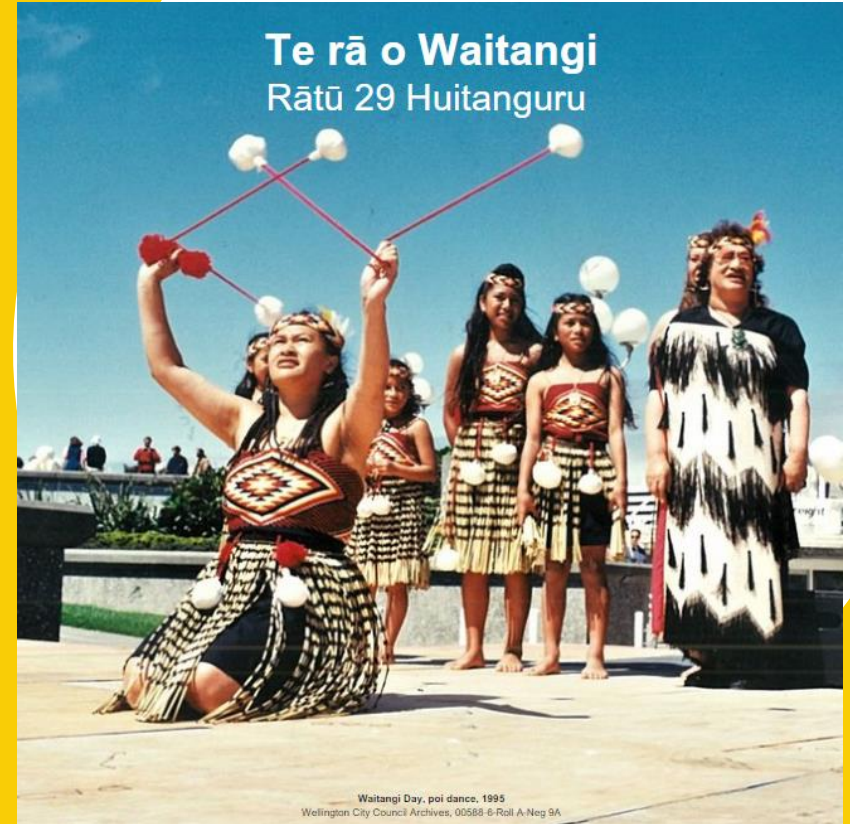


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what you need to know



spotlight on the ready to rent programme

part one – what the programme covers

The Ready to Rent programme is designed to help people find a stable place to live.

Over one or two days young people who take part will hear from different people about important things like:

- Finding and applying for a new place to live
- Getting ready to meet landlords
- Knowing the rights and responsibilities of a good tenant
- Managing their money, rent, and keeping their house warm
- Getting support from different places, including MSD's help with housing, money, and other support services.

“Taiohi who've completed the Ready to Rent programme have shown they're serious about being a good tenant and looking after your property.”



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part two – who the programme is for

If you have a young person in emergency or insecure housing, this programme might be right for them.

The programme is best suited to people who:

1. are almost ready for the housing market but need a bit more support or proof for landlords that they'll be a great tenant
2. will benefit from the program
3. will be ready for MSD's Housing Brokers to help them find a good place by the end of the programme.

referring taiohi to the programme

Let your Youth Service provider housing contact person know.

They'll get in touch with the Manager Regional Housing to arrange a referral to the Ready to Rent programme.



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direct studylink line for youth coaches

having problems transitioning young people to studylink? call the direct line.

Sorting out getting a student loan or allowance can be another stressful thing to manage on top of getting ready for a new course.

Most questions – like where your application is or what documents they need and [more](#) – can be answered on [MyStudyLink](#).

If taiohi are having technical problems that they can't solve in MyStudylink then you can call the direct line on their behalf.

Simply call 0508 885 885. Just like when you phone YSSU, you need to say where you are calling from and your provider number.

please note

this line can **only be used** to answer questions about young people enrolled in Youth Service.



waitangi day changes to payment dates

young people who are usually paid on a tuesday will receive their payments early

The Waitangi Day public holiday is on Tuesday next week. If a young person is usually paid on a Tuesday they'll be paid early.

| Expected payment date | Revised payment date |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tuesday 6 February 2024 | Saturday 3 February 2024 |



a message from yssu: whakanui to our youth coaches

shoutout to the youth coaches for writing great notes

The YSSU Processing Officer has noticed a huge improvement in the notes that have been recorded in our young person's Hardship Tasks.

The notes have been in-depth and relevant to the young person's need which has made it easier for staff to finalise.

Thank you for all of your hard work.

– *the Technical Officers*



The Technical Officers hanging out in a (virtual) theatre.

Back row L-R: Manaaki and Eli

Front row L-R: Tulai and Tom



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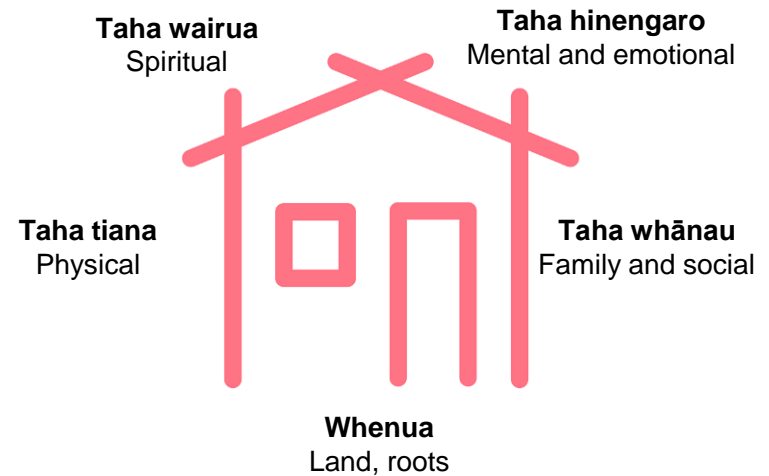
keeping yourself well drop-in session

missed the session or just need a reminder? here's what we covered.

It's important that we don't forget to look after our own wellbeing.

We looked at some things you can do to keep yourself well:

- [Te Whare Tapa Whā](#) and how you can apply this to your own wellbeing
- The importance of reflection (your biggest challenge in 2023, your greatest success in 2023, and a new habit you want to form in 2024?)
- Tips and tricks for forming new habits
 - **be persistent** – on average it takes 66 days before habits become automatic
 - **use self reflection** – ask yourself: Why haven't you practised this behaviour before? What is stopping you?
 - **get enough sleep** – forming a new habit takes a lot of mental energy
 - **let go of the 'all-or-nothing' mentality** – every little bit counts and doing something is better than nothing



For more tips, check out [this](#) keeping yourself well guide eLearning module



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upcoming drop-in sessions

drop-in sessions are back – join us to meet other youth coaches and learn about youth service

induction for new youth coaches
Wednesday 7 February, 10am



In this drop-in session we're cover:

- the legislation and policy that determines how Youth Service operates
- the people and teams that help deliver Youth Service
- an overview of the Activity Reporting Tool (ART)
- where to find information to help you in your role.

You'll also get to meet some other new youth coaches and be able to ask us any question

Join via [Teams](#)

education and alerts in art
Tuesday 13 February, 10am



We'll cover two short topics

Education outcomes

Last month results for the NCEA external exams came out. If you haven't already, now is the time to make sure this information is recorded in ART.

Alerts

Alerts make sure you know important background information about a young person. We'll cover what the types of alerts mean and how this should affect your interactions with the young person.

Join via [Teams](#)

Note: the meeting link in the last update was incorrect - we have a new meeting link for 2024.
If you have it saved, please replace it [with this link](#).

You can find the full drop-in session schedule on our provider site
[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)
or print the [breakroom poster](#)

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