October 2016

Children's Action Plan

He Taonga Te Tamariki

Identifying, Supporting and
Protecting Vulnerable Children

Children are at the **centre of everything we do.**

We **work together** with agencies, NGOs, iwi/Māori and community providers to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and their families and whānau.

The Children's Team Approach

- **Child focused** - The child at the centre of everything we do

- **Cross-agency** – Working together, joined-up support, intervening early

- **Strongly connected** - Working together, sharing information

Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour as Lead Professionals

- **31** RTLB's are Lead Professionals

- **7** of the 10 sites have RTLBs as Lead Professionals

Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour by Site

- Counties Manukau has 6 RTLB's
- Hamilton has 6 RTLB's
- Canterbury has 5 RTLB's
- Marlborough has 5 RTLB's
- Whanganui has 4 RTLB's
- Horowhenua has 3 RTLB's
- Eastern Bay of Plenty has 2 RTLB's

What is the Children's Team threshold?

- A vulnerable child at significant risk of harm from neglect and/or abuse now and into the future resulting from multiple and interrelated unmet needs.

- Children's Teams support vulnerable children who do not quite meet the statutory intervention threshold of CYF but still require intensive, cross-agency services and support.

- The complexity of need requires a whole of child assessment and one multi-agency plan to ensure access to the range of interventions/services to quickly reduce the level of risk and harm to the child and plan preventative actions.

Children's Teams, working with children:

As at 30 September

2,433 children have been accepted in Children's Teams.

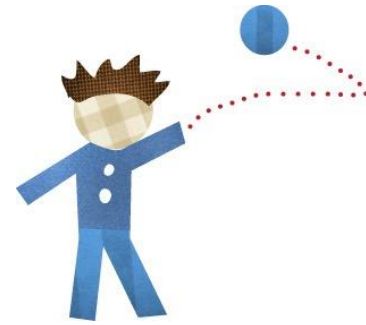Currently, the 10 teams are actively working with **1,508** children.

51% of referrals came from Care & Protection (CYF)
13% of referrals came from Social Service NGOs
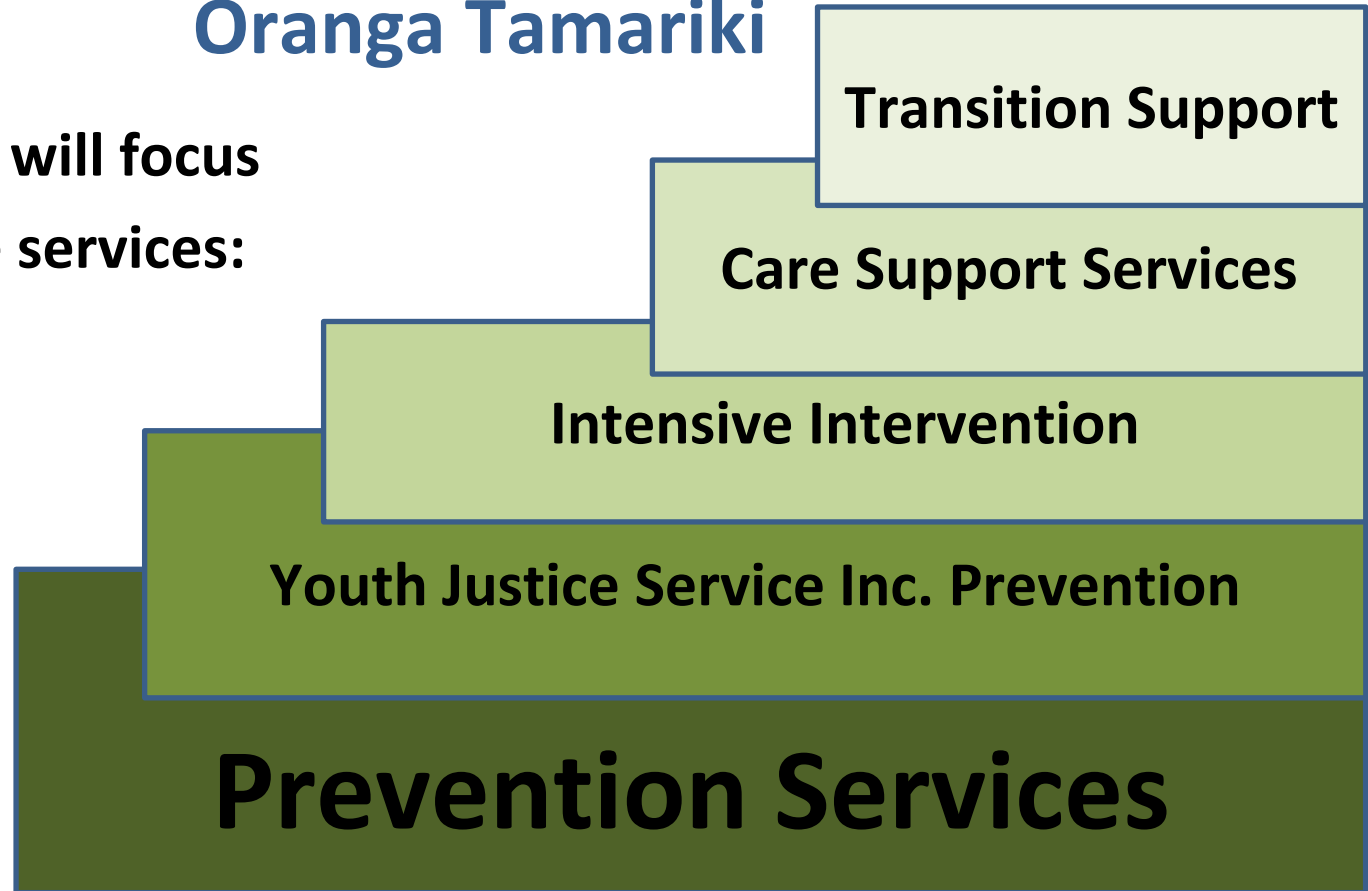12% of referrals came from Health
11% of referrals came from Education sectors

Ministry for Vulnerable Children
Oranga Tamariki

New model will focus

on five core services:

Transition Support

Care Support Services

Intensive Intervention

Youth Justice Service Inc. Prevention

Prevention Services

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