

WHAKATAKAPOKAI – OPERATING MODEL



PURPOSE

Provide safe and secure residential care to:

- Support tamariki, whānau and victims
- Restore mana
- Reduce reoffending

PRINCIPLES

Community involvement

- Tamariki are connected with and participate in their community as far as practicable, legal and consonant with the need to ensure public safety

Stability and security

- Placements will offer structure and security for tamariki
- Staff are supported and feel safe

Putting tamariki first

- Tamariki have a voice and are heard in decisions affecting them

Mana tamaiti through whakapapa and whānaungatanga

- Residential staff connect with tamariki and facilitate strengthening of connections with their whānau, hapū, Iwi and community
- Tamariki have access to culturally appropriate programmes

ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

- Reporting lines enable oversight, leadership and delegation of responsibilities
- All staff report to the residence manager. Youth workers on shift report to their team leader and other intervention roles report to the relevant team leader
- A line of sight policy applies to all staff in contact with tamariki
- Staff are trained in current best practice, engagement techniques and de-escalation strategies
- Every member of staff has a responsibility to ensure that tamariki are provided with a safe environment

ENVIRONMENT STATIC

- Placement to give effect to the detention requirements of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989
- Tamariki are provided with individual bedrooms
- Extensive CCTV coverage and 24hr monitoring across residence
- Whakatakapokai comprises two 10-bed units, an education unit, gymnasium, wharehau and assessment unit
- Environment meets the needs of tamariki and staff

ENVIRONMENT DYNAMIC

- As much as practicable, tamariki are placed close to their homes and communities
- Placement decisions are informed by dynamic risk factors and the best interests of each tamariki
- Tamariki are actively engaged in education and other programmes
- Effective plans are developed between tamariki, education, site and team leaders
- There is active engagement with whānau, case workers and service providers to give effect to plans
- Tamariki develop meaningful relationships with staff

STRUCTURED DAY

- Support participation in clinical interventions to address, reduce or develop targeted behaviours
- Support and enable activities and processes required within the youth justice system (e.g. FGCs; hearings)
- Tamariki have opportunities to explore and develop interests and skills
- Tamariki have facilitated whānau visits
- Tamariki have access to support for health needs
- On-going engagement with education and school

LEGISLATION

Oranga Tamariki Act 1989

- Apply the objects and principles of the Oranga Tamariki Act
- Enable participation in youth justice proceedings in accordance with Part 4
- Satisfy detention or residential requirements pursuant to s 238(1)(d) or s 311

Criminal Procedure Act 2011:

- possible placement in a residence pending hearing or sentence in the adult courts

Corrections Act 2004:

- placement of children and possible placement of young people in a residence who have been sentenced to imprisonment by adult courts

Resource Management Act 1991

- Placement decisions are made consistently in accordance with the designation under the Resource Management Act for Whakatakapokai.

Oranga Tamariki (Residential Care) Regulations 1996

- Provide care in accordance with the Residential Care Regulations
- Operate within the parameters of the Residential Care Regulations

Other instruments

- Including UN Convention on Rights of the Child; UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities