



ADDICTION SUPPORT

He Pou Oranga Whaiora

Ko wai matou | About us

He Pou Oranga Whaiora is a newly established service focused on reducing harm caused by methamphetamine use as well as other addictions and related mental health issues in the Bay of Plenty. This initiative is led by the Eastern Bay of Plenty Iwi provider Alliance, which includes Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea, Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau, Te Tohu o Te Ora o Ngāti Awa and Tūhoe Hauora, partnering with BOP Police, Te Whatu Ora (National and Local Commissioning Agency) and Te Aka Whai Ora (Māori Health Authority). He Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea is the contract lead for this initiative on behalf of the EBOP Iwi.

Whakapapa / Background

The Bay of Plenty region faces significant challenges related to methamphetamine use, crime, and social impact. He Pou Oranga was born from the need to address these issues. Our aim is to engage tangata whai ora (clients) and whānau early in their addiction recovery journey leading to reduced harm and improved community wellbeing - Toi Ora. Our approach involves a strong partnership with the police, focusing on early prevention rather than enforcement. We support tangata whai ora and their whānau to enhance their health and social wellbeing by working alongside local health agencies and services.

He aha e hiahia ki tenei / Why we need this.

Addressing Severe Harm

Methamphetamine and other drug use has led to severe harm in our community affecting families and individuals. This has resulted in a cycle of crime and social problems, family violence, impacting the lives of many. Eastern Bay of Plenty, specifically Kawerau and Ōpōtiki had the second highest wastewater results in the country. To tackle these issues, we need a comprehensive approach involving various agencies and communities.

Painga ki te katoa / Benefit to the community

Unique Kaupapa Model of Care

He Pou Oranga Whaiora operates from a Te Ao Māori and Mātauranga Māori worldview offering a holistic approach to healing and recovery. Our service is underpinned by the Treaty of Waitangi principles with a focus on iwi led, community owned solutions that integrate traditional healing with clinical care.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

 Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

 Te Aka Whai Ora
Māori Health Authority

 NEW ZEALAND
POLICE

 TE TOHU O TE ORA O
NGĀTI AWA

 Tūwharetoa
ki Kawerau
Hauora

 Te Pou Oranga
Whaiora





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Iwi led and Community owned

The service is led by our Alliance of hauora providers ensuring that the community has ownership and influence over its operations. A separate legal entity in the form of a Charitable Trust has been established to oversee the facility assets ensuring community ownership and benefit.

Integrated Service Model

Our service combines alcohol and drug addiction support with integrated health and social services. We offer clinical treatment, and Māori healing approaches, along with trauma informed counselling support. This approach ensures that tangata whaiora and whānau receive comprehensive support, including residential care for whānau that require 24/7 supervised care. In addition, our whaiora will have access to housing, education, employment, and mental health support.

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ALLIANCE