



Child and Youth
Wellbeing

Monitoring of Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Implementation



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Purpose

This report provides an update on the implementation of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy¹ (the Strategy) and its Programme of Action for the July 2020 - December 2020 period. It details what activity was carried out in this period to bring the Strategy into effect; that is, how agencies and non-government organisations are aligning to the Strategy framework, and the progress of the particular policies and initiatives underway across government to help achieve the Strategy's vision and outcomes.

This report is an input into the upcoming Annual Report on the Strategy which will report on progress against the Strategy's outcomes and include initial data on its Child and Youth Wellbeing indicators.² It provides an update on key achievements in the Programme of Action during the July to December 2020 period. This is followed by a brief description of the extent to which central government agencies are aligning to the Strategy framework (*Signs of central agency alignment*, p. 24), and examples where non-government actors have used the framework in their work (*Collective action beyond central government*, p. 25).

The previous implementation report, covering the period 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020, was proactively released in September 2020. That report is available at the following link:

<https://childyouthwellbeing.govt.nz/resources/monitoring-report-implementation-child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy-1-july-2019-30-june>

Progress in the Programme of Action

Overall, good progress has been made in implementing the actions during this period. While some actions have been delayed, in part as a result of COVID-19, others have been scaled up and refocused in response to COVID-19.

The following significant new initiatives have also been added to the programme:

- *Support for young children to improve their self-regulation, resilience, and social skills*
- *Participation of Youth Justice Victims in Family Group Conferences*
- *Expansion of Mana Ake*

A national action plan against racism will also be developed as part of the *Government work programme to address racism and discrimination*.

New approaches, prototypes and pilots

A number of initiatives explore new approaches to the design and delivery of services, in keeping with the principles of the Strategy. For example:

- 38 Curriculum Lead roles were established to work with schools, kura, centre-based early learning services and kōhanga reo, to support the health and wellbeing of learners
- the *Enhanced Well Child Tamariki Ora support pilots*, the first of which is Tiaki Whānau in Lakes DHB, are providing more holistic support to young parents and whānau with greater needs by involving a kaitiaki, supported by a broader team
- a significant investment (\$42.2 million) is being made in the *Ngā Tini Whetū programme*, a cross-agency initiative for whānau who need extra support. When fully operationalised (by mid-2021), this will see additional early support offered to approximately 800 whānau
- under the *Intensive (Whānau) Response* action, Te Kei o Te Waka (an iwi-led intensive intervention model) was launched in Tokoroa.

1 For further information about the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy, please refer to the Strategy's website: <https://childyouthwellbeing.govt.nz/>

2 For each outcome set out in the Strategy, there is a set of indicators to measure progress on the outcome. For further information on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Indicators, please refer to the Strategy's website: <https://childyouthwellbeing.govt.nz/measuring-success/indicators>

Progress on system wide changes

Progress has also been made on a number of large-scale system changes. For example:

- as part of the *Overhaul the welfare system* action, the Minister for Social Development and Employment has made decisions on next steps for the foundations of the welfare system
- progress was made across a number of actions in the *Youth Plan 2020-2022*, to help incorporate youth voice and perspectives into government work
- the *National Education and Learning Priorities and Tertiary Education Strategy* have both been released, and a draft action plan developed for the Education Workforce Strategy.

A wider range of supports to students has been introduced, including:

- *Free access to period products in schools* started in Term 3, 2020
- the *Code of pastoral care for domestic tertiary students* is building the capability of tertiary education providers to support their learners' wellbeing.

Under the *Learning Support Action Plan* initiative, a range of actions to provide earlier support and strengthen an inclusive education system have been progressed, such as:

- the roll-out of Learning Support Coordinator roles
- providing additional funding to support students with high and complex learning needs.

Impacts of COVID-19

The redeployment of resources to support the COVID-19 response impacted the progress of some actions. This included delays to:

- the roll-out of initiatives like the *Kea Project* (Ara Poutama Aotearoa's Whānau Visits Experience pilot), and *Changes to teaching New Zealand history in schools and kura*
- the expansion and enhancement of School-Based Health Services (nurses in schools) to decile 5 schools (although this is now fully implemented and is available to 96,700 students across nearly 300 schools)
- an action to make resilience-building and mindfulness resources available in schools (however additional funding was provided to develop a toolkit for parents and whānau to support their children at home). Work to develop the wellbeing resources for schools has since recommenced
- the *WhatAboutMe?* survey. Data collection for the survey was scheduled to take place from March to September 2020 but is now scheduled for the same time in 2021.

Some existing actions are also being scaled up to support the COVID-19 response – for example, *Ka Ora, Ka Ako: free and healthy school lunch programme* is to be expanded to around 200,000 children during 2021.



Children and Young People are Loved, Safe and Nurtured

PROGRESS UPDATES FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2020 – ACTIONS IN TRAIN

Enhanced Well Child Tamariki Ora support pilots update (nurse-led family partnership model) (Ministry of Health)

- Three initial pilot sites were announced in the Lakes, Counties Manukau and Tairāwhiti DHB regions.
- The first pilot, Tiaki Whānau, was launched in Rotorua (Lakes DHB) in December.

Next Steps

- Launch of the Counties Manukau DHB pilot in May 2021.
- Launch of the Tairāwhiti DHB pilot in July 2021.

Expand coverage of Whānau Ora to support more whānau to thrive and achieve wellbeing outcomes (Te Puni Kōkiri)

- Budget 2020 provided funding to expand COVID-19 support delivered through the three Whānau Ora commissioning agencies, and to improve local decision-making and accountability processes.

Next Steps

- Evaluations are being considered for Whānau Ora initiatives from Budget 2019 and the response to the Whānau Ora Review, including localised commissioning and *Paiheretia te Muka Tāngata*.³

Increased funding to support iwi and NGO partners that provide early support (Oranga Tamariki)

\$57.7 million is being provided over four years through Budget 2020 to support the work of iwi, Māori and NGO partners, particularly those that rely on social workers and similarly skilled staff.

Ngā Tini Whetū - early support for families and whānau

(Oranga Tamariki, Te Puni Kōkiri, Accident Compensation Corporation)

- Ngā Tini Whetū is a whānau-centred early intervention initiative announced in September 2020.
- \$42.2 million is being invested over two years to provide additional early support to approximately 800 whānau across the North Island, supported by 80 Kaiārahi (Navigators).

Next Steps

- The initiative is expected to be fully operationalised by mid-2021.
- Undertake a short-term evaluation of the first 12 months of the prototype.

Intensive (Whānau) Response – new model of intensive intervention for those at risk of entering care (Oranga Tamariki)

Action previously titled 'Intensive Intervention'

- The iwi-led Intensive Intervention model Te Kei o Te Waka was launched in Tokoroa in August 2020.
- Design work with iwi and Māori partners is underway in the Hawke's Bay, Hamilton, Te Hiku, Horowhenua, Ōtāhuhu, and Nelson.

Next Steps

- Aiming for an early 2021 launch for a joint partnership with Oranga Tamariki in Christchurch East.
- Strengthen and expand support across the sites by July 2021.
- Agree an overall strategy for expanding Intensive (Whānau) Response across Tāmaki Makaurau.

³ *Paiheretia te Muka Tāngata* is a separate action in the programme. The full update for this action can be found under the Involved and Empowered Outcome.

Family Justice reforms in response to the Final Report of the Independent Panel (Ministry of Justice)

- An expanded legal aid scheme is now operational.
- The first phase of a staged remuneration increase for lawyers for children has been implemented.
- A second Bill focused on strengthening the Family Court was introduced on 6 August and had its first reading on 8 December.

Next Steps

- Complete second phase policy work to support the government response to the review.

Kea Project (Ara Poutama Aotearoa – Department of Corrections)

Previously titled *High Impact Innovation Programme initiatives that will support parent-child relationships*

- Project expanded to include Whanganui prison, with spatial design completed in December.
- Implementation and delivery of the pilot was impacted by the COVID-19 lockdowns and subsequent operational priorities.
- Project reintroduced in Hawke's Bay Regional Prison in alignment with the Kaupapa Māori Pathway (previously intended to be implemented in November 2019, however this experienced delays).

Next Steps

- Delivery in Manawatu Prison scheduled for later in 2021.
- All three sites in full delivery by 30 June 2021.

Financial assistance for caregivers (response) (Oranga Tamariki)

- \$210 million provided through the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to address issues exacerbated by COVID-19.
- From 6 July, the base rates of the Orphan's Benefit (OB), Unsupported Child's Benefit (UCB) and Foster Care Allowance increased by \$25 per week, per child.
- The Social Security (Financial Assistance for Caregivers) Amendment Bill passed its first reading on 9 December (referred to the Social Services and Community Committee).

Next Steps

- The Social Security (Financial Assistance for Caregivers) Amendment Bill passed by 1 July 2021 to expand the OB and UCB to caregivers who provide care for less than 12 months from 1 July 2021, and provide Christmas and Birthday allowances from January 2022 onwards.
- Develop a multi-year programme to evaluate the changes to eligibility and rates of payments, to assess if the proposals are implemented as expected and have the impacts anticipated.

National strategy and action plan to prevent and eliminate family violence and sexual violence

(Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture)

A discussion document on a national strategy was developed. Targeted pre-engagements are underway with community representatives to inform an engagement plan.

Next Steps

Broader engagement is expected to commence in April-May 2021.

Family violence prevention: increased investment (Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture)

New five-year strategies for E Tū Whānau, Pasefika Proud and The Campaign for Action on Family Violence (It's not OK) were released.

Next Steps

- A research and evaluation plan is being developed to give effect to the E Tū Whānau outcomes framework, with key insights available from the beginning of 2022.
- Pasefika Proud to work with ethnic specific Pacific communities to:
 - launch the National Tokelau Family Violence Prevention and Wellbeing Strategy in June 2021

- complete the scoping of Niuean Leaders proposal to develop a national plan
- socialise the approach with Fijian leaders.
- Evaluate a new youth campaign for the Campaign for Action on Family Violence (It's not OK) (to be completed in 2021/22).

Violence prevention needs of diverse communities (Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture)

Ministerial approval received on the process to co-design community-led violence prevention with diverse communities.

Next Steps

Interview members of the rainbow, disabled, older adult and migrant communities to understand needs.

Creating a safe online and digital environment for children and young people

(Department of Internal Affairs)

- Phase one of *Keep It Real Online* reached 870,000 people (four videos were broadcast until late July and are now available online).
- *The Egplant* miniseries launched in December (viewed over 164,000 times as at 10 January 2021).

Next Steps

- Launch Phase Two - develop and roll out messaging and resources to young people, then children (completed mid-2021).
- Assess Phase Two.

Improve regional capability to respond to family violence

(Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture)

- Extensive engagement carried out with non-government organisations on the participation of specialist frontline service providers in family violence risk assessment and triage processes.
- Scheduling to establish practice leaders experienced set-backs due to reprioritisation of resources in response to COVID-19.

Next Steps

By July 2021, establish practice leaders able to build practice standards and provide resources to support regional professional development.

Sexual violence support services for children and young people

(Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture)

This action was created from merging the *Increased services for children and young people with concerning/harmful sexual behaviours* and *Sexual violence crisis support services for children and young people* actions.

- Analysis of the current state of services for children and young people completed.
- Funding to existing providers increased to target existing waitlists and stabilise service provision.
- Resource challenges have resulted in the design of services being delayed (design is being carried out with iwi and hapū using Te Tiriti based protocols).
- An early support pilot to train education professionals to address concerning sexual behaviour sooner is being developed (Mid and South Canterbury).

Next steps

- Complete resource design following engagement with iwi, hapū, and partners.
- Roll-out of the Mid and South Canterbury pilot.
- Development of inclusive responses for those with intellectual and neuro-disabilities.
- Develop delivery approaches for smaller geographical areas.

Develop kaupapa Māori services for victims/survivors, perpetrators and their whānau

(Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture)

Work by the Specialist Working Group to build capability continued.

Next Steps

- Work by the Specialist Working Group completed in March 2021.
- Commission an additional independent service design group to design kaupapa Māori service specifications (completed July 2021).
- Carry out 12-18 months of testing to ensure fidelity to the service specifications.

Improve the wellbeing of male victims/survivors of sexual violence through peer support services

(Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture)

Funding was increased and new long-term contracts put in place.

Next Steps

The expansion of services into geographical gaps is on track for 2020/21.

Health sector screening for early intervention and prevention of family violence

(Family Violence and Sexual Violence Joint Venture)

Scoping of the Violence Intervention Programme continued.

Next Steps

Co-design phase, led by a Māori Expert Advisory Group, to be completed in September 2021.

Oranga Tamariki Action Plan (Oranga Tamariki)

The delivery date of the draft Oranga Tamariki Action Plan was changed to December 2021.

Next Steps

Initial advice on the Action Plan provided in the first half of 2021.

Implementation of National Care Standards (Oranga Tamariki)

- Support and training for the Care Standards programme was delivered to support sites and practice leaders.
- Continued work to update operational policy and guidance, with a focus on products for tamariki Māori and Pacific children, and Māori-centred practice.
- Development of new training modules and support for social workers in key areas, such as plans and assessments, continued.

Next Steps

- The Independent Children's Monitor (ICM) is responsible for monitoring all of the Care Standards (1 January 2021).
- Release of additional learning modules in early 2021.
- Release of further products outlining the rights of tamariki and rangatahi mid-2021.

Improve outcomes for Māori children and young people within the Oranga Tamariki system

(Oranga Tamariki)

The inaugural section 7AA annual report was delivered in July:

<https://orangatamariki.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/About-us/Report-and-releases/Section-7AA-Report/S7AA-Improving-outcomes-for-tamariki-Maori.pdf>

Next Steps

Establishment of an Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board, to provide independent advice and assurance, commencing 1 February 2021, with an initial report expected by 30 June 2021.



Children and Young People Have What They Need

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Increase the minimum wage to \$20 per hour by 2021 (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment)

- Advice provided on the review of the minimum wage (statutory obligation).
- On 17 December 2020, the Minister announced an increase to the adult minimum wage to \$20 per hour from 1 April 2021, in line with the Government's pre-election commitment.

Support for disabled people and people with health conditions (Ministry of Social Development)

- Funding was received to continue Take Charge youth service, Waitematā Individual Placement and Support (IPS) trial, and Puāwaitanga and Whītiki Tauā pastoral care services to 2021/22.
- Here Toitū service went live in August in Auckland and Canterbury.

Next Steps

- Expansion of IPS in Counties Manukau and Auckland DHBs, and of the IPS-Take Charge youth service in Auckland, in June 2021.
- Go-live of new preventative service designed by the Ministry of Social Development, MidCentral DHB and THINK Hauora (PHO) by the end of May 2021.
- Roll-out of the Puāwaitanga app in March/April 2021.
- Begin work to expand Whītiki Tauā to all youth.

Expand and strengthen employment services to support more disabled New Zealanders (Ministry of Social Development)

- Procurement and development of the Employment Service in Schools pilot.

Next Steps

- Workshops with providers, schools, disabled people and their families/whānau over February and March to agree the operational approach for the pilot.
- Go-live of pilot in February 2021 (50 schools have opted in so far).
- Up to 1000 disabled young people are to take part in the pilot that will end on 30 June 2022.

Government response to Fair Pay Agreement Working Group report (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment)

- Resources for this project were diverted to the COVID-19 response in 2020.

Next Steps

- April 2021 Cabinet paper seeking approval to draft a Bill.
- Bill introduced to the House by the end of 2021.

Overhaul the welfare system (Ministry of Social Development)

- Decisions made by the Minister on next steps for the foundations of the welfare system.
- In July 2020 Cabinet agreed to the removal of the subsequent child policy from November 2021.
- Work on the treatment of child support for beneficiaries was put on hold due to the prioritisation of COVID-19 response work.

Next Steps

- A focus through 2021 on resetting the foundations of the welfare system.

Changes to abatement settings (Ministry of Social Development)

In December 2020, Cabinet agreed to increase the abatement threshold on 1 April 2021 for Job Support, NZ Superannuation/Veteran's Pension with non-qualifying partner, and the Supported Living Payment/Sole Parents Support/Veteran's Pension (under 65).

Next Steps

Work to consider future indexation of abatement thresholds.

Strengthening Housing First (Ministry of Housing and Urban Development)

- A provider collective in the Mid-Far North was contracted to deliver 38 places per year.
- 664 new individuals and whānau accepted to the Housing First programme from July 2020 to November 2020.
- Those currently housed through the programme increased by 292 from July 2020 to November 2020.
- A provider has been contracted to evaluate the Housing First programme and Rapid Rehousing trial.

Next Steps

- Evaluation of the programme completed in December 2022.

Homelessness Action Plan (Ministry of Housing and Urban Development)

- The 18 immediate actions are either in development, underway or in place and transitioned to BAU.
- Six of the 18 longer-term actions were brought forward in response to COVID-19.
- A sustaining tenancies service was re-designed and implemented.
- Two innovation and capability building community grant funds were launched.
- A rapid re-housing approach was piloted and further supports put in place for families and whānau with children in emergency housing, including a flexible funding package to support the wellbeing and education needs of children in emergency housing.
- The first six-month report on the Action Plan was released in August 2020.

Next Steps

- The second six-month report in early 2021 will present a baseline for future reporting.

Tailored housing outcomes for Māori (Ministry of Housing and Urban Development)

- Regular engagement with iwi and Māori housing providers led to funding grants being provided to seven Māori housing providers.
- As part of the Homelessness Action Plan,⁴ He Taupua (a \$4 million fund in total) launched its funding round for the 2020/21 financial year for Māori housing providers, whānau trusts and ahuhenua trusts. 37 of the 48 eligible applications were successful.

Next Steps

- All new He Taupua contracts completed by 30 June 2021.
- An evaluation of the impacts of MAIHI (Te Maihi O Te Whare Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation Framework for Action) investment for whānau is planned.

Funding for continued provision of transitional housing (Ministry of Housing and Urban Development)

Between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020, the total number of transitional housing places increased by a net of 722 to 3956.

⁴ The *Homelessness Action Plan* is a separate action. The full update for this action can also be found under the Have What They Need outcome.

Housing Support Products (Ministry of Housing and Urban Development)

Time-limited funding of \$30.9 million was provided for a temporary increase to the Rent Arrears Assistance payment limit from \$2,000 to \$4,000, and expanded access (extended until 31 June 2021).

Papakāinga development (Te Puni Kōkiri)

- 88 projects and 20 variations worth \$21.728 million were approved (papakāinga developments, repairs to private homes, Sorted Kāinga Ora financial capability programmes).
- \$3 million invested in Te Tumu Paeroa investment in Māori housing repair programmes in Te Tai Tokerau, Te Tairāwhiti, Waikato and Taranaki.
- The Māori Housing Network investment programme was reset to consider post-COVID priorities, uncommitted funds, and requests for funding from other agency projects.

Next Steps

- Complete most 2020/21 community repair programmes.
- Review all active projects to ensure they are on track for delivery by 30 June 2021.

Supporting Pacific households into homeownership (Ministry for Pacific Peoples)

A team dedicated to improving home ownership for Pacific families and communities was established to:

- Build financial capability for Pacific families.
- Support provider capability to become Community Housing Providers and funding of feasibility studies for land use for housing developments.
- Build affordable homes by way of funding shovel-ready projects designed for Pacific families and communities.
- Support opportunities for Pacific migration from metropolitan areas to regions.

Next Steps

- Open the financial capability funding grant and the Community Housing Provider (CHP) Registration Request for Proposal on 26 February 2021 (to close on 2 April 2021).
- Complete contacts to deliver financial capability services to Pacific households and delivery of CHP registration programme by May 2021 (delivery to start June 2021).
- Successful proposals for the Regional Migration and Feasibility Funding initiatives go live in March 2021.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako: free and healthy school lunch programme

(Ministry of Education, Child Poverty Unit – Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)

- The programme was rolled out to 123 additional schools in Bay of Plenty/Wairariki.
- 204 schools and kura delivered lunches to 42,280 students (exceeding the 21,000 target) by the end of 2020.
- Over 300 jobs were created in Bay of Plenty/Wairariki, Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti and Otago/ Southland.
- By the end 2020 over three million school lunches had been served.

Next Steps

- Nine large local suppliers will deliver to 29 groups of schools and kura at the start of Term 1, 2021.
- Smaller local suppliers will deliver to 338 schools from March 2021.
- 132 schools and kura making their own lunches will start delivery to over 23,800 students by April 2021.
- By the end of 2021, over 214,00 students in 964 schools will be receiving a lunch.

Improved Whānau Ora navigator support for whānau to build their financial capability (Te Puni Kōkiri)

- Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies rolled out training.
- Whānau reported being less comfortable with some other budgeting services available to them, leading them to seek out Whānau Ora support.
- Eight-week financial capability training workshops delivered, led by one of the commissioning agencies.

Next Steps

- Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies will work with the Commission for Financial Capability to develop financial capability training into an online module for use by the Whānau Ora workforce.

Continued Government funding for KickStart Breakfast and KidsCan (Ministry of Social Development)

Funding helped KidsCan provide programmes to over 200,000 children, including an additional 5,000 children due to the impacts of COVID-19, and KickStart Breakfast to reach over 41,000 children from 1,200 schools (who receive breakfast at school on average 4 times a week).

Next Steps

Current funding for these two programmes ends in June 2021.

Review the treatment of debt to government (Ministry of Social Development)

Some work in reviewing hardship assistance progressed, but work was largely put on hold due to the prioritisation of COVID-19 response work.

Next Steps

Agencies in the cross-agency debt working group will provide advice to joint Ministers.



Children and Young People are Happy and Healthy

NEW ACTIONS

Expansion of Mana Ake (Ministry of Health)

- Mana Ake is a holistic mental health programme that seeks to support primary and intermediate school children to be resilient, and experience positive mental health and continued engagement in learning.
- The programme is being rolled out nationally over 5 years and will be adapted to ensure responsiveness to local communities using local co-design.

Next Steps

- Confirm five districts for initial co-design in April 2021.
- Commence co-design in five districts by June 2021.

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Maternity Action Plan (MAP) (Ministry of Health)

- Consultation undertaken on changes for complex and rural service delivery modules.
- Funding to all the DHBs increased to support their Maternity Quality and Safety programmes.
- A consumer forum to develop better ways to engage with women and whānau convened, leading to improved relationships.
- Rautaki Whakamana Whāngote - National Breastfeeding Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand and National Guidance for Assessment, Diagnosis and Surgical Treatment of Tongue Tie in Breastfeeding Neonates were published.

Next Steps

- Sustainable workforce initiatives in place by 2021.
- Finalise the revamped draft of MAP, which will include the Te Tiriti Framework (supported by Whakamaua). Communications sent to the sector in March 2021 to confirm next steps.

Review of the Well Child Tamariki Ora (WCTO) programme (Ministry of Health)

- WCTO contributes to the development of an integrated measurement and assessment schedule from conception to 24 years of age to support maternal, child and youth wellbeing.
- The review was completed in the previous reporting period.
- The review found that while WCTO contributes to health and wellbeing outcomes for many tamariki, change is needed to its design, delivery and resourcing to achieve equity, and fully support tamariki and whānau who are Māori, Pacific, living with disabilities, in State care and/or have high needs.

Next Steps

- Release a summary report of key findings and recommended actions from the review.
- Advice on government response by March 2021.

Healthy Active Learning (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Sport New Zealand)

- The health promotion workforce, which had been diverted to support the COVID-19 response, resumed implementation of healthy food and drink policies in schools.
- This workforce has also supported the delivery of *Ka Ora, Ka Ako: free and healthy school lunch programme* where required.

Next Steps

- Healthy food and drink policies published in February 2021.

Extend nurses in schools (School-Based Health Services) (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education)

- Implementation delayed by the impact of COVID-19, however, this has now been fully rolled out to decile 5 schools.
- Services are now available to around 96,700 students across nearly 300 schools.
- Sector, DHB and independent evaluation advisory groups were established.

Next Steps

- Development and implementation of evaluation, quality, monitoring and reporting frameworks, which will inform improvement and standardisation of the “Year 9 Health Check”.
- Review and development of service specifications, funding and contracting for implementation in 2022.

Expand access and choice of primary mental health and addiction support (Ministry of Health)

- Discussions undertaken with Te Pūkenga (New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology) and wānanga about the initial roll-out of additional mental health and wellbeing services to tertiary students (\$2 million available in 2021/22 from a total of \$25 million provided over 4 years from Budget 2020).
- Youth-specific primary mental health and addiction services established in 10 District Health Board areas.

Next Steps

- \$3.2 million allocated in February 2021 to expand mental wellbeing services for young rainbow New Zealanders.
- Initial expansion of mental health and wellbeing services for tertiary students by June 2021.
- Complete the procurement process for mental wellbeing services for rainbow young people by 30 June 2021.
- Announcement of new and expanded Māori and Pacific primary mental health and addiction services.

Every Life Matters - He Tapu te Oranga o ia Tangata: Suicide Prevention Strategy 2019–2029 and Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2019–2024 (Ministry of Health, Suicide Prevention Office)

- National suicide bereavement response service and suicide prevention community funds established.
- Reviews of coronial suspected suicide data sharing service, and regional and community level suicide prevention and postvention resources completed.

Next Steps

- Implement recommendations from the coronial review of the suspected suicide data sharing service.
- Update the suicide prevention media guidelines, following engagement with media.
- Collaborative work to review the process for investigating deaths by suicide.

Update of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Action Plan (Ministry of Health)

Proceeds of Crime (POC) funding (\$7.6 million over the next three years) allocated to enable FASD Action Plan initiatives, including:

- develop FASD clinical diagnostic guidelines and training
- enhance pregnancy and parenting services and child development services
- provide mentoring and support for families
- pilot interventions within justice sector facilities
- commission research to identify what an effective system-wide approach to responding to FASD and neuro-developmental disorders would look like.

Next Steps

- Implementation of the newly funded POC initiatives.
- Agencies to advise on next steps regarding ongoing funding to better support this population group by 2022/2023.

Promote wellbeing in primary and intermediate schools (Ministry of Health)

- Funding from Government's \$15 million investment to support the psychosocial response to COVID-19 supported the Sparklers at Home toolkits for parents and whānau.
- The development of school-based resources was put on hold due to COVID-19 and the restrictions on school-based activities. This has since recommenced.

Next Steps

- Fund and contract work to assess alignment of current resources with the curriculum.

Strengthening Pacific Youth Mental Health and Resilience (Ministry for Pacific Peoples)

- The *Kau Tuli Innovators of Influence Advisory Group (Kau Tuli)*⁵ supported Pacific youth and community engagement workshops aimed at educating and empowering Tokelau youth.
- Three workshops were delivered in October 2020 to over 30 Pacific young people from the Tokelau community and were live streamed through social media platforms.

Next Steps

- Kau Tuli members will lead further discussions within Pacific communities to develop and deliver initiatives in 2021.

Delivery of Strategy for Women and Girls in Sport and Active Recreation (Sport New Zealand)

Milestones for this period include:

- planning and delivery of the 'Diversity and Inclusion Survey' across the wider play, active recreation and sport sector
- delivery of the 2020 Women and Girls Summit
- \$950,000 provided to support the IWG World Conference on Women and Sport in 2022
- completion of a Women and Girls Media and Social Media Analysis and qualitative interviews conducted with young women (15-17 years)
- \$164,460 provided to eight organisations to develop and implement initiatives targeted at less active young women
- the Activation Fund is now one year into a three-year project of nine initiatives across Aotearoa co-designed with young women to enhance participation in physical activity and wellbeing.

Next Steps

- Develop an outcomes framework and measures for the Strategy.
- Planning and Delivery of the Women and Girls Summit 2021.
- Present and share the Women and Girls Media and Social Media Analysis findings to wider media.

⁵ *Kau Tuli Innovators of Influence* is a separate action, found under the Involved and Empowered outcome.



Children and Young People are Learning and Developing

NEW ACTIONS

Trialling support for young children to improve their self-regulation, resilience, and social skills (Ministry of Education)

This initiative will test the scale-up of self-regulation programmes to embed social and emotional skills in various regions, urban/rural communities and types of early learning services. This will also help to develop a practice framework focused on social and emotional learning for 0-6 year olds.

- Providers determined by March 2021.
- Trial rolled out mid-2021.
- Trial complete, analysis provided to inform nationwide roll-out by mid-2022.

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Education Workforce Strategy (EWS) and Rāngai Māori (RM) workforce strategy for Māori-medium education (Ministry of Education)

- A draft action plan developed for the EWS, in conjunction with Accord partners (sector unions).
- Work is underway on strengthening Māori-medium education pathways, which will inform workforce action plan for RM.

Next Steps

Ministerial consideration of the draft EWS strategy and action plan, and agreement to public and sector consultation processes.

Address learners' needs by improving data quality, availability, timeliness and capability (Ministry of Education)

- Te Rito (a national repository of learner data) was successfully implemented in 18 schools and 33 ECEs in the Bay of Plenty by August 2020.
- Data quality checks implemented for core data collections and systems.
- Preparation of prioritisation plan to expand Te Rito over the next two years.

Next Steps

Implement prioritisation plan.

Programme to establish Curriculum Leads to support the health and wellbeing of learners (Ministry of Education)

- Engagement with regional offices, sector and peak bodies completed to identify service requirements.
- The operating model for 40 regionally based Curriculum Leads was developed.
- A service design framework, including tools and resources, was developed.

Next Steps

- Complete the onboarding of Curriculum Leads, service design for licensing of the frameworks, tools and resources, and development of core wellbeing guidance.
- Operationalise the service by the end of Term 2, 2021.

Tomorrow's Schools Review (Ministry of Education)

The design of the Education Support Agency (ESA) was put on hold due to the reprioritisation of resources for COVID-19 support.

Next Steps

Recommence ESA and Curriculum Centre design work.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NECA) Change Package (Ministry of Education)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCEA education website launched (NCEA resource platform). • Māori Performing Arts NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 developed. • NCEA Level 1 Subjects list released. • New literacy and numeracy standards created and provided for feedback. <p><i>Next Steps</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot the standards for four subjects in 24 schools in 2022. • Develop further new NCEA Level 1 standards for sector consultation. • Release the new subject lists for NCEA Levels 2 and 3. • Deliver professional learning and development for the new literacy and numeracy standards. • Develop NCEA Level 1 for Te Marautanga o Aotearoa and remaining Level 1 New Zealand Curriculum subjects. • Pilot NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 Te Ao Haka standards, and level 1 English, Religious Studies, Science, and Visual Arts standards.

Reform of vocational education (Ministry of Education)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most reforms reached their implementation phase. • Te Taumata Aronui (a group to help ensure Māori-Crown partnership reflected in design) was convened to provide strategic advice. • Te Pūkenga – the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology, was established. • Engagement began with sector experts on the design of a unified funding system. <p><i>Next Steps</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the Orders in Council required for the Workforce Development Councils. • Councils established by June 2021. • Implement the unified funding system from 2023.

A code of pastoral care for domestic tertiary students (Ministry of Education)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament agreed to extend the term of the Interim Code to 2022 as COVID-19 impeded engagement with stakeholders on a replacement Code. • NZQA provided resources to tertiary education providers on implementing the interim Code and on an initial self-review due by March 2021, and monitored incidents and concerns about pastoral care in tertiary education. <p><i>Next Steps</i></p> <p>Develop and consult on a replacement code and Disputes Resolution Scheme in 2021; implement in 2022.</p>

Equity Index (Ministry of Education)
<p>Development of the Equity Index and advice on funding options completed.</p> <p><i>Next Steps</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out external quality assurance. • Undertake a second round of engagement on the proposed shift. • Develop advice to support decisions on implementation (including the commencement date).

Improve learning support: Learning Support Action Plan (Ministry of Education)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Support Coordinator roles established.

- Progressive roll-out of Standardised Learning Support Register to Learning Support clusters began.⁶
- Work to strengthen screening and the early identification of learning support needs (the School Entry Kete) began. Recruiting sufficient Te Ao Māori specialists has been challenging.
- Roll-out of additional investment in the Early Intervention Service, leading to significant reductions in the national average waiting time.
- Provision of additional funding to support students with high and complex learning needs.

Next Steps

In 2021:

- Finalise the first phase of the Learning Support Coordinator evaluation report.
- Develop further resources to support neuro-diverse children and young people.
- Develop the Te Ao Māori programme to meet the needs of gifted children and young people.
- Review the guidelines on Suspensions, Stand-downs, Exclusions and Expulsion.

Tolua - Empowering Pacific participation in STEM (Ministry for Pacific Peoples)

Proposals were sought from providers to deliver the Tolua In-Work Support Programme (TISP) pilot to non-Tolua Tertiary Scholarship awardees.

Next Steps

- Initial 18-month outcome agreements with successful respondents finalised in March 2021 (renewals being dependent on final reviews/evaluation and confirmation of available funding).
- Co-design of the TISP pilot completed, with delivery over the 2020/2021-2023/2024 financial years.

Free access to period products in schools (Ministry of Education)

- \$2.6 million provided to fund free period products to schools.
- Pilot started with 15 Waikato schools.

Next Steps

Expand to all state and state-integrated schools on an opt-in basis from Term 2 2021.

Enabling distance learning (Ministry of Education)

- \$87.8 million allocated over 2 years, including \$38.7 million for the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) online programme.
- Two-thirds of the NECA exams now able to be delivered digitally.
- COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund spend on devices completed.

Next Steps

Flexible learning (including distance) policy work undertaken over the next 2-4 years as part of the Tomorrow's Schools reforms.

Programmes for young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs)

Mana in Mahi: Ministry of Social Development

Tupu Aotearoa: Ministry for Pacific Peoples

He Poutama Rangatahi: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

Pae Aronui and Taiohi Ararau: Te Puni Kōkiri

- In August 2020 the focus of Mana in Mahi was broadened to support all age groups due to the widespread impacts of COVID-19.
- The first year of the Pae Aronui and Taiohi Ararau programmes finished. Evaluation of these is underway.

⁶ This is included in *Address learners' needs by improving data quality, availability, timeliness and capability*, which is a separate action. The full update for this action can also be found under the Learning and Developing outcome.

- Government established two new initiatives in this area: The Māori Trades Training Fund (\$50 million over two years) and the Interim Regional Skills Leadership Group.

Next Steps

These initiatives are being transitioned to business-as-usual and will not require further updates through the Strategy.

Employment Strategy and Action Plans

(Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment)

- Action plans targeting youth and disabled people were implemented.
- Independent reference group for the Māori employment action plan established.

Next Steps

- Six-monthly report back to Cabinet on the Employment Strategy due early 2021.
- Development and monitoring framework for Working Matters (the disability employment action plan) is due January 2021.
- An interim report on the Māori employment action plan due to the Minister for Social Development and Employment mid-2021.
- Draft of the Pacific Peoples employment action plan completed in 2021.



Children and Young People are Accepted, Respected and Connected

NEW ACTION

Participation of Youth Justice Victims in Family Group Conferences (Oranga Tamariki)

Improve the participation and engagement of victims in the Family Group Conference process. This will include:

- commissioning a behavioural insights initiative to identify barriers
- a one-year trial utilising Victim Support in partnership with Ngati Whātua Iwi and NZ Police

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Government work programme to address racism and discrimination (Ministry of Justice)

- Scoping commenced on the National Action Plan Against Racism.
- Legislative work to end the use of conversion practices (also known as "gay conversion therapy") progressed.

Next Steps

- Process and timeframes for the work will be agreed in the first half of 2021/22
- Legislation on ending conversion practices is expected by the end of February 2022 at the latest.

Review protections against the incitement of hatred (Ministry of Justice)

The review was completed. It identified:

- the provisions in the Human Rights Act should be widened to protect more groups from the incitement of hatred or hostility.
- the Human Rights Act should be amended to clarify that it covers gender diverse and intersex people from discrimination.
- the capacity of the Human Rights Commission would be strengthened.

Next Steps

- \$5 million in funding provided to the Human Rights Commission to develop a team able to provide mediation, facilitate conversations and enable the Commission to be more proactive in exercising its inquiry function.
- Develop advice on undertaking consultation on the proposed changes to the Human Rights Act (planned for 2021).

Implement Maihi Karauna – the Crown's Strategy for Māori Language Revitalisation (Te Puni Kōkiri)

- Terms of Reference for the review of Te Ture mō Te Reo Māori 2016 (the Māori Language Act 2016) were developed and agreed.
- An updated implementation plan was developed and agreed to by Te Papa Kōrero.

Next Steps

- First stage of the review: undertake Health of the Partnership Survey and initiate engagement with key stakeholders.
- Confirm an agreed set of shared priorities for Te Whare o te Reo Mauri Ora at Te Rūnanga Reo (the iwi governance group for te reo Māori made up of Ministers and representatives of Te Mātāwai).
- Address capability and capacity challenges among agencies to progress key workstreams.

Implement section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (Oranga Tamariki)

- Strategic signed partnership agreements signed with eight iwi at the end of 2020.
- Initial set of nine measures identified for mana tamaiti.
- Treaty Response Unit established in Oranga Tamariki.

Next Steps

- The measures for years two and three of mana tamaiti developed.

Changes to teaching New Zealand history in schools and kura (Ministry of Education)

- Update to Aotearoa New Zealand's histories curriculum content drafted.
- Draft content was tested with 50 schools and six kura.
- Testing was limited due to COVID-19.

Next Steps

- Update draft curriculum content and prepare for further testing and engagement with iwi, hapū and other Māori organisations, schools and kura, alongside public engagement.
- Curriculum changes will come into effect in 2022.

Pacific language support (Ministry for Pacific Peoples)

- Ministry for Pacific Peoples established a Pacific Languages Unit and advisory group (Fono Faufautua).
- Funding supported over 200 community-based language initiatives across Aotearoa.
- Initial work to develop a Pacific languages strategy and subsequent all-of-government action plan to coordinate approaches.

Next Steps

- Launch the Pacific Aotearoa Languages Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2031 in June 2021.
- Roll out a refreshed Pacific language week programme.

Initiatives to prevent and respond to bullying in schools (Ministry of Education)

- A pilot of Wellbeing at School (W@S) survey items regarding racism/unfairness and student resilience completed.
- Resources developed to support schools and clusters to use the W@S survey toolkits.
- Learning Support Coordinators inducted.
- Engagement with schools that are effectively implementing bullying prevention approaches.
- Bullying-Free NZ Week 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Next Steps

- Bullying-Free NZ Week 2021 is scheduled for May.
- Findings from the above engagement on effective approaches to bullying prevention will be shared with schools throughout 2021.

Expanding healthy relationships programmes in secondary schools (Mates & Dates)

(Accident Compensation Corporation)

- Delivery of services and programmes was paused when COVID-19 Alert levels changed. ACC increased its support to Auckland based providers while in Alert Level 3. Full services resumed following this.
- Provider contacts extended to December 2021.

Next Steps

- Development of a plan for future investment in the area of healthy consensual relationships.



Children and Young People are Involved and Empowered

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Youth Plan 2020-2022: Turning Voice into Action – rebuilding and recovering (Ministry for Youth Development)

- A full report on progress in the Youth Plan actions for this period is included in the first six-month report to Cabinet (*The Youth Plan: reporting on progress*).
- A measurement framework is under development, in consultation with a Cross-Agency Working Group.

Next Steps

- First six-month report to Cabinet planned for April 2021.
- Measurement framework completed and used to review the Youth Plan in 2022.

Youth Voice Project (Ministry for Youth Development)

Contract signed to enable The Hive to establish itself as a separate entity.

Next Steps

- A new group of young people appointed to The Hive in 2021, with tuakana-teina model mentoring in place with the exiting members. Establish a steering group to oversee the work.
- The Hive will collaborate on a project with the Climate Change Commission.

Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey – WhatAboutMe? (Ministry of Social Development)

Data collection was scheduled for March to September 2020 but was delayed due to COVID-19.

Next Steps

- Pilot survey conducted in early 2021.
- Main data collection between March to September 2021.
- Clean and aggregate data to ensure individuals cannot be identified, make aggregated data publicly available by December 2021.

Kau Tūlī Innovators of Influence (Ministry for Pacific Peoples Youth Advisory Group) (Ministry for Pacific Peoples)

- Kau Tūlī members supported the Ministry's communications targeted towards Pacific young people during COVID-19.
- Members also served as Pacific youth representatives on the national COVID-19 community leaders' panels.
- The current member's terms were extended to June 2021 to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on their service.

Next Steps

Kau Tūlī members will lead and deliver engagement initiatives in 2021.

Build independent oversight of Oranga Tamariki system and children's issues (Ministry for Social Development)

- Work to refine the legislative proposals regarding the Children's Commissioner Act 2003 carried out in conjunction with the Ombudsman, the Office of the Children's Commissioner, and the Independent Children's Monitor.

- Consultation carried out with a wider set of agencies on the scope of monitoring and long-term home of the monitor.

Next Steps

The intention is that the Bill will be introduced and referred to select committee in mid-2021, with enactment in April 2022.

Implement the Child Impact Assessment Tool across government (Ministry for Social Development)

A cross-agency 'Champions for Children' group established to enhance and promote use of tools to support children's rights, including the Child Impact Assessment Tool, across government.

Next Steps

Feedback will be used to undertake a review of the tool in 2021.

Build public service competency and capability in children's rights (Ministry of Social Development, Office of the Children's Commissioner)

This initiative was put on hold due to competing priorities.

Next Steps

Recommence work in early 2021, starting with a detailed plan for an online training tool.

Investment in community-based youth justice facilities (Oranga Tamariki)

- Funding approved for the development of 16 five-bed homes across the country.
- Engagement approach with mana whenua, iwi and Māori finalised and implemented across the locations.
- An additional six community bail placements were made available in Nelson and Invercargill.
- Work underway with NGO and Iwi Social Services to operate a further three community-based remand homes, one each in Tauranga, Waikato and Tairāwhiti regions.
- Working underway with mana whenua to develop the planned Youth Justice home in Canterbury.

Next Steps

- Tauranga, Waikato and Tairāwhiti community-based remand homes open by April 2021.
- An additional community-based bail home opened in the Auckland region by July 2021.
- Engagement carried out with iwi for the delivery of a Canterbury Youth Justice home.

Paiheretia te Muka Tāngata initiative: Whānau Ora support for Māori in the Corrections system (Oranga Tamariki)

- A prototype was implemented in Hawke's Bay and Northland to support tāne to transition safely out of prison during the COVID restrictions.
- Insights gathered from the initial prototypes were used to inform the pilot phase.

Next Steps

- Launch the Hawke's Bay pilot phase in April 2021, and the Northland pilot phase in mid-2021.
- Formally launch the iwi commissioning approach with Ngāti Kahungunu in Hawke's Bay to establish Kaiarataki Navigators in the region, including training in tikanga and intergenerational trauma.
- Launch the Integrated Services Case Managers.
- Establish a workforce at Hawke's Bay Regional Prison with the cultural capability to support the new operating model.
- Finalise the kaupapa Māori evaluation framework and begin the first evaluation.
- Finalise the commissioning approach for Northland.

Alignment to the Strategy Framework

Signs of central government alignment

In July 2019, Cabinet endorsed the Strategy as an overarching framework for central government policy development and services for children and young people. This set the expectation that the Strategy would drive decision-making and alignment for child and youth wellbeing across all agencies working in this area.

While there is still further work to do, there are some good examples of agency alignment to the Strategy in this period. It has been used in the following ways:

Inform strategic thinking and business planning

- Oranga Tamariki developed a new outcomes framework setting out how its goals and emerging operating model will align with the Strategy's vision and outcomes.
- The Ministry of Justice published its 2019-2024 Statement of Intent (updated 30 June 2020), explicitly outlining its contribution to the Strategy. The Strategy will again inform its next round of strategic planning.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development intends to use the Strategy framework in the refresh of its Statement of Intent.

Shape work programmes

- Statistics NZ is using the Strategy framework to inform the stocktake of essential data assets, and to identify critical data gaps for children and young people in the development of its Data Investment Plan. Work is also underway to bring the Strategy's indicators and Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa (Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand) into closer alignment.
- Ara Poutama Aotearoa – the Department of Corrections is aligning its development of a young adult framework to the Strategy.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development will refer to the Strategy in the National Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development, currently in development, that sets out objectives and policies for housing and urban development under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- The Ministry of Health is prompting DHBs to align with the Strategy by:
 - expecting DHBs to report on the performance measures and Crown Funding Agreement variations relating to child and youth wellbeing
 - incorporating the Strategy framework into the 2021/22 DHB Annual Plan and Planning Priorities Guidance document (with a particular focus on improving equity of outcomes)
 - requiring DHB annual plans to consider the principles promoting wellbeing and equity for all children and young people in all their activities, and preparing the health and disability sector for system transformation over time
 - updating the 2021/22 Operational Policy Framework and Service Coverage Schedule to include the Strategy as a priority work programme.
- The Ministry of Health is also using the Strategy framework in the School-Based Health Services (SBHS) Enhancements Programme, influencing:
 - Te Tatau Kitenga, the National Youth Health Leadership Group, which is using the Strategy to inform its advice to the Ministry on SBHS
 - Malatest International, an external evaluation provider, which is using the Strategy as the foundation for the evaluation framework for SBHS, and a source of measures and indicators
 - SBHS quality, reporting and monitoring frameworks used in the SBHS service specification, funding and contracting.
- The Office of the Children's Commissioner worked with the Child Wellbeing Unit (Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet) to develop a guide to help agencies and organisations align to the Strategy framework.

- The Independent Children’s Monitor developed an outcomes framework that draws on the six wellbeing outcomes from the Strategy, as well as incorporating key dimensions from the Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework and the Oranga Tamariki Outcomes Framework.

Collective action beyond central government

The Strategy aims to unify efforts across society to improve the wellbeing of children and young people, and mobilise collective action. This section provides examples of activity underway to activate the Strategy in communities.

Charities/philanthropy organisations

- St John New Zealand used the Strategy framework to guide the development/enhancement of its youth programmes, established a Youth Advisory Panel, and is looking to ensure its wider work reflects the Strategy.
- TSB Community Trust used the Strategy when designing its own child and youth wellbeing strategy for the granting activity the Trust is looking to prioritise.
- The Growing Up in New Zealand longitudinal study discussed the alignment between its conceptual framework and the Strategy framework in its latest report, *Now We Are Eight*, and signposted how the study’s findings can help to inform work under the Strategy.
- Inspiring Communities worked with the Child Wellbeing Unit to develop a set of practical guides to support child and youth-focused, community-led efforts in communities.

Local government

- Wellington City Council used the Strategy framework to guide engagement with children and will draw on the framework as it develops its own strategy for children and young people. The Strategy will also be used to identify areas where Council can work more closely with other agencies or community groups.
- Taituarā — Local Government Professionals Aotearoa (previously SOLGM) worked with the Child Wellbeing Unit to support councils wanting to align their strategic and long-term planning and spending with the Strategy. This included the development of an online platform for local government highlighting the importance of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy and local government alignment with wellbeing initiatives.
- Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) shared key messages regarding child wellbeing and the significance of the Strategy with the governors of New Zealand’s councils, and increased awareness of the Strategy through their digital communication channels.
- The Southern Initiative (TSI) and the Auckland Co-design Lab are using the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy as a lens for their work, including building an ‘anchor’ network in Wellington with those who have a remit around child and youth wellbeing
- Their work aims to build understand of what it looks like to enable the Strategy in place, including highlighting the potential to enhance social, cultural, economic and environmental conditions impacting on child and youth wellbeing. For example, through its Tamariki Wellbeing work programme, the TSI is supporting innovation partners such as Work and Income, Plunket, Papakura Marae and Auckland Libraries to explore how they can live out the strategy by strengthening the system of support around parents and whānau, to ensure tamariki are “loved, safe and nurtured”, particularly in the first 1,000 days.