

## **Bravehearts Foundation – Turning Corners Program Nomination**

The Turning Corners Program provides comprehensive and integrated responses for vulnerable young people aged between 12-17 who have engaged, or are at risk of engaging, in harmful sexual behaviour. Since 2016, the program has been delivering an outreach and support services model to young people within their school, Out of Home Care, Youth Justice facilities and remotely via an online videoconferencing platform. Findings of an evaluation conducted in 2018 by Dr Nadine McKillop, Sexual Violence and Research and Prevention Unit, University of the Sunshine Coast, indicated that the program was fulfilling a need through increased accessibility to services for voluntary engagement in treatment, and as an additional referral pathway for formal tertiary system responses. In the past financial year, the program received 47 agency referrals and 15 self-referrals; spent 793 hours 14 minutes directly supporting clients (including phone, email, e-Health, outreach, letter and in-person); provided 295 individual counselling sessions; and supported 26 individual clients and their families (20 males, 6 females). The program receives no government funding and is supported by grants and philanthropic organisations.