

Kiwi Tahī

OVERVIEW

Kiwi Tahī is 6 month Community Support Programme for 8 – 12 year olds considered vulnerable due to risk factors and/or negative associations. Referred by Police Youth Services.

HOW KIWI TAHI WORKS:

Kiwi Tahī focusses on Life Skill development using content specifically designed to promote resiliency and enhance a young person’s ability to make better decisions and keep self safe.

Life skill Modules – Strengthen Self, Health and Well-being, Impact of negative peer pressure and associations, impact of alcohol and methamphetamine, Enhance Decision Making.

Engagement with a Youth Worker 2 afternoons per week after school + activities during the school holidays. Participants will have an opportunity to increase pro-social behaviour, interpersonal skills, emotional regulation, school engagement and community connectedness.

Whānau willing to engage will have an opportunity to strengthen family relationships, increase life skill knowledge, access community supports and support positive change.

Community Based Learning using local resources i.e. recreation centres, libraries, local parks, beaches etc. This is about connecting tamariki to their community and allowing positive relationships to be formed within the community context.

Kiwi Tahī is underpinned by this whakatauki (proverb):

**Whāngai Ka Tupu Ka Puāwai
That Which is Nurtured, Blossoms then Grows**

“Kiwi Tahī was my sanctuary, it was a programme about me and not my brothers. I felt special and included, finally something for me. The programme was about encouraging me to believe in myself, encourage good social skills, develop positive relationships and be independent.”

Q’wy, Kiwi Tahī Participant

