



Te Kāhu Toi - Te Awa Unit

Te Awa is a service for young people aged 11-17, who are in the custody of Oranga Tamariki, Ministry for Children (OTMC). The service is managed through the Ministry of Education's contracted provider, the Northern Health School and works in co-operation with OTMC.

Te Awa delivers 2 types of service:

1. **An assessment service**, that looks at identifying young people's needs or at answering specific referral questions (function of behaviour, education assessment, therapeutic needs...).
2. **An intensive wraparound service**, which aims at supporting young people to:
 - a. Learn new skills and ways of behaving
 - b. Develop a healthy sense of personal identity
 - c. Engage successfully in education at a local school
 - d. Develop the skills necessary for building prosocial peer relationships
 - e. Enjoy a successful home life, including developing relationships with whanau and community

Implementation of the plan is carried out by the young person's Wraparound Team which has the young person and wherever possible their family at the centre.

Regular reviews take place monthly, with goals reviewed and new needs prioritised, strategies discussed and action points agreed to by all participants. Once the plan's goals have been met, the young person will be transitioned out of the service.

Goals of Wraparound

1		» To ensure caregivers and youth have ACCESS to the people and processes in which decisions are made as well as access to needed resources and services.
2		» To ensure families VOICES are heard and they are full decision makers in charge of their own lives.
3		» To ensure the family has OWNERSHIP of the planning process in partnership with the team and is in agreement and committed to carry out the plan.

What do Wraparound team members need to know and what can they expect?

- » You will be asked by the Wraparound facilitator to be a part of the young person and/or family's team and work collaboratively to meet the young person's and their family's vision.
- » You will be asked to identify your agency/service strengths and supports that you can provide.
- » A 'single' wraparound plan will be created around the young person. The team is responsible for coming up with a plan for the young person which the psychologist will write. Team members will take responsibility for specific actions within the plan to help the young person achieve and be successful.
- » You can expect regular team meetings and follow up on assigned tasks and responsibilities within the plan.
- » You may be asked to manage any funding needed to support the wraparound plan (usually the school).
- » You may be asked to contribute services, supports or funding to meet the young person's and their family's needs.



In Wraparound we help your young person and your family/whānau to realise your hopes and dreams and for your child to grow up in their home and community.

Family Voice and Choice: Family and child/ youth perspectives are intentionally elicited and prioritised during all phases of the Wraparound process. Planning is grounded in family members' perspectives, and the team strives to provide options and choices such that the plan reflects the family's values and preferences.

