

A@W

# ACHIEVING AT WAITAKERE

Helping young people in West Auckland succeed in education



WAEC  
Waitakere Alternative Education Consortium



# A@W COLLECTIVE IMPACT INITIATIVE TIMELINE

## SYNCHRONISTIC EVENTS

Four events that led to the formation  
of the A@W Collective Impact Initiative  
2010-2015

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## 5 YEAR VISION

To create a sustainable model of cross sector collaboration that enables young people to succeed in education and live better lives.

By achieving this we will improve outcomes for our community in health, wellbeing, employment, relationships and community cohesion.

- Achieving at Waitakere (A@W) was formed
- WAEC began building a network of relationships with key organisations and service providers to provide more 'wrap around' support for young people
- Key research projects carried out by Community Action Youth and Drugs (CAYAD) and Toi Ora Live Art Trust
- The Ranui Social Sector Trial established the Youth at Risk Network (YARN)

- A@W is the lead and the umbrella organisation
- WAEC and CAYAD driving organisations
- Engaged key stakeholders from government, business, community, service providers and funders to inform establishment
- Funding obtained to support formalisation

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## A@W COLLECTIVE IMPACT INITIATIVE

Was scoped 2016

## FORMALISATION COLLECTIVE IMPACT INITIATIVE 2016

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- Advisory Steering Group formed
- Youth At-Risk Working Group formed
- Evaluation Working Group formed
- Key stakeholder reference group continued

- Create closer alignment and a more cohesive working model between schools, agencies and organisations involved in the education and support of young people at risk
- Address barriers to education
- Improve sustainability and effectiveness of practice, systems, processes and policies
- Evaluate and measure progress and outcomes (student, programme and initiative)

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## FIRST PROJECT: YOUTH AT RISK PILOT

For 13-16 year olds, 2017 onwards  
- a more supportive model for young people at risk, aimed at removing barriers to education (Managed Moves)

## SUCCESSSES TO DATE

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- MOU signed by A@W School Principals (2016)
- All West Auckland Secondary School Deputy Principals meet for the first time to collaborate, share and initiate the first formal 'managed moves' (2015)
- Grants obtained from four funders to support the Initiative's establishment and the Youth at Risk Pilot for the first year. (2015 & 2016)
- More to come ...

- Scoping 10 to 12 year old Youth at Risk programme
- Youth employment support scheme for 16-24 year olds
- Strengthen a cross-sector collaborative approach to ensure all young people in West Auckland succeed in education (relative to them)
- Change policy, practice and procedure that prevents young people from succeeding in education
- Share the learnings and working model to enable other communities

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## THE FUTURE

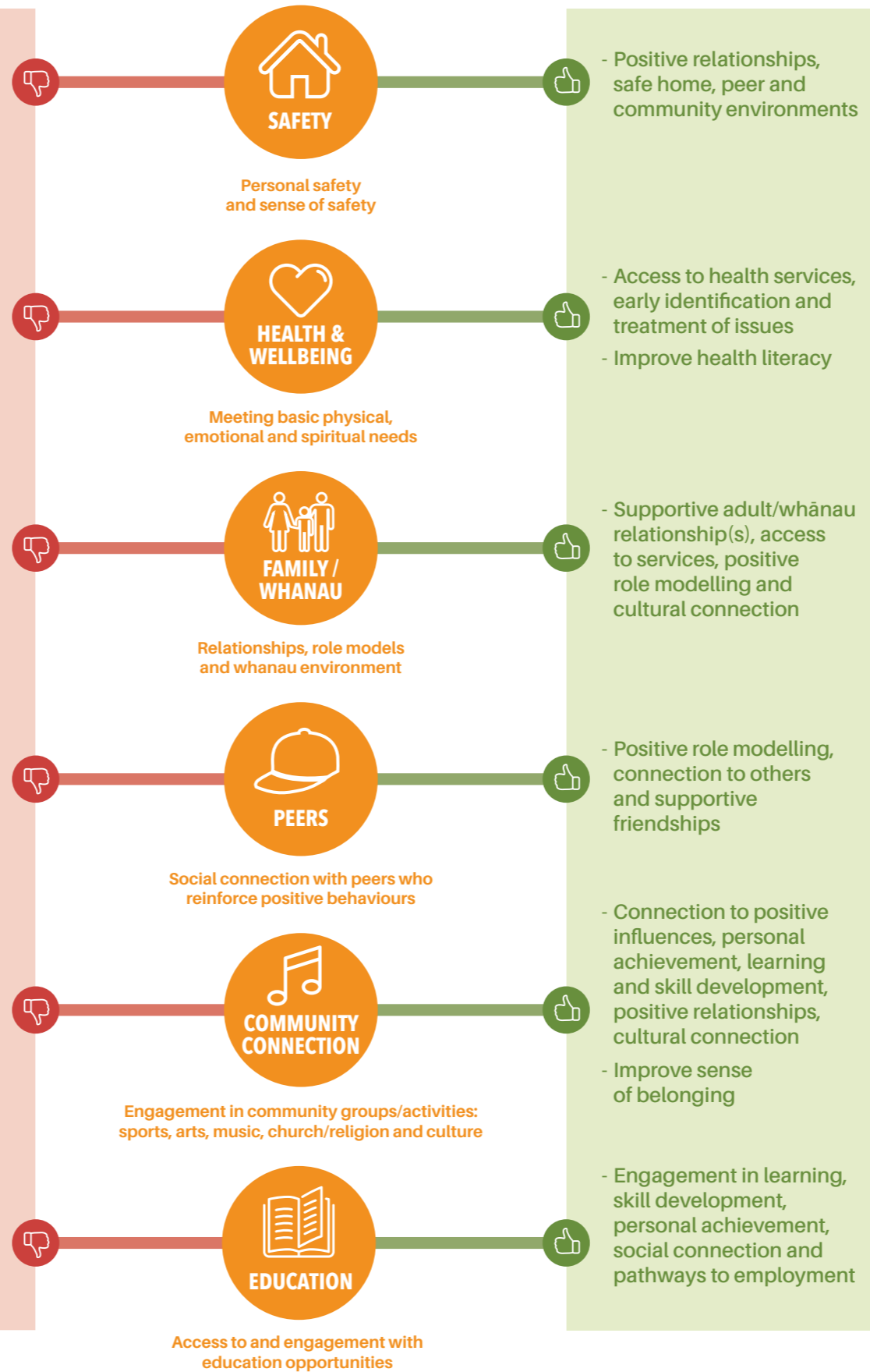
Our five year objectives & goals

**AT RISK OF:**

Poor educational achievement; limited employment options; poor quality of life and lack of overall wellbeing

**WITHOUT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO BUILD PROTECTIVE FACTORS AND REMOVE BARRIERS, YOUNG PEOPLE MAY EXPERIENCE:**

- Low sense of self
- Lack of belonging
- Increased vulnerability
- Undiagnosed physical illness
- Mental illness
- Lack of sense of identity
- Disconnect from culture
- Lack of caring for self and others
- Exclusion from school
- Alcohol and other drug use
- Risk taking behaviour
- Teen pregnancy
- Disengagement from peers
- Rough sleeping
- Crime
- Isolation from whanau, community and/or peers
- Self-harm or suicide



**THESE PROTECTIVE FACTORS LEAD TO:**

- Greater resilience<sup>1</sup>
- Improved mental and physical health
- Strong sense of belonging
- Healthy sense of self
- Strong sense of identity
- Knowing Someone Cares<sup>2</sup>
- Increased hope for the future

**OUTCOME:**

Achievement in education, increased employment opportunities, life satisfaction and improved overall wellbeing

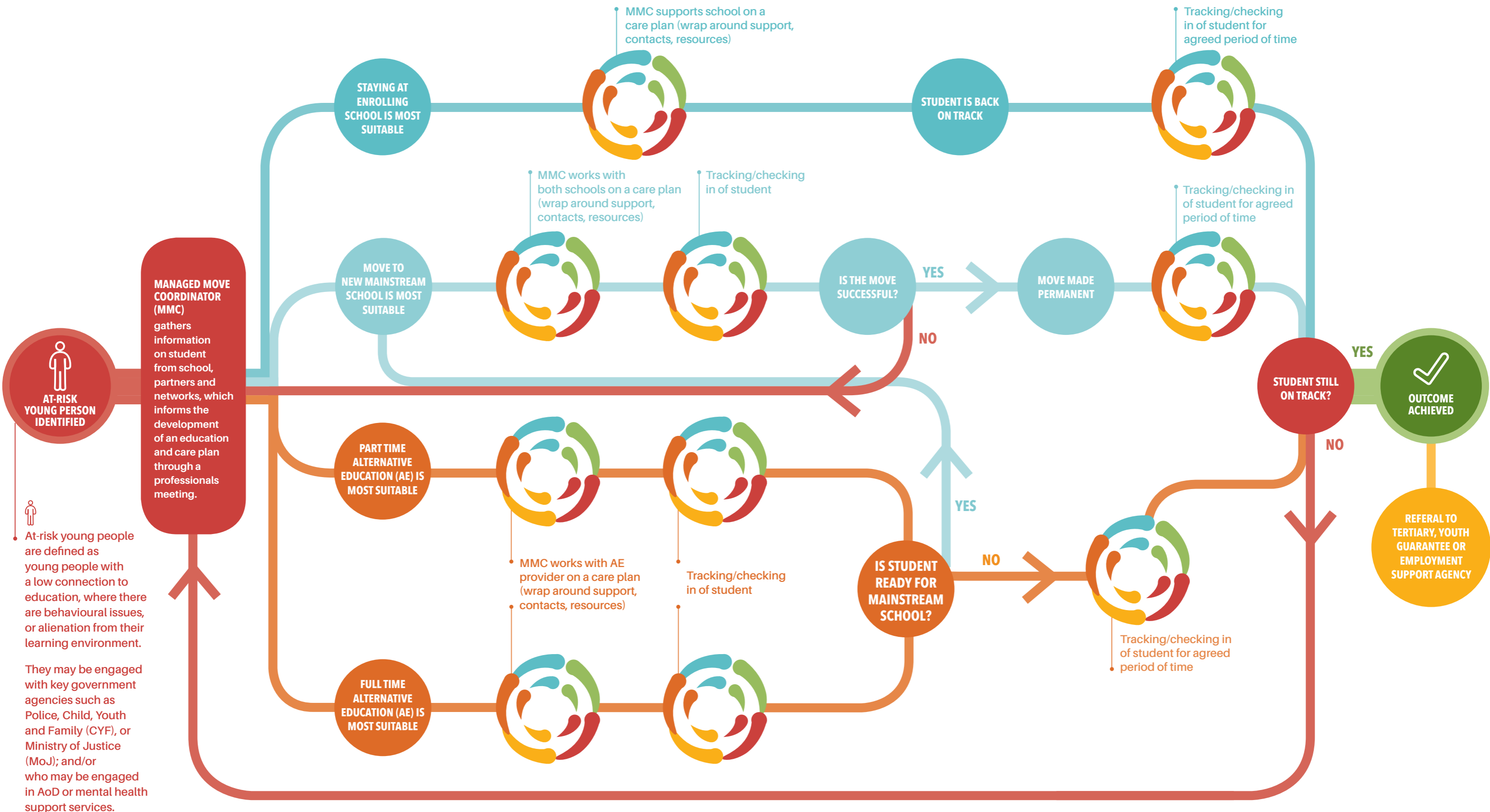
<sup>1</sup> Research carried out by Toi Ora Live Art Trust

<sup>2</sup> Knowing Someone Cares: CAYAD & Auckland Council report, May 2016

**LEGEND**

- No Intervention
- Intervention

Interventions / support that remove barriers, nurture protective factors and improve environments in a young person's life leads to increased engagement, greater educational success and greater overall wellbeing.



# A@W YOUTH AT-RISK PILOT

**WRAP AROUND SUPPORT**

- Health and Wellbeing
- Justice and Safety
- Family Support
- Education
- Transitions

- | HEALTH AND WELLBEING  | JUSTICE AND SAFETY  | FAMILY SUPPORT  | EDUCATION   | TRANSITIONS   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CADS Altered High</li> <li>- Sports Waitakere</li> <li>- Marinoto Youth MH</li> <li>- Family Planning</li> <li>- Toi Ora Resiliency</li> <li>- Kiwisports</li> <li>- CAYAD</li> <li>- DHB</li> <li>- Health West</li> <li>- Odyssey</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RYOP</li> <li>- Community Policing Teams</li> <li>- Police</li> <li>- Humans of Hendo</li> <li>- Youth Justice</li> <li>- Youth Offending Team</li> <li>- Youth Aid</li> <li>- Blue light</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multi-Systemic Therapy</li> <li>- Family First Therapy</li> <li>- Whanau Support Services</li> <li>- Healthy Families</li> <li>- RYOP</li> <li>- CYFS</li> <li>- Strengthening Families</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Te Kura</li> <li>- IWS IRF</li> <li>- MOE Senior Advisors</li> <li>- Mainstream Schools</li> <li>- HCN</li> <li>- Learning Support</li> <li>- Alternative Education</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mainstream Schools</li> <li>- Youth Guarantee Programmes</li> <li>- YARN - Youth at Risk Network</li> <li>- Youth Services West</li> <li>- Aspire - Pre AE</li> <li>- Campus Connections</li> <li>- Mentoring</li> <li>- Transitions Waitakere</li> <li>- Youth Connections</li> </ul> |

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