



Piki Kotuku Te Awhi Hinengaro: A Tikanga Mori Community

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ABSTRACT Being marginalized in society, stuck with less opportunity for education, frequently facing unemployment or underemployment, and living poverty-stricken does not enable Maori to achieve, to enjoy life, and to contribute to the larger community. The historical past has led to a situation where political, social and economic change is essential. Maori approaches to health and to ways of living depend upon holistic concepts and practices that are culturally appropriate. Treating symptoms, unfortunately, does not offer long-term solutions. The author identifies and describes a program, as an example of a way to offer alcohol and drug rehabilitation services that fit both philosophically and practically the contemporary needs evident in the Palmerston North community.

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