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Procedure

Rationale

Te Aka Ora is actively involved in delivering a range of health, social and welfare services for children, young teen parents and their families/whanau with Te Aka Ora. By providing a service that reflects appropriate assessment, treatment and support ensures that our primary aim is the safety and welfare of Children, Young Parents and their whanau in our care.

Guidelines

All services delivered by Te Aka Ora for Child, Youth, and Teen Parents will reflect the principle that their rights are upheld, they are protected from harm and their welfare promoted in a manner that encourages and enhances healthy lifestyle choices for themselves and their whanau.

To ensure optimum care and support when working with Children, Young Teen Parents and their whanau staff and whanau choose an environment that is safe, comfortable and sensitive to their individual needs e.g. a safe home, schools and learning environment within Te Aka Ora.

All Child, Teen Parents who are referred to Te Aka Ora for assessment, support and care are fully informed of all facets of their health and welfare plan in a manner that is easily understood taking into account the age and development stage of the Child, Teen Parent and Young Persons.

On entry to Te Aka Ora all Children and Young Teen Parents have as a part of their health and welfare plan appropriate Needs Assessment, Goal and Care plan, Exit and Follow up Plan to suit the individual needs of the child/young teen parent.

Te Aka Ora have Child, Youth Teen Parent and Family procedures in place that follows the contractual obligations and legal requirements, for a Child or Young Person who is under the care of Child, Youth and Family Services and/or Te Aka Ora. This process ensures that the Child, Youth and Te Aka Ora receives quality support, care and protection until the social health and welfare issues improve and strategies are put in place, e.g. SWiS (Social Worker in Schools) or by use of Strengthening Family and/or Whanau Ora processes to assist and encourage the family to maintain a safe and healthy lifestyle for themselves and their children.

Te Aka Ora will ensure close working relationships, linkages and networks with other Health and Welfare Providers, Community Agencies, Schools, Kohanga Reo, Early Childhood Centres and other relevant groups are maintained and ongoing for safe delivery of services to Child, Youth and Teen Parents.

Te Aka Ora staff and volunteers will have a clear understanding of the appropriate legislative requirements when Children, Young Persons and Teen Parents are referred to our services for care and support.

Conclusion:

Te Aka Ora will ensure that all Child, Youth and Teen Parents Family/Whanau referred to our service are supported holistically to ensure positive health and welfare.

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