

# Griffith Youth Forensic Service Synergetic Intervention Model (SIM)

Principle	Description
<b>Ethical and client-centred services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GYFS is committed to delivering ethical and respectful services to young people and their families.</li> <li>• Clinicians ensure that safe spaces are created when engaging young people and families in assessment and treatment processes.</li> <li>• The model acknowledges the importance of providing advocacy on behalf of young people given the nature of the client population and their complex needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Research-informed practice and practice-informed research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An integrated life-course developmental framework of sexual offending guides the delivery of the GYFS model.</li> <li>• The model is informed by principles of effective offender treatment, social ecology, and psychological and situational crime prevention theories.</li> <li>• The model acknowledges the social ecology of young people and their interaction within their various systems including: family; cultural; peer and community networks.</li> <li>• GYFS operates within a broader program of research and professional practice within Griffith University.</li> <li>• In turn, GYFS' practice is informed by and contributes to research focussed on understanding and preventing youth sexual violence and abuse.</li> </ul>
<b>Individually designed assessment and treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment is informed directly through a comprehensive assessment and case formulation guided by evidence and applied through the use of both empirical tools and professional judgement.</li> <li>• Treatment is designed individually, on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Clinicians deliver treatment on an individual level which targets the young person, family and broader ecosystems.</li> </ul>
<b>Synergetic approach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GYFS undertakes an ecosystemic approach to assessment and treatment.</li> <li>• The young person's behaviour is understood in the context of their social and psychological development as well as their immediate offence environment.</li> <li>• Interventions directly target the young person's multiple ecological systems.</li> <li>• Whilst GYFS clinicians work independently, they consult with the larger GYFS team to utilise collective expertise and practice knowledge.</li> </ul>
<b>Collaborative partnerships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GYFS practice model relies on identifying and recruiting teams of local collaborative partners (e.g. professionals; non-professionals, and family members).</li> <li>• These partners assist in the development and delivery of a range of interventions.</li> <li>• These partnerships involve active engagement and collaboration, not just information sharing.</li> </ul>
<b>Culturally sensitive practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An emphasis is placed on developing knowledge about local culture and community through consultation with discrete community members.</li> <li>• The model integrates the worldviews and concepts of First Nations peoples into criminogenic assessment and intervention.</li> <li>• GYFS continues to build an understanding of cultural explanations for western concepts relevant to sexual offending.</li> </ul>
<b>Field-based service delivery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensures all young people regardless of location receive equitable access to specialist services.</li> <li>• Enables clinicians to directly observe young people in their own environment.</li> <li>• Preserves the ecological validity of assessment and treatment.</li> <li>• Increases engagement and participation of young people, their families and others in intervention.</li> </ul>