What is Whānau Ora?

Whānau Ora is a culturally-grounded, holistic approach to improving the wellbeing of whānau as a group, and addressing individual needs within the context of whānau.

Characteristics include:

- **building whānau capability** to support whānau self-management, independence and autonomy
- **putting whānau needs and aspirations at the centre** with services that are integrated and accessible
- **building trusting relationships** between service providers and whānau, and between government agencies and iwi
- **developing a culturally competent and technically skilled workforce** able to adopt a holistic, whānau-centred approach to supporting whānau aspirations
- **supporting funding, contracting and policy arrangements**, as well as effective leadership from government and iwi, to support whānau aspirations.

Whānau Ora is an innovative approach to improving whānau wellbeing that puts whānau at the centre of decision making. The Whānau Ora approach focuses on the whānau as a whole, and addresses individual needs within the context of the whānau.

Whānau are supported to identify the aspirations they have to improve their lives and build their capacity to achieve their goals.

Iwi and the Crown have agreed to a shared Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework to guide their work to improve outcomes for whānau.

### Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework

The Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework builds on the work of the Taskforce on Whānau Centred Initiatives that carried out extensive consultation in 2009. An additional element has been added to recognise the importance of the natural and living environments. The Outcomes Framework confirms that Whānau Ora is achieved when whānau are:

- self-managing
- living healthy lifestyles
- participating fully in society
- confidently participating in Te Ao Māori
- economically secure and successfully involved in wealth creation
- cohesive, resilient and nurturing
- responsible stewards of their natural and living environments.

The framework recognises the long-term and progressive change required for whānau to achieve these aspirational goals by including short, medium and long-term outcomes.

Short-term outcomes are the improvements in quality of life for whānau that can be achieved within four or five years. Medium-term outcomes focus on what can be achieved in five to 10 years. Long-term outcomes focus on 11 to 25 years.
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**Whānau Goals and Aspirations**

**Increased numbers of whānau participate in their community using their language of choice.**

**Increased numbers of whānau access cultural knowledge, engage in knowledge creation, and transfer that knowledge amongst themselves.**

**Increasing numbers of whānau are engaged in business, entrepreneurship, and innovation.**

**Increasing numbers of whānau own their own businesses or benefit from the improved productivity and prosperity of their businesses.**

**Whānau see improvements in the value of business they own.**

**Whānau have increased financial literacy, improved access to capital and a practice of saving for key ‘life’ milestones.**

**Whānau achieve at least a living wage.**

**Whānau live in homes that are free from abuse and violence.**

**Whānau transform their lives through support from rehabilitation services (when needed).**

**Whānau are confident to address crises and challenges.**

**Whānau are stable, organised, and provide their tamariki with the best possible start in life.**

**Whānau understand the importance of school attendance and support and encourage their tamariki and mokopuna to attend school.**

**Rangatahi are supported and nurtured in their transition to adulthood.**

**Whānau are active participants and contributors to responsible and sustainable environmental management.**

**Whānau access a range of housing options and the support required to pursue those options.**

**Whānau are increasingly satisfied with their housing situation.**

**Whānau increase the use of their land to provide housing, sustenance and food for themselves.**

**Parents build skills and strategies to nurture and care and provide for their children.**

**Where necessary, whānau address violence, addiction, substance abuse, and risk of self-harm through increased uptake of affordable and culturally appropriate support services.**

**Increase the number of tamariki from vulnerable whānau who are attending school on a regular basis.**

**Relationships between partners are strong and supportive.**

**Whānau are developing nurturing environments that provide for their physical, emotional, spiritual and mental wellbeing.**

**Increased opportunity for whānau to participate in environmental management practices.**

**Increased number of whānau accessing services to improve the health of their homes.**
The Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework in action

Whānau Ora Partnership Group

The Partnership Group agreed to the Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework. It uses the framework to set the direction, identify priorities and monitor progress towards the achievement of improved outcomes for whānau.

For most of the short-term outcomes, the Whānau Ora Partnership Group has identified the types of changes for whānau that are expected to be seen over four to five years. Indicators and measures have been set to monitor progress towards achieving the short-term outcomes.

Iwi
Iwi across the country invest in their whānau. The Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework aligns to iwi aspirations. It provides a point of reference to help iwi identify common priorities with government and others, for potential partnerships and investment in Whānau Ora outcomes.

Government agencies
The Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework helps guide government agencies in policy, planning and investment decisions aimed at improving outcomes for whānau. Government agencies are able to use the Outcomes Framework to identify opportunities and priorities for partnership and investment, both with other government agencies and with iwi.

Commissioning Agencies
The Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework assists Te Puni Kōkiri in commissioning Whānau Ora services and supports for whānau from the Whānau Ora commissioning agencies.

The commissioning agencies are non-government organisations that are contracted to fund and support initiatives which deliver the Whānau Ora outcomes. They act as brokers to match the needs and aspirations of whānau with initiatives that assist them to become more self-managing.

Commissioning agencies contract with established Whānau Ora provider collectives as well as other community providers such as iwi, marae, community organisations, education providers, church groups, land trusts and sports groups.

Commissioning agencies report annually to Te Puni Kōkiri on the provider and whānau outcomes achieved, as they relate to the overall outcome goals of Whānau Ora.

The Commissioning Agencies are:

Te Pou Matakana
For whānau in Te Ika-a-Māui – North Island
www.tepoumatakana.com

Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu
For whānau in Te Waipounamu – South Island
www.teputahitanga.org

Pasifika Futures
For Pasifika families across New Zealand
www.pasifikafutures.co.nz

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