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Question

FAMILY CENTRED EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

"Regarding the Family Centred Employment Project, how successful have these projects been in engaging at least one family member from a jobless family into paid employment? How many applications were received? Did the DEEWR seek additional applications from IF panel members? Who is undertaking these two projects? How is their success being measured? How many families have been assisted to date?"

Answer

Regarding the Family Centred Employment Project, how successful have these projects been in engaging at least one family member from a jobless family into paid employment?

The Family Centred Employment Project started in July 2010, so results are too preliminary at this stage to draw conclusions. As at 29 October 2010, three people have got jobs across the Broadmeadows (Victoria) and Goodna (Queensland) sites. Other families are engaged in pathway activities.

How many applications were received?

DEEWR received a total of 24 Innovation Fund project proposals to deliver the Family Centred Employment Project in Broadmeadows (Victoria) and Goodna (Queensland).

Did the DEEWR seek additional applications from IF panel members?

No further applications were sought from Innovation Fund panel members.

Who is undertaking these two projects?

Two Innovation Fund panel members were selected to deliver the FCEP:

- Workskil, Inc – Broadmeadows, Victoria
- Employment Services Holdings Pty Ltd – Goodna, Queensland.

How is their success being measured?

Success is being measured through the achievement of the project objectives.

There are three objectives of the FCEP:

1. Support the employment, education/training and social participation of jobless families in the community by increasing the capability of at least one individual within the context of their family and community.
2. Establish wrap around services and no wrong door approach to service delivery within the locations, for those services associated with jobless families.
3. Identify, document and disseminate good practice behaviours and principles in assisting the participation of jobless families, including the establishment of wrap around and no wrong door approaches to service delivery.

DEEWR will conduct a robust evaluation of the FCEP against the objectives of the project using qualitative and quantitative measures.

How many families have been assisted to date?

As at 29 October 2010 the FCEP has actively engaged with and assisted a total of 20 families in Broadmeadows and Goodna.