

Taiohi Ararau – Passport to life | Evaluation summary

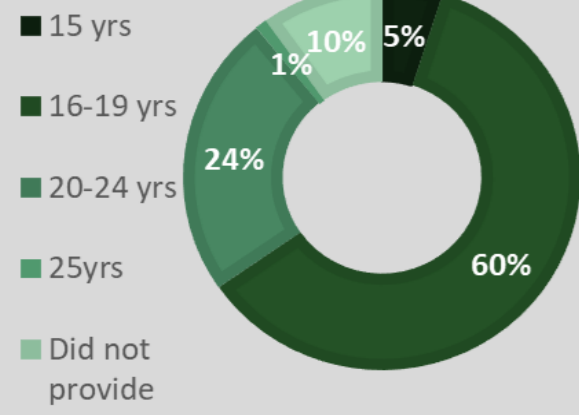
Taiohi Ararau – Passport to Life is an initiative designed to support taiohi Māori (aged 15–24 years) to gain essential documents required for training and employment. Delivered by four providers in Te Tai Tokerau since 2018, the initiative has supported over 150 taiohi Māori to achieve success

Taiohi participants

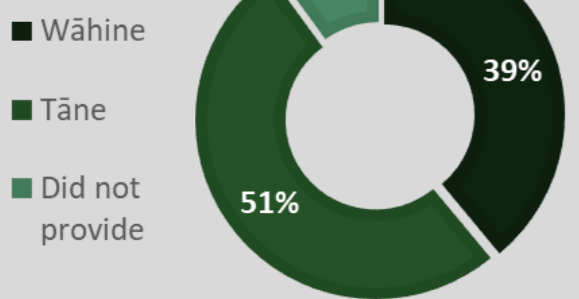
157 Taiohi participated



AGE

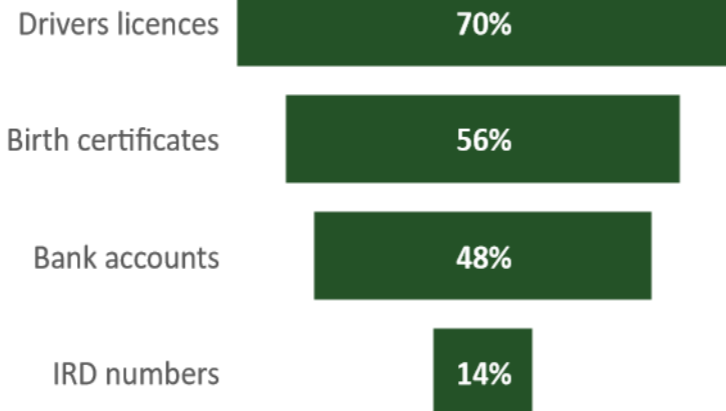


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Immediate benefits

ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS ATTAINED (N=87)



Other word ready documentation

- ◆ CV's and cover letters; email and RealMe accounts
- ◆ Kiwi Access Cards
- ◆ Certifications - e.g. Motorbike basic handling; Traffic controller; Forklift

Mentoring and guidance support

- ◆ Pathway plans (strengths, goals, and aspirations)
- ◆ Growing personal leadership, collaboration and communication skills
- ◆ Connecting to identity through whakapapa, te reo and tikanga Māori

Whānau-centred approaches

- ◆ Taiohi have been the conduit to whānau in need
- ◆ Whānau have sought support based on the success of taiohi
- ◆ Whānau-centred practices have ensured taiohi and whānau needs are met

Outcomes

In jobs and/or training

Renewed pride, purpose, self belief

Confident, happy, motivated

Role models for whānau and friends

Skills to interact, communicate and engage

Diverted to positive pathways

Taiohi voice

"The programme felt good because someone believed in me. The Kaitono helped me develop a plan because I had no plans...through the programme I got my licence back, I did my CV, they helped me set up an AP for my fines, they helped me find a job...P2L just changed my whole attitude...Before P2L we were just moping around, being bored bums really. No motivation...our families were struggling so they didn't have time to worry about me...life sucked. I was always trying to run away now I don't want to leave! Now our families are proud of me they are happy as. I used to think the world owed me something, but since I've been in P2L I am taking responsibility for everything that I do, the good and the bad, I'm working, I'm hanging out with good people trying to stay busy and making great decisions" (Taiohi, wāhine, 22yrs)

Success factors

- ◆ Taiohi are supported within the context of whānau
- ◆ Providers are flexible, responsive, strengths-based, youth focused and whānau-centred
- ◆ Taiohi gain successes quickly which builds relational trust and taiohi confidence in themselves
- ◆ Taiohi successes are celebrated which is further motivation for taiohi to set goals and succeed
- ◆ Providers have strategic partnerships with key organisations, agencies and individuals to ensure the needs of taiohi and whānau are met
- ◆ Mentoring and pastoral support is embedded in the approach and underpinned by Māori values
- ◆ Funding is a critical enabler
- ◆ Taiohi Ararau is breaking a cycle of intergenerational deprivation for whānau

"All you have to do is plant the seed and let them (taiohi) water it" (Kaitono)



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Future considerations

For Taiohi Ararau to continue to be successful it needs to be:

- ◆ Situated within organisations that are well connected to its community; are Māori and whānau-centred and use culturally informed and value-based approaches to their work with taiohi and whānau Māori.
- ◆ Led by kaitono who have a heart for the kaupapa (supporting youth), are well connected, visible, responsive and can think strategically about how they move taiohi towards a journey of success

Policy settings also need to be reviewed to ensure that:

- ◆ Funding investment adequately reflects the high value gained by providers for taiohi in the short and long term; and increasing numbers of taiohi requiring support.
- ◆ Eligibility criteria, in particular the NEET criteria and the age bands, reflect the realities of taiohi who require support.