

WHANAU ORA Investing in Families

National knows that with a bit of help, all families can take responsibility for themselves. The Government's Whanau Ora initiative is designed to help families in need take control of their future.

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FIXING OUR APPROACH

At the moment, thousands of Kiwi families get support from many government agencies such as the Police, Work and Income, schools, or Child, Youth and Family.

Too often this help isn't getting the results these families need. It's too fragmented.

We need to take a more coordinated approach and make better use of taxpayer money. We want families to get the help they need to sort out their own lives.

BETTER RESULTS FOR FAMILIES

Whanau Ora changes the way government agencies help families in need. It is recognisably Maori, but will be available to all.

A Whanau Ora provider will work with a family to find out what help they need, and to help them develop and follow their own action plan.

People who are experienced in delivering health and social services to those in need are examples of who can apply to be a Whanau Ora provider. They can act as a broker between a family and government agencies.

A family might hear about a provider working in their community and decide to give it a go. Or they might be referred to a provider by a government agency.

THE BOTTOM LINE

National is committed to:

- Better results for all families in need
- Value for taxpayer money
- Strong accountability in the way Whanau Ora is run

PUTTING WHANAU ORA IN PLACE

Through Budget 2010, the National-led government is investing \$134.3 million over four years into Whanau Ora.

FROM JUNE - Government seeks expressions of interest for the first 20 Whanau Ora providers.

SEPTEMBER - Government selects Whanau Ora providers.

FROM OCTOBER - Whanau Ora begins to be implemented.

WHANAU ORA IN ACTION



Sarah is a **solo mum** with three kids. She works part-time and gets some financial assistance from the government. But she finds it hard to make ends meet. The family is involved with different government agencies such as Child, Youth and Family, and the Police.



Sarah's **8-year-old son** is sometimes left home alone at night, and police have found him wandering the streets alone.



Sarah's **12-year-old daughter** is being bullied at school, so hasn't been turning up for class.



Sarah's **16-year-old son** has been caught driving without a licence. He's not at school and he doesn't have a job.

The problem

Sarah is so focused on trying to provide for her family, that she's working a lot at night and not able to give her kids the care they need.

There's no coordinated approach from government agencies to help her family.

How Whanau Ora could help

Under Whanau Ora, a single provider would sit down with the family to create an action plan.

The provider would help them follow the plan, until the family was back in control of their own lives.

They could:

- Help Sarah get a job with better hours
- Reconnect Sarah with her wider family for support
- Work with the 16-year-old to help him get his licence
- Support Sarah to get in touch with the 12-year-old's school
- Help Sarah focus on caring for her kids.

