



Senior constables Chris Williams and Bryan Evans with Bush Dut, 16, Jacksyn Wilson, 8, Tylar Wilson, 11, and Thomas Price, 15, at the basketball clinic. Picture: Mogens Johansen

Game on to help

■ Gabrielle Knowles

Police hope shooting hoops on the basketball court proves a bigger lure for youths on Thursday afternoons than hanging out at a local shopping centre and risking trouble.

Two youth crime prevention officers have teamed up with other organisations to offer a drop-in basketball program at the Herb Graham Recreation Centre in Mirrabooka on Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm.

Boys and girls aged from 10 to 17 are welcome and coaches from the East Perth Basketball Association run the sessions, which cater for beginners to those who know how to play.

While some of the attendees are considered at-risk, others are coming with their parents because they are keen on playing sport.

Organisations helping include Whitelion, Inclusion Solutions, the departments of Communities and Child Protection, the City of Stirling, East Perth and WA basketball associations, WADJAK Northside Aboriginal Centre and Herb Graham Recreation Centre.