

Kai Atawhai (Personal Advisor)

Youth Horizons has a bi-cultural Kaupapa and is a values-based not-for-profit organisation providing evidence-based sustainable solutions for family and young people who are at risk of poor outcomes due to complex behavioural and/or mental health needs.

Ka Awatea is a CYF funded programme within Youth Horizons Trust that provides 1:1 support to young people (15-20yrs) who live, or have lived, in care and are transitioning to independence.

Our young people come from challenging backgrounds and their key needs include secure accommodation, income, training or employment as well as guidance in budgeting, health and wellbeing, court matters and whanau relationships.

Your role is to support them in accessing existing services, assist them in identifying their own needs, and to coach them in caring for themselves and achieving their agreed goals. Young peoples' participation on the programme is voluntary so developing trusting and productive relationships is critical.

Liaison with a wide range of government and community organisations is key to the role. Your existing networks and ability to work successfully with these services will be highly valued.

The role requires a high degree of self motivation, empathy, integrity and excellence across all forms of communication.

Essential Qualifications and Experience

The following are essential to the effective execution of this role:

- Social Worker qualification (current registration is desirable).
- Experience in using motivation strategies and strength based approaches with youth.
- Experience in working with a range of cultures.
- Experience developing and facilitating the achievement of goals for young people with complex behavioural and support needs.

For more on Youth Horizons services check out: www.youthorizons.org.nz and go to the Situations Vacant page for a Position Description.

For further information or to apply with an expression of interest contact the Programme Manager Kapeli Su'a on 021 673 769 or kaps@youthorizons.org.nz.

Applications close 17th February 2010