

# ORANGA AND YOUTH JUSTICE

Building understanding with tamariki, rangatahi, whānau and families about offending behaviour

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## Wairua

### Cultural wellbeing

The values, beliefs (including spiritual), practices, significant people, and places which sustain and restore the wairua of whānau and families.

**Offending risk factors:** (DYNAMIC): behaviours that are unpredictable that disregard rules or boundaries, showing a lack of empathy or remorse for the harm caused.

## Hinengaro

### Mental wellbeing

Understanding and supporting empowering thought patterns, memories, feelings, and actions which enhance oranga. The right of te tamaiti, rangatahi & whānau to develop their individual and collective potential.

**Offending risk factors:** (DYNAMIC): Drug and alcohol use, choosing social activities that are detrimental to their oranga, attitudes that are related to offsetting or justifying behaviours.

## Waiora

### Environmental wellbeing

The natural, physical, and socio-economic environments in which whānau live, the systems operating within those environments, and their impacts on te tamaiti, rangatahi & whānau oranga, autonomy and participation. Advocacy for rights - addressing barriers which prevent full inclusion.

**Offending risk factors:** (STATIC): age of first offence, chronology, summary or facts, (DYNAMIC): associating with offending peer groups, history of criminal antisocial behaviour, disengagement in education or work, negative experiences in school or work.

## Tinana

### Physical wellbeing

Encouraging and supporting healthy, active lifestyles. Ensuring that te tamaiti, rangatahi & whānau can access the full range of mainstream health services, rongoā Māori and alternative medicine.

**Offending risk factors:** (STATIC): demographics, (DYNAMIC): Drug and alcohol use, choosing social activities that are detrimental to their oranga.

## Ngākau

### Emotional wellbeing

Te tamaiti, rangatahi & whānau feel safe, valued, listened to and respected, enabled trusting and meaningful relationships.

**Offending risk factors:** (DYNAMIC): dysfunctional romantic relationships, anger, associating with offending peer groups.

## Whānau

### Family wellbeing

Healthy whanaungatanga networks. Te tamaiti, rangatahi & whānau supported in building or strengthening their relationships, feel loved, and are connected to their whakapapa. Importance of collective (whānau) wellbeing to strengthen whānau resilience.

**Offending risk factors:** (STATIC): conditions growing up, (DYNAMIC): disruptive whānau or family environments - chaotic and poor-quality family relationships or poor social expectations regarding crime and substance use, lack of boundaries, overly permissive parenting styles.



**Static risk factors** are unchanging factors. They allow us to understand the history to identify patterns and risks that indicate an increased likelihood of offending.

While the static risk factors build and deepen our understanding of the offending behaviours, the **dynamic risk factors** are where intervention and plans should be focused to achieve positive change.