

# Social Sector Trials

March 2011 – June 2015



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# Aim of the Social Sector Trials



And identification of barriers to achieving these aims

# Governance



Cabinet: Lead Minister – Minister Ryall with support from Ministerial sub-group



Joint Venture Board: CEO's of MSD, MoE, MoJ, MoH and NZP



Director: Social Sector Trials Programme Office

## The Model

- Six initial locations selected from across NZ in 2011
  - Tokoroa
  - Taumarunui
  - Levin
  - Te Kuiti
  - Kawerau
  - Gore
- Individuals employed in three locations, NGOs contracted in three locations
- Mandate
- Funding



# Intended outcomes – first six locations



# Process

New Zealand Government

- Establishment of local advisory groups
- Stocktake of existing initiatives and activity
- Statistical analysis
- Development of location specific Action Plans with strong emphasis on the co-ordination of existing activity and the implementation of new initiatives
- Delivery of initiatives





## Examples of new activity

### ▶ Kawerau

- ▶ The expansion of the Kawerau Engaging Youth Forum (KEY) a multi agency approach working to re-engage youth back into education, from 12- 16 years to 6-16 years
- ▶ Kawerau-wide education strategy, from early childhood education to tertiary education
- ▶ Social Services hub based on school grounds

### ▶ Waitomo

- ▶ Number '12' youth hub with resources provided by the community and partner agencies
- ▶ Driver licensing programme people, to reduce fines and driver related offending
- ▶ Youth mentoring in place

### ▶ Taumarunui

- ▶ Kick-Start breakfast clubs (with support from Fonterra and Sanitarium)
- ▶ Programme to counteract anti-social behaviour and promote crime-free living for the most 'at-risk' youth







## Examples of new activity

### ▶ South Waikato

- ▶ “It’s not OK to miss a day” campaign - including parent / whanau pledges, and a CBD truancy free zone and Cook Island / Maori wardens
- ▶ Fresh FM youth radio station streaming live on-line to the 22,640 young people and Whānau

### ▶ Horowhenua

- ▶ Youth Coordinators providing wrap around support services for young people in the Horowhenua (including performing the truancy officer role)
- ▶ The inter agency CACTUS eight week motivation and fitness programme

### ▶ Gore

- ▶ A Student Engagement Service to support students at risk of stand-downs and suspensions
- ▶ The development of the Hokonui Tertiary High School



## Outcomes to date (soft)

- **Soft outcomes** (examples):
  - Stocktake of youth activities, a forum for discussion on youth issues, Action Plans developed (all for the first time)
  - Communities feeling more connected
  - Young people feeling more connected to each other (through events, programmes in schools/communities)
  - The development of a culture of care for children and young people
  - Agencies (government and non-government) working collaboratively to deliver programmes and services
  - Evidence of Trials leads influencing practice (eg one Trial lead has provided advice to local Police regarding their approach to youth violence)
  - Agencies in Wellington applying learning from the Trials in policy decisions/direction

## Outcomes to date (hard)

- South Waikato

- Closure of hard end truant cases from 21 per cent in 2011 to 78 per cent in 2013
- A transition rate to jobs or training of between 75 and 100 per cent from new Broadcasting, Media and Music Technology (BMT) programme targeted at disengaged 16 and 17 year olds

- Waitomo

- Transition rates from Te Kuiti High School to tertiary education increasing from 18 per cent in 2010 to 55 per cent in 2013
- NCEA level 1 attainment has increased from 35 per cent in 2011 to 62 per cent in 2013, and level 2 attainment has increased from 57 per cent in 2011 to 67 per cent in 2013

- Taumarunui

- School leavers with NCEA level 2 increased from 65 per cent in 2011 to 78 per cent in 2012
- Increase in the number of chronically truant students re-enrolled in education has risen from 15 per cent in 2010 to 89 per cent in 2013

# Outcomes to date (hard)

New Zealand Government

- Horowhenua

- 25 per cent reduction in youth apprehensions across 2012 – 2013
- An increase in closure rates for hard end truant cases from 21 per cent in 2010 to 91 per cent in 2013

- Kawerau

- The re-engagement in education and training of 65 young people under 16 who were essentially 'off the radar' at the beginning of the Trial
- 30% reduction in truancy recorded over 2011 – 2013

- Gore

- A 35 per cent reduction in unjustified absences of young people across three high schools across 2012 - 2013
- 97 per cent of young people who accessed the new Hokonui Tertiary High School in 2013 successfully transitioned to education, training or employment



## Resources secured

- Centrally allocated (eg NDOE contracts) and locally leveraged by Trials leads
- Resources leveraged locally include:
  - in-kind resources: such as agency/NGO/Council staff or office space provision
  - donations: Fonterra supplying milk for a breakfast club or New World donating food for a youth activities day
  - cash and other financial resources: DHB contract for a full time Drug and Alcohol Counsellor, business donation for youth mentor
- Locally leveraged amount is considerable – by December 2012 it was 61% of the total resources



# Barriers

- A number of barriers were noted in the first six Trials including:
  - truancy recording variations
  - agencies having different boundaries
  - data capture difficult at a rural/provincial level
  - Proliferation of NGOs
  - “visiting culture” – regionally based services do not appear to have a vision or strategy for specific communities with the region.

# Extension/Expansion

- The first six Trials:
  - extended until June 2015
  - boundaries extended to the Territory Authority level
  - extended age range to 5 – 18 years
- New Trial locations:
  - 10 new locations in place from July 2013
    - Kaikohe
    - Waikato
    - Ranui
    - Whakatane
    - Rotorua ( 0 – 18 Years – Education focus)
    - Porirua ( 0 – 74 years – Health focus)
    - Gisborne
    - South Taranaki
    - South Dunedin
    - Wairarapa

# Evaluation

- Cross agency evaluation programme for the first two years
- Findings available on MSD website [www.msd.govt.nz/social-sector-trials](http://www.msd.govt.nz/social-sector-trials)
- Cross agency data and measurement group in place for extension/expansion