

About Youth Horizons

Youth Horizons is a national charitable trust working to improve the lives of children and young people.

Although available across Auckland, Ka Awatea is delivered from our West Auckland office, Youth Service West, which supports young people through education, training or employment.



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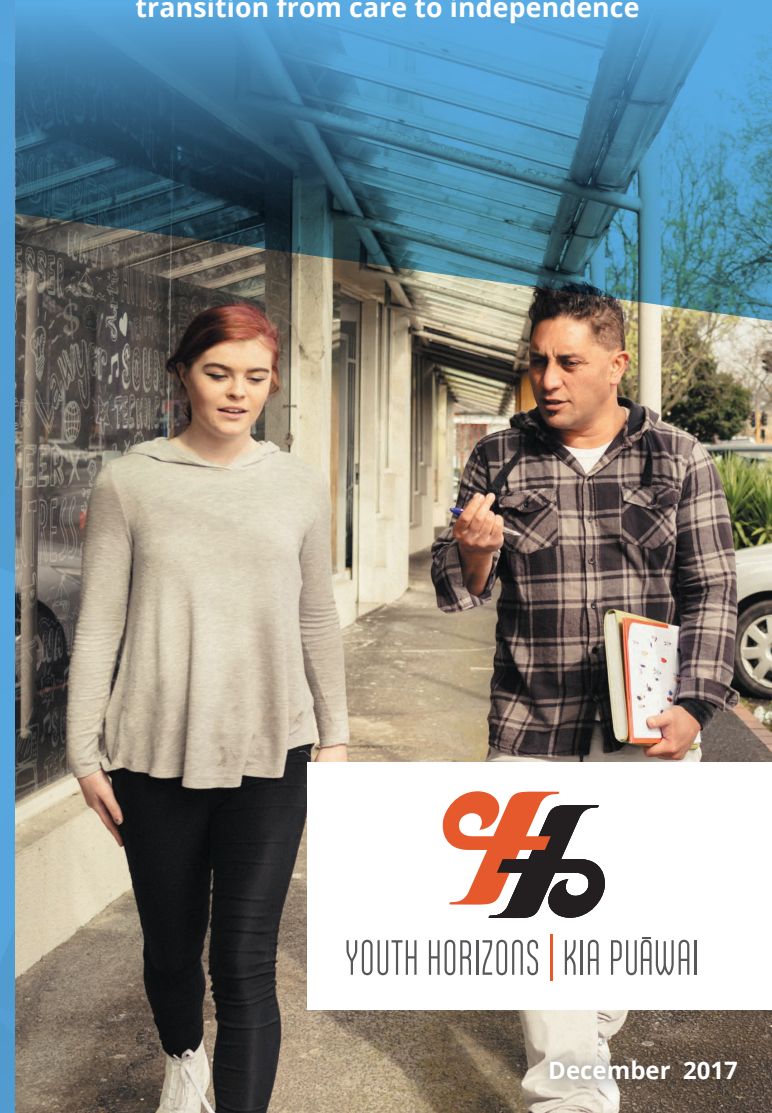
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KA AWATEA

A service for young people making the transition from care to independence



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What is Ka Awatea?

Ka Awatea, meaning, 'the dawning of a new era', provides mentoring and support to young people transitioning from care to more independent living.

Who is it for?

Ka Awatea is a voluntary service for young people aged 15 to 20 who have been in the care of Oranga Tamariki and who want support transitioning towards independence.



How Ka Awatea works

A young person can be referred to Ka Awatea from the age of 15 onwards. Each young person is assigned a Kai Atawhai, or personal advisor. Kai Atawhai model positive behaviour and empower the young person to make informed decisions about jobs, training, education, where to live and how to build positive peer groups.

The Kai Atawhai may work with and co-ordinate support for the young person to live more independently and safely in the community through to the age of 20.

How Kai Atawhai can help

Kai Atawhai assist young people to connect with services that help with:

- ▶ Developing life skills
- ▶ Building a sense of belonging and self identity
- ▶ Support to access education
- ▶ Identifying a vocation or career path
- ▶ Health and mental wellbeing
- ▶ Gaining and maintaining a driver's licence
- ▶ Sourcing identification and important documents
- ▶ Accessing accommodation resources
- ▶ Linking young people with positive activities in the community
- ▶ Reconnecting with whānau

Kai Atawhai are flexible and mobile and can visit the young person in their home, at work, school or at another suitable venue in the community.

