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Bunbury organisation named as a finalist in the WA Training Awards 2009

Jobs South West Community Services has been named as a finalist in the prestigious WA Training Awards.

The Bunbury training provider is one of three organisations in the finals for the WA Small Training Provider of the Year sponsored by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training.

Jobs South West Community Services provides flexible training opportunities for youth at risk, people with disabilities and mature aged job seekers in the South West region.

Jobs South West Community Services chief executive officer Posy Barnes said the organisation focused on making a positive difference in people's lives.

"It is important we provide tailored training to help trainees make the biggest impact on future employers," Ms Barnes said.

"When one of our trainees gets a job it is very rewarding experience for the staff and the trainee.

"Seeing the difference we make in the trainees lives makes the hard work worthwhile.

"We nominated the organisation for the awards to recognise our wonderful staff.

"The WA Training Awards recognise excellence within the training industry and provides great motivation for staff.

"Being named as a finalist has provided a wave of enthusiasm for staff and students to ride on."

Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O'Neill said the WA Training Awards recognised the very high quality and standards of the training system in Western Australia.

"A highly skilled workforce is essential for our economic and social prosperity," she said.

"The high calibre of the finalists across all the award categories shows how flexible and innovative training delivers results for industries, employers, communities and training providers."

Winners of the WA Training Awards 2009 will be announced on Friday 4 September.

The winner of the WA Small Training Provider of the Year will have a chance to compete against the best in Australia at the Australian Training Awards in Canberra in November.

The WA Training Awards 2009 are a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Training and the State Training Board.

For more information visit: trainingawards.det.wa.edu.au.

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