



Proactive Release

Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

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The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has released the following submission received during its public consultation on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy – Submission Template

This document is intended for individuals or groups who wish to make a formal submission on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

Please complete this template and email it to: childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz

A guide to making a submission is available on the DPMC website <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy>

Submissions will close on **Wednesday 5 December**.

Please provide details for a contact person in case we have some follow up questions.

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Organisation Name:	Youth One Stop Shop Inc (YOSS)
Organisation description: (tell us about your organisation – i.e. who do you represent? How many members do you have? Are you a local or national organisation?)	<p>YOSS is a Youth One Stop Shop in Palmerston North, also covering the Horowhenua. We are a health and social service for young people aged 10-24 years of age and are part of the national network of Youth One Stop Shops (and a member of Ara Taiohi).</p> <p>We have a team of 20 staff, across a wide range of disciplines and have a registered client base of around 7000 young people. Our mission is that young people are happy, healthy, safe and successful.</p>
Executive Summary: (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The draft Child and Youth Well-Being Strategy requires a stronger link to the YDSA. This will balance a much even focus on young people, as the current draft is very child genric. This will also encourage a focus up the age of 24 years which is consistant with other NZ government definitions of a young person. ➤ The strategy needs a co-design process with young people

Submission Content

The draft strategy has a great vision and five key areas that generally covers what we hope the vision of NZ is for young people as well as defining what wellbeing means.

Wellbeing is a holistic concept focusing on the young person, whanau, community and the environment. A strong well being approach will encompass the principles of youth development also and be connected to a wider systems approach including increasing education, employment, financial and housing outcomes for young people. Youth development principles will give the draft strategy a more strength based, positive and opportunistic empowerment approach rather than a focus on 'intervention and fixing'.

Better life skills including resilience and emotional regulation would be a great investment to contribute towards a decrease in the levels of distress experienced by young people. The most obvious answer to increase resilience literacy is through schools and work places.

A Wellbeing framework needs to be coordinated across all government ministeries and service providers (people who help young people), and funded in ways that do not support shilohs while also ensuring the measurement of outcomes. Maturanga Maori has much to offer a wellbeing framework including a strong focus on whanau and principles of nourishment and sustainability.

The Children's Commissioner and Ministry of Youth Development are positive mechanisms to drive, focus and lead this work – but they need very specific support and elevation if you want to achieve the vision.

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