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PHILOSOPHY

We believe that the diverse knowledge and skills of members are essential to the development of people with Intellectual disabilities. We base our beliefs on TE TIRITI O WAITANGI and the principles of

TE WHAKAPONO	-	FAITH
TE TUMANAKO	-	HOPE
ME TE AROHA	-	AND LOVE.

FAITH: To assist, support and nurture Maori people with disabilities, no matter what the circumstances, whether in the Community, Hospital or in I.H.C. facilities.

HOPE: To give Hope, Meaning and Quality to the lives of Maori people with Intellectual disabilities in ways which enhances the cultural, traditional and historical Values of Maori people.

LOVE: To heal the breaches that sometimes occur through mis-understanding between different cultures. To sustain the strength of all people involved with caring for people with Intellectual disabilities.

ON-GOING OBJECTIVES:

1. Continue to facilitate on-going Wananga and Hui in a range of different Settings. e.g. Inservice, Marae, Local churches and Community Houses.
  - Cultural Awareness Seminars.
  - A Cultural Approach to Death and Dying Seminars.
  - Anti-racism and T. O. W. Worksnops.
  - Marae Protocol.
  
2. On-going Church Services.
  - Involve local ministers of different denominations to facilitate.
  - Provide transportation of hospital and community residents to church Venue.
  
3. Tangihana and Bereavement Support.
  - On-going support and financial Koha.
  - Assist with funeral arrangements as necessary.
  - Ensure that the cultural Values of the deceased are respected.
  
4. Cultural Evenings.
  - Every Wednesday Evenings.
  - Learning experiences for interested people including people with Intellectual disabilities.
  - Korero Maori, Waiata, Himene and Action Songs.
  
5. Cultural Interpreters.
  - Whenever the occasion should warrant, for meetings, translation of both verbal and written communications.
  
6. Family Support Services.
  - For parents and families of people with Intellectual disabilities.
  - Provide appropriate resources or information as necessary.
  - Counselling as necessary.

PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:

1. To Promote the Kaupapa of Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau.
2. To build a Community Awareness of and seek the support of Maori Community Groups, Maori people with Intellectual Disabilities.
3. To provide support and assistance to Maori People with Intellectual disabilities and their families in ways which reflects Cultural Sensitivity.
4. To identify the needs of Maori Parents and incorporate into future Service Plans.
5. To initiate a 'Whanau Development Team' to establish family links with Maori people living in large institutions and who have not had contact with their natural whanau for many years.
6. To undertake the role of the Extended Family in cases where natural whanau cannot be contacted.
7. To develop a Marae Based Support Service for Maori people with Intellectual disabilities and to initiate culturally appropriate Services that is co-ordinated by culturally appropriate personnel.
8. To provide accommodation for Maori families that live out of town, that will enable them to visit more frequently and be involved in the developmental progress of their son or daughter.
9. To seek Avenues in which financial assistance can be given to establish and implement our Kaupapa.