

Outcomes Framework for the Independent Children's Monitor

Overview of the Outcomes Framework

The Outcomes Framework (the Framework) represents the Monitor's perspective of what matters for tamariki, rangatahi and whānau in the Oranga Tamariki system, now and into the future. It will initially be used to measure outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi in relation to the delivery of the National Care Standards Regulations.

The Framework provides:

- assurance that tamariki and rangatahi in the care and custody of the state are being appropriately cared for against the NCS Regulations
- an indication that positive outcomes for tamariki, rangatahi and whānau wellbeing are being achieved.

The Monitor has taken an outcomes-based approach and holistic te ao Māori lens towards the development of the Framework. It draws upon the Government's six wellbeing outcomes from the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy and incorporates key dimensions from the Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework and the Oranga Tamariki Outcomes Framework.

The development of the Framework has also been informed by the Monitor's recent series of regional hui with Māori communities, as well as Māori and child-youth centred models including:

- Unicef's Te Hiringa Tamariki: A wellbeing model for tamariki Māori
- Te Puni Kōkiri's Rangatahi Suicide Prevention Fund
- Tā Mason Durie's Te Whare Tapa Whā model of health
- the Office of the Children's Commissioner's Mana Mokopuna Approach.

The Framework is strengths-based, taking a positive youth development approach. It is focused towards building on the strengths of Māori and incorporates notions of responsibility and reciprocity to help ensure tamariki, rangatahi and whānau are active participants. It is whānau-Centred and reflective of the diverse realities of Māori. The Framework is designed to be inclusive and encompasses the diversity of culture and ethnicity of all participants in the Oranga Tamariki system.

The Framework includes six outcomes, each with principles setting out a high-level definition and indicators that track towards wellbeing. A set of measures is in development for each outcome focused initially on measures to monitor the NCS Regulations.

Outcomes

Indicators

 <p>Whanaungatanga</p>	<p>Tamariki and rangatahi have strong, healthy and positive relationships and connections with their family, whānau, hapū, iwi and people around them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi feel they are a valuable part of a family, whānau or group. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi have meaningful relationships and friendships and feel connected to supportive social networks. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are connected to, and strong in, their culture, language, beliefs and identity, including whakapapa and tūrangawaewae. <input type="checkbox"/> Whānau, hapū, iwi, caregivers, parents and families have the skills and knowledge, and access to resources, to provide quality care for tamariki and rangatahi. <input type="checkbox"/> Whānau are actively making plans to transition their tamariki and rangatahi back to a stable home where their basic needs will be provided.
 <p>Rangatiratanga</p>	<p>Tamariki and rangatahi, alongside their whānau, are involved, empowered and supported to become self-determining, and leaders in their own lives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are willing participants and contribute positively in different environments. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki, rangatahi and whānau are engaged and feel their voices, opinions and perspectives help to shape their plans, aspirations and pathways to success. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are engaged in and able to share their culture and cultural activities with others. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi show strength and courage, and are positively building on their potential. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are open for others to support and help them to empower themselves.
 <p>Aroha</p>	<p>Tamariki and rangatahi feel loved, supported, safe and cared for and are capable of receiving kindness through love and giving love to others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically safe from harm. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi have everything they need to demonstrate reciprocity. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are able to share their views of what it means to be or feel loved. <input type="checkbox"/> Family and whānau are well connected, supportive and involved in their child's wellbeing and transitioning out of care. <input type="checkbox"/> Whānau are able to provide a stable and harm-free home environment.
 <p>Manaakitanga</p>	<p>Tamariki and rangatahi have positive reciprocal relationships based on genuine care, generosity and respect. Parents, caregivers and whānau have what they need to meet the needs of tamariki.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki, rangatahi and whānau are empowered and confident to ask for support when needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi have access to people or services that are inclusive and supportive of diversity. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki have their needs met, including a good standard of material wellbeing, quality housing, food, and access to technology and other resources that support them to thrive. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi experience and engage in safe, bully- and discrimination-free environments and surroundings. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi have warm, stable, healthy and secure relationships between themselves and others.
 <p>Kaitiakitanga</p>	<p>Tamariki and rangatahi feel protected, and are kept safe by having all aspects of their wellbeing acknowledged, nurtured and supported.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki, rangatahi and whānau have their health needs supported and maintained so they are able to be healthy in mind, body and spirit. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki, rangatahi and whānau have access to people and services to help build self-esteem, resilience and sustain emotional wellbeing. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki, rangatahi and whānau have access to the best possible health care to support their on-going hauora.
 <p>Mātauranga</p>	<p>Tamariki and rangatahi are learning and developing their skills and knowledge about themselves, their culture, their potential, their future, and their role/place in this world.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are engaged in learning and meaningful daily activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki, rangatahi and whānau are positively engaged in activities that support their holistic health and social-wellbeing. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi have the social and emotional skills to communicate, navigate and transition into different stages of their lives. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are learning life-skills that show self-control and build self-confidence. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi achieve a level of literacy and numeracy skills to their greatest potential. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki, rangatahi and whānau have equitable access to learning and development opportunities. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi Māori are able to navigate two cultures so that they can become more successful in both worlds. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi are open and able to navigate different cultures. <input type="checkbox"/> Tamariki and rangatahi have high expectations of themselves and others.