

# Improving Outcomes for Young People in New Zealand The Government's Focus

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# Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa



- This whole-of-government approach for youth policy advice and initiatives was launched in 2002
- The six key aspects of youth development are:
  - understanding the big picture of young people's lives
  - young people being connected
  - a strengths-based approach
  - quality relationships
  - meaningful youth participation
  - robust information and quality research



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- Youth participation needs to be meaningful and culturally appropriate
- Young people have four key social settings:
  - family/whānau
  - peers
  - schools/training and workplaces
  - community



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# Examples of Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa in Action



## Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ)

- MTFJ works with Government on the shared goal:  
"All 15 to 19 year olds will be in work, education or training, or other activities that contribute to their long-term economic independence and wellbeing, by 2007"

### MTFJ objectives:

- National co-operation between Mayors
- Share best practice methods at the local level
- Create local and national forums to address income/ work trends
- Link with private sector initiatives



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## Youth Transition Services (YTS)

- Free service for young people seeking support as they transition from school to further education, training or employment
- Currently 10 YTS operating, with four more to be implemented soon
- The YTS are developed in partnership with local authorities, supported by the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

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## Mission On

- A Government initiative aiming to improve nutrition and increase physical activity among young people, launched in September 2006
- The Government is investing \$67 million over the next four years in ten high-profile initiatives

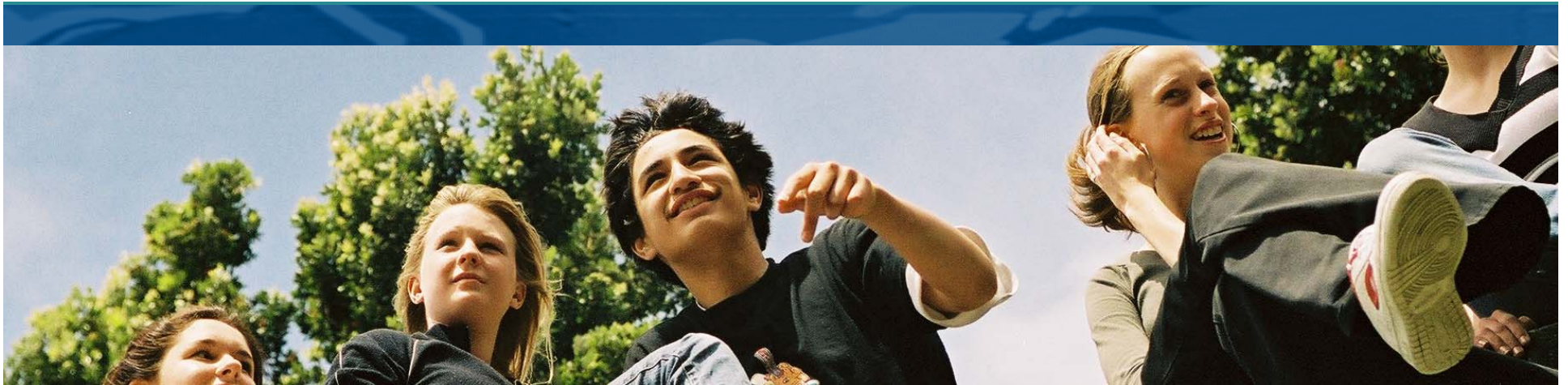


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