Collaboration in action:
Youth Odyssey and the Waikato youth alcohol and drug project

Youth INtact
Te Ao Rangatahi – The world of Young People

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• Youth Odyssey and the Waikato youth alcohol and drug project
• Cultural, geographical and community diversity
• Developing relationships and building partnerships
• Waikato Youth Model of Care – Te Ao Rangatahi
• Complexities, challenges and triumphs
Odyssey.... many strands

Your recovery journey starts here.

YOOUTH IN TACT
He Taiohi Angitu

ODYSSSEY
changing lives
Waikato Location

Map source: Waikato Regional Council
Project background

This is what the Waikato people came up with

**Youth INtact**

- We asked youth to come up with a name for their service.
- We asked them to choose their colours
- We asked them to shape our brand and this is what they came up with.
- We asked them what words they would like to look for when seeking help.

**Colours** –
- Jade is the colour our rangatahi/youth chose for themselves
- Green is for our families/whānau
- Blue is for our health professionals who work for or support Youth INtact health services
- Orange for our schools and communities who work with rangatahi/young people and Youth INtact.

- 2014 Community and Sector Consultation begins
- 2015 national tender process
- 2016 contracts awarded
- Consumer Participation – Youth Advisory
- Naming and branding Youth INtact – Initiative to Act
Waikato Youth AOD Model of Care
Te Ao Rangatahi
Youth INtact providers

Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki
Odyssey
CareNZ
Taumarunui Community Kokiri Trust
Recruitment

- Where do we find the people?
- 11.5 positions to fill
Where we started:
Many stakeholders…often disconnected

- Waikato DHB
- Waikato drug and alcohol project advisory group
- Schools
- Youth justice
- CYFs
- Mental health services
- Primary health organisations
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Initiative to act!

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A work in progress…
Weaving our interests and expertise together…

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Where we want to be…
All organisations involved with Youth INtact work together to deliver the same experience of support

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Cultural Family/whanau Young persons
Youth INtact
a work in progress
Successes...

- Youth INtact network
- Referral numbers
- Education Providers
- Primary Health GP Services
- A&D screening and BI training
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Thank you

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