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## **Small Grants Fund Recipient 2006**

### **Colville Social Service Collective, Colville, Coromandel**

Grant: \$1077.00 (plus GST)

The Colville Social Service Collective aims to foster and strengthen social support systems in the wider community that encourage wellbeing and fulfilment on spiritual, emotional and physical levels. The organisation provides children with opportunities to broaden their horizons, increase self-esteem, learn communication and teamwork skills and enjoy themselves.

Colville is a remote rural community without much access to social agencies. According to the organisation, the area has a high incidence of drug and alcohol abuse and incidences of reported child abuse yet it has no resident social workers. As a result the Colville Social Service identified the lack of resident social workers/counsellors as a gap needing redress in their community. Two members of staff were recruited to work as Youth Workers to provide children and young people with healthy options and positive role models. However, the organisation notes that the youth workers are full of "enthusiasm for the field and a rapport with children" but new to the job with no formal Youth Worker training.

The grant from Save the Children will therefore enable the Youth workers to undergo relevant training and provide opportunities for them to network with others in their field.