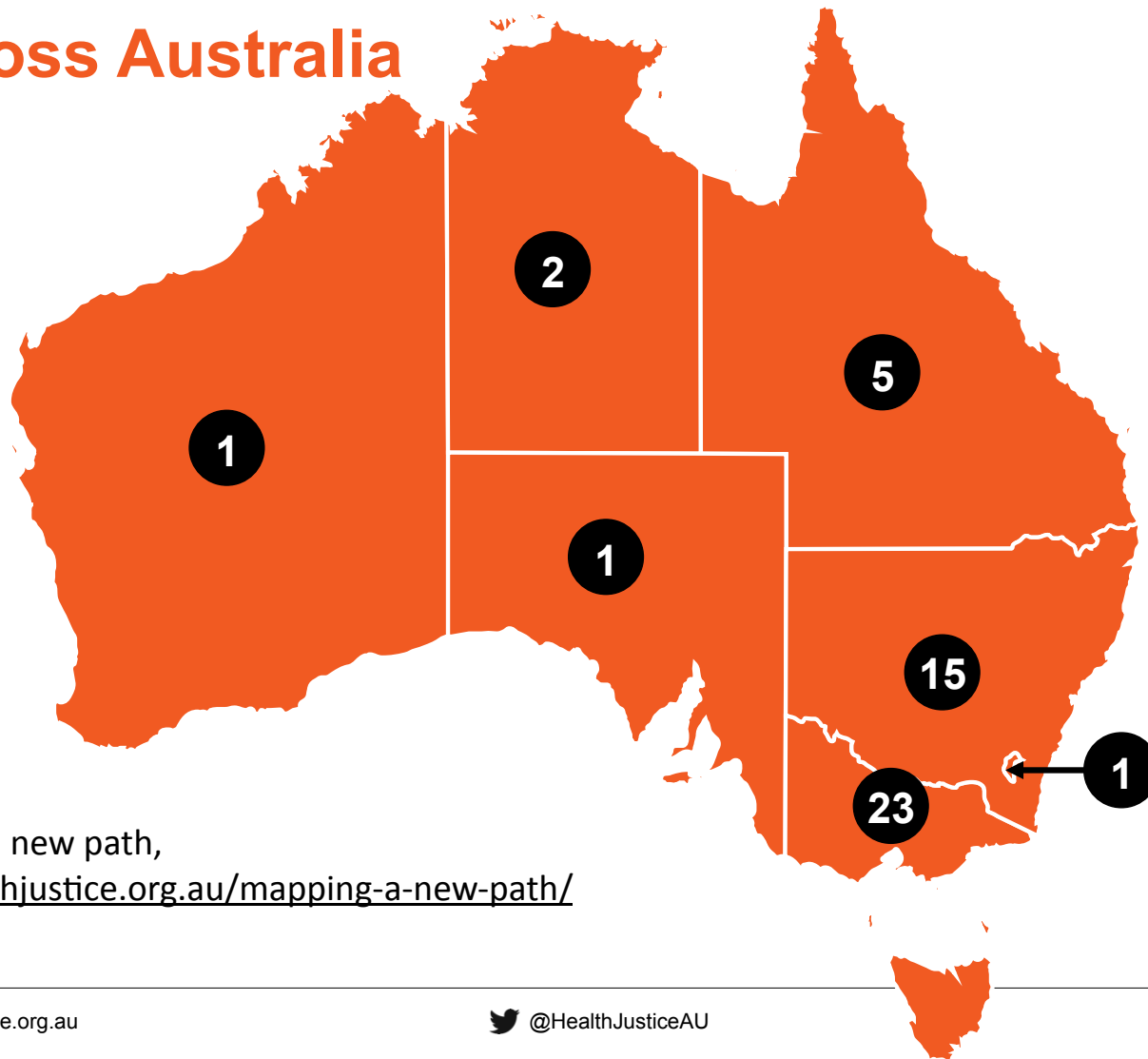
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Health justice partnerships

Partnerships to embed legal help into health care services and teams to improve health and wellbeing:

- for individuals, through direct service provision in places that they access
- for people and communities vulnerable to complex need, by integrating service responses and redesigning service systems around client needs and capability
- for vulnerable populations through advocacy for systemic change to policies which affect the social determinants of health.

HJPs across Australia



Source: Mapping a new path,
<https://www.healthjustice.org.au/mapping-a-new-path/>

Legal issues identified by HJPs (2017)

Legal issues – wide range

9/10 Family and domestic violence

3/4 family law

More than half assisted with:

- Housing and tenancy
- Credit/debt
- Fines
- Government/social security
- Consumer issues

Type of help – Not just advice

Minor assistance

> 9 /10
(46)

Representation

> 2/3
(34)

Referral for external representation

9

Shared case management

6 services 'share case management' with their health partner

Adopting a partnership approach to children and families at risk

1. Find someone you haven't met before and take 2 minutes each to identify,

What are the policy drivers for working in partnership (to support children and families at risk of engagement with the child protection system)?

ie what policy outcomes might be supported by working collaboratively.

2. Now find a new person, ideally someone you haven't met before, and take another 2 minutes each to identify,

What are the current barriers to working in partnership (in policy, in program design, in funding environment, etc)?

3. Find another new person, ideally someone you haven't met before, and take another 2 minutes each to identify,

What steps might we take to remove those barriers to working in partnership?

Report-back and discussion

1. What are the opportunities and barriers to exploring collaborative approaches to advance children and families health and wellbeing

2. How might we overcome those barriers ...
 - a) as services and practitioners?
 - b) as researchers
 - c) as policy-makers?
 - d) as funders?
 - e) as communities affected?

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Key data:

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Health Justice Australia is the national centre for health justice partnerships, supporting collaborations between services to achieve better health and justice outcomes for vulnerable communities.

We support the expansion and effectiveness of health justice partnerships through:

- Knowledge and its translation: developing evidence and translating that evidence into knowledge that is valued by practitioners, researchers, policy-makers and funders.
- Building capability: supporting practitioners to work collaboratively, including through brokering, mentoring and facilitating partnerships.
- Driving systems change: connecting the experience of people coming through health justice partnerships, and their practitioners, with opportunities for lasting systems change through reforms to policy settings, service design and funding.