

# Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Project

## What is the Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Project?

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The Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Project is an initiative to facilitate:

- government agencies
  - community agencies and
  - Waitakere City Council

to collectively identify collaborative focus areas and projects around wellbeing and to work together on them.

### How?

- identifying agreed focus areas
- facilitating joint projects
- better communicated, co-ordinated and cohesive planning



### How did we get to here?

This initiative has come from a strong base of collective action in the City. The wellbeing process, which began in 1996, has involved community and government agencies working with Council to assess, report and strategise on key wellbeing issues in Waitakere City.

Wellbeing reports were prepared and summits held to discuss and debate next steps were held in 1996, 1997 and 1999. In 2000 a presentation on the City's needs was made to Prime Minister Helen Clark and a follow-up first Wellbeing Strategy was prepared by community networks in 2000-1.

Two ongoing forums were also formed to work with Council on wellbeing issues, an Intersector Group (a quarterly meeting of government agencies) and a Wellbeing Network (a super-network of community networks).

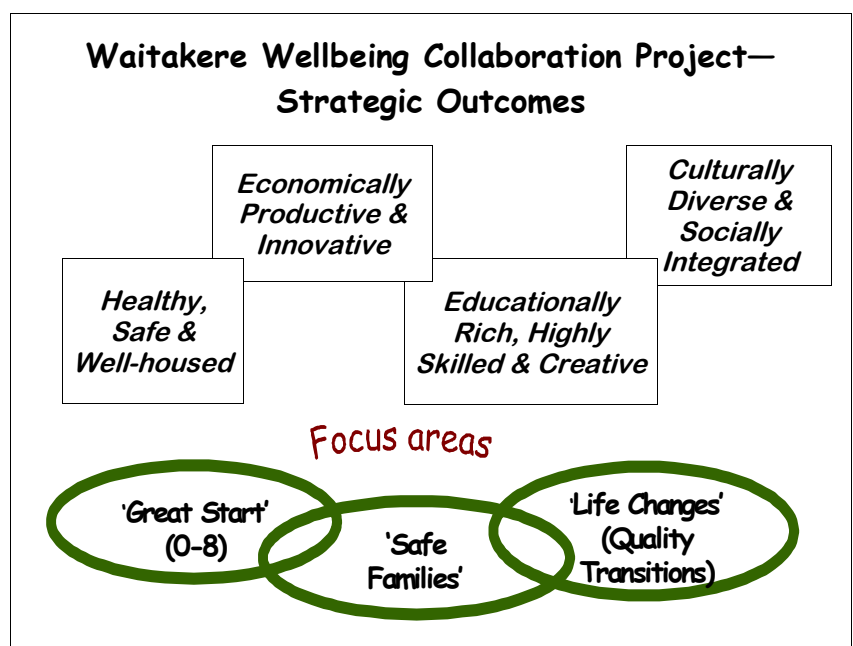
### The Collaboration Process begins

Rather than working independently, it was jointly decided that the three sectors—community agencies, government agencies and the City Council should be working together.

From there a small "Collaboration Strategy Group" was set up consisting of representatives from the three sectors (Council, Government and Community). Over mid 2002 they drafted shared strategic outcomes and focus areas for collaborative effort. This new group also secured funding to employ a Collaboration Project Manager.

In December 2002 a Wellbeing Summit, attended by more than 170 individuals from more than 70 agencies, adopted and mandated the collaborative direction for the City—the six draft Calls to Action. The Summit also created one extra Call to Action around Inclusion.

At the Summit, organisations committed to participating on working groups to identify specific, measurable and achievable collaborative projects and ways to make them happen.



# Calls to Action—2003-2005

The Calls to Action for 2003-2005 are:

- Every child has access to a quality preschool education
- Every new migrant and refugee to Waitakere City settles successfully
- Families give their children a great start
- Violence against children and women is reduced
- Every student in Waitakere leaves school with a plan
- Develop a culture of inclusion that fully includes all people in Waitakere City
- Schools and communities are working together.



These Calls to Action have provided a gathering point for action. Some Calls to Actions teams have completed some projects (such as setting up an Ethnic Board), while some are still identifying projects.

The *Great Start Waitakere: Protecting Our Tamariki* initiative has been integrated into the Collaborative framework. Up to a further ten projects are being developed through this initiative.

The Collaboration project also has two other components: online information portal and the facilitation of a more coordinated planning approach.

## Collaboration information & planning projects

Online social services information:

- Link to database of community organisations
- Link to local social services data and research
- Link to useful Strategic and Business Plans
- Noticeboard and discussion area

Coordinated planning:

- Facilitate more collaborative planning processes (eg linked agency regional business plans)
- Identifying joint consultation and research opportunities

## Collaborative projects

About 45 organisations are involved

27 projects have been identified

3 completed

14 in progress

## Waitakere Collaboration project participants include:

- Ministry of Health
- Safe Waitakere
- WADCOSS
- WEA
- Housing New Zealand
- WAVES
- Shared Vision
- Healthlink
- Enterprise Waitakere
- Community Employment Group
- Ministry of Social Development
- Waitemata District Health Board
- Te Taumata Rununga
- Pacific Island Advisory Board
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry Of Economic Development
- Child Youth and Family
- Tertiary Education Commission
- Waitakere City Council

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