



Kaikohe Youth Action Plan

March 2014 Update



Our Goals are to:

Support Collaboration, Co-ordination and Communication

- Work together to ensure youth focussed initiatives are effective and better promoted.
- Support the joint development of initiatives responding to identified youth needs.

Reduce Alcohol and Other Drug Use

- Promote and increase strategies to keep young people safe.
- Ensure vulnerable taitamariki are identified early and prioritised.
- Ensure youth offenders are responded to with appropriate opportunities.
- Ensure young offenders and taitamariki at risk of offending are supported to become positive role models and contributors to society.

Reduce Offending

- Build awareness and resilience in order to minimise harm to youth from alcohol and drugs.
- Ensure taitamariki have access to health education, alcohol and other drug screening, brief intervention and other primary health care services.
- Develop and deliver a long term, evidence-based, effective programme to taitamariki found with alcohol or drugs in school.

Reduce Truancy

- Increase youth participation in education, training and employment.
- Ensure taitamariki have access to quality, relevant educational options.
- Ensure taitamariki have the support they need to achieve educational success.
- Ensure taitamariki have access to meaningful skill development and employment opportunities.

The Kaikohe Youth Action Plan will officially be launched on:

March 17, 2014
Northland College

Some of the ways we will achieve these goals:

Participation Action

- By June 2014, establish a whānau ora 'Wellbeing Centre' at Northland College.
- By February 2015, increase National Certificate and short term courses available using Northland College farm and forest.

Action on Youth Offending

- By June 2014, Police to work with schools/community to foster good relations, break down barriers and spread positive messages.
- By June 2014, develop a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan to minimise youth offending.
- By December 2014, high levels of visibility by community patrols and Māori Wardens in the CBD and other high risk areas.

Action on Sector Collaboration

- By June 2015, develop cross-agency agreements, systems and monitoring processes to provide better services to young people.

Action on Alcohol and Drug Use Minimisation

- By June 2014, develop a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan to minimise the harm to youth due to alcohol and other drugs.
- By February 2015, deliver wellbeing services to 150 taitamariki, giving easy access to health and social services, including youth workers and counselling.

Action on Truancy

By March 2014:

- A marae-based whānau support programme is developed.
- A re-engagement plan is created with individual taitamariki, creating a meaningful learning plan.
- By December 2014, 30 taitamariki have had a re-engagement plan put in place.

SOME COMPLETED ACTIONS SO FAR:

- An educational facility for eight year 9/10 taitamariki who are currently disengaged from the mainstream school model was established.
- A student service coordinator is in place at Northland college to ensure students have access to appropriate services.
- 10 potential young leaders now have access to the support and resources they need to connect to the wider community.
- Support for a youth leadership group to run events/forums.
- A fund to support taitamariki to participate in events celebrating their success was established.
- HYPE Advisory Group youth are being trained to participate in the assessment of applicants to this fund.

COMPLETED!

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For the full action plan google 'Kaikohe Youth Action Plan' or search on the Ministry of Social Development website



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