

Beyond the Anecdotal - Nurturing Collaboration Across a Child's Village in Measuring Developmental Achievements and Care Outcomes

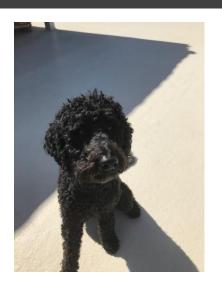
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Ko Wai Tatou (who are we?)





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Building connections



Introducing Rob





Introducing Vincent

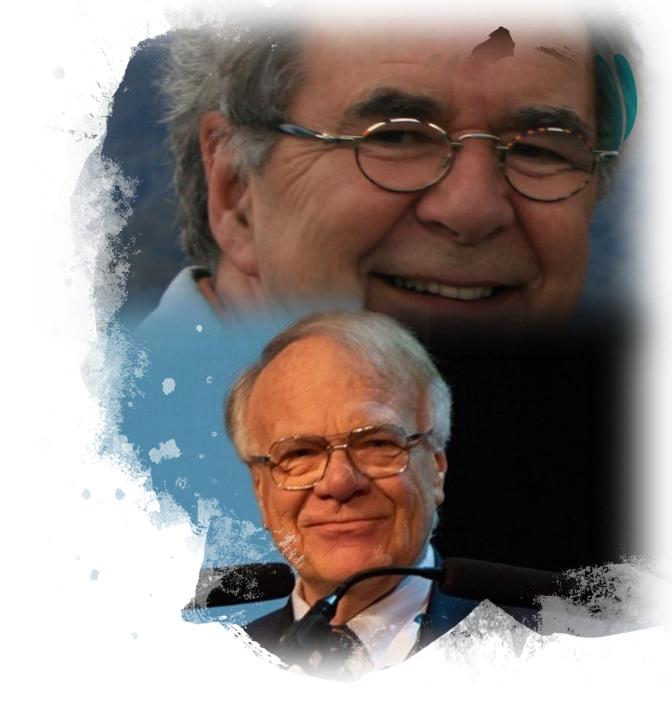


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Using Outcomes that Matter
(OTM) in Supporting
International Volunteers to
Nurturer Peace and Kindness
through Gratitude, Compassion
and Responsibility



Drs Leon Fulcher and Thom Garfat







Accent Alert!!

Key questions to consider...



- What opportunities for developmental achievements are noticed and nurtured with each young person in care – every day?
- What achievements do Child and Youth Care Workers monitor and celebrate with children and young people in care, and when they are leaving and transitioning from care?
- Who hears the voice of the child in the weekly or daily recordings filed in places of care?
- To what extent do family members participate in daily and weekly opportunity moments in places of care, or share in developmental outcomes their young people achieve in care?

Distinguishing between Inputs, Outputs and Outcomes

• Inputs=

The quantum of resources measured whether in terms of money, time or energy

Outputs=

Everything that Carers, Teachers, Youth Workers and Others do

Outcomes=

Achievements that are shaped and developed through nurturing, coaching and mentoring, and which can be observed

ACRC Policy Documents on Outcomes Measurement



Performance Indicators and Outcomes (ACRC, 2007)

- "...residential treatment as an intervention encompasses multiple relational and contextual variables that impact clinical *effectiveness*-the probability that an intervention will produce beneficial results for typical clients, treated by the average practitioner, under ordinary conditions. The variables, including the definition of the setting itself, are difficult to define, isolate, and evaluate."
- "Testimonials about the impact of a residential treatment episode on a child and family are powerful, whether positive or negative, but are anecdotal."
- "Systematic gathering, compilation, and analysis of data regarding the specific children and families served affords important objective information regarding the work that occurs as part of a residential treatment intervention and establishes credibility for individual organizations and the field."

ACRC Policy Documents on Outcomes Measurement



Measuring Functional Outcomes (ACRC, 2012)

- "Functional outcome and perception (experience) of care measures...are person-centered, reflecting the impact of the treatment program on the child and family. Functional outcomes may be defined as changes in adaptive functioning in meaningful life domains, along with measurable progress in achieving developmental milestones" (our highlight).
- "Even absent the control over variables, functional outcomes measurement gives us valuable
 information about how well we are fulfilling our missions, areas in which we can make practice
 improvements, and opportunities for partnership and collaboration with youth, families, and
 community partners to improve programs and systems."

Provide Statistical Evidence Why a Developmental Outcomes Measure?



Help Meet Key Performance Indicators **Policy Outcomes**



Programme or Service Outcomes



Provide **Statistical Evidence**

Why a Developmental **Outcomes Measure?**

Policy Outcomes

Help Meet Key Performance **Indicators**

Programme or Service Outcomes

Child or Young Person's Developmental Outcomes





Carers/Mentors Evidence Developmental Achievements Over Time in Collaboration with the Child or Young Person



Who constitutes the young person's village?



- The Young Person Him or Herself?
- Parents and Family Members?
- Other Carers and Social Workers?
- Health, Education and Welfare Professionals?
- Agency Boards of Directors?
- Family Courts and Review Hearings?
- Care Monitoring Bodies?
- Politicians and the Public?
- The Media?

Question for discussion... Outro putcomes that matter



How do you currently measure outcomes with young people in your care?

Question for discussion... Otwoods Cottones that matter



How do young people in your care participate in agency outcomes reporting?

Question for discussion... Otwoods Chat matter



How do families participate in the process?

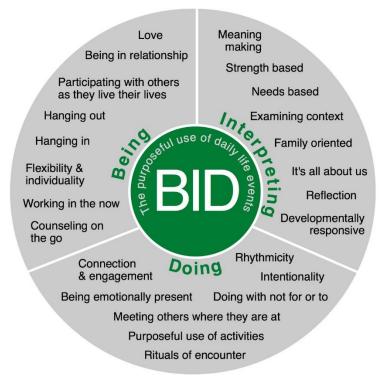
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Linking Outcomes that Matter with the 25 characteristics of Relational Child and Youth Care Practice





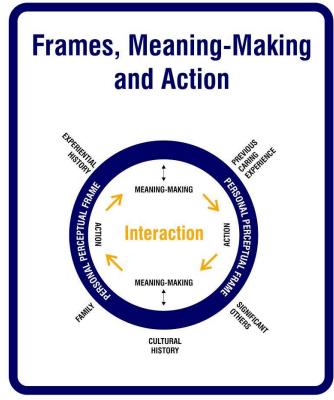
Characteristics of a Relational Child and Youth Care Approach

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The Purposeful Use of Daily Life Events



- Safety in relationship
- Doing with
- Participation and engagement
- Creating opportunities
- Noticing the little things
- Meaning making





Engaging Young People (linking in with the Purposeful Use of Daily Life Events)





Noticing What's Happening with Other Each Young Person

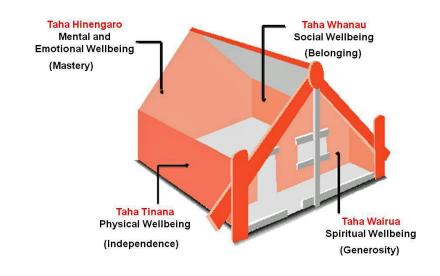
The Circle of Courage

(Brendtro, Brokenleg & van Bockern, 2002)



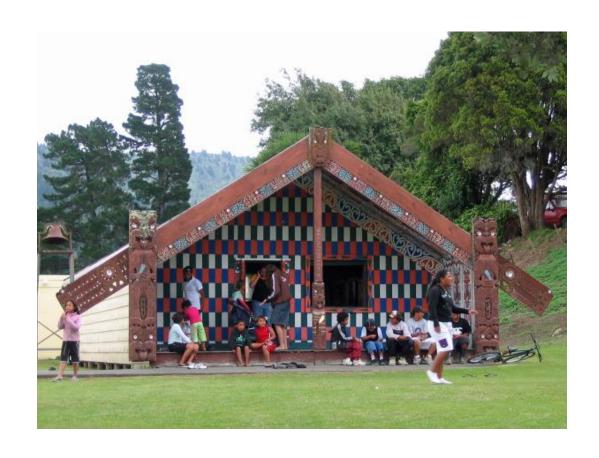
Ancestral Houses of Care – Te Whare
Tapa Wha

(Durie, 1994)



Hinekura Marae Tuai Te Urewera





Search Institute (est. 1958) (based here in Minneapolis)



- Surveys of more than 6 million American junior and senior high school students
 over the past 40-50 years identifying 40 Developmental Assets said to underpin
 positive youth development.
- 20 External Assets supports, opportunities, and relationships young people have and need across all aspects of their lives.
- 20 Internal Assets personal skills, commitments, and values they need to make good choices, take responsibility for their own lives, and be independent and fulfilled.
- Refinements with permission to focus on 20 Developmental Assets reframed into Outcome Statements with Likert Scale Weekly Achievement Ratings.

Distinguishing Between External and Internal Influences

External-

Influences outside and around the young person offering safe opportunities to engage and learn in the communities where they and the people with whom they live

Internal-

The young person's inner world that influences and shapes their sense of self through personal achievements, relationships and upbringing



Internal and External Congruence





Measuring 20 Developmental Outcomes that Matter



Generosity

Service to Others (E)

Peaceful Conflict Resolution (I)

Caring (I)

Honesty (I)

High Expectations (E)

Independence

Planning and Decision-Making (I)

Personal Power (I)

Responsibility (I)

Activity Programmes (E)

Positive View of Personal

Future (I)



Belonging

Safety (E)

Positive Communication (E)

Caring Relationships (E)

Carer Support (E)

Boundaries for Daily Living (E)

Mastery

Actively Engaged in

Learning (I)

Supportive Environments (E)

Carer's Involvement in Learning (E)

Motivation to Achieve (I)

Making Use of Opportunities for School

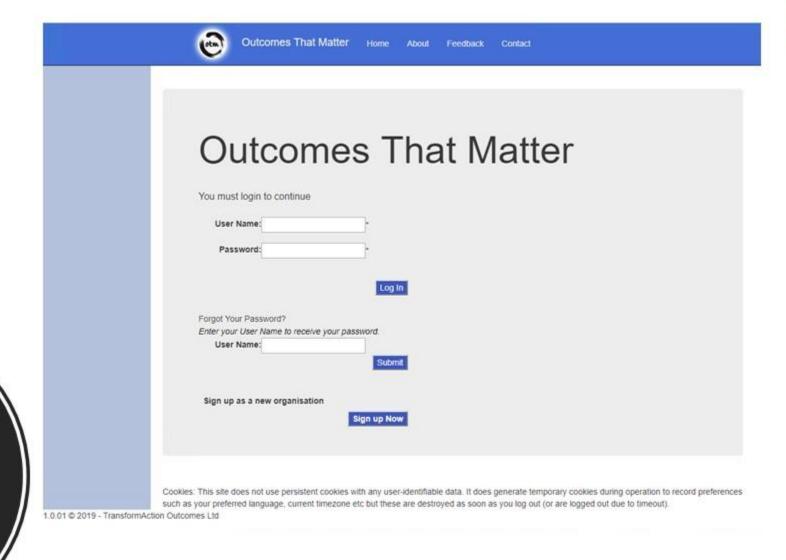
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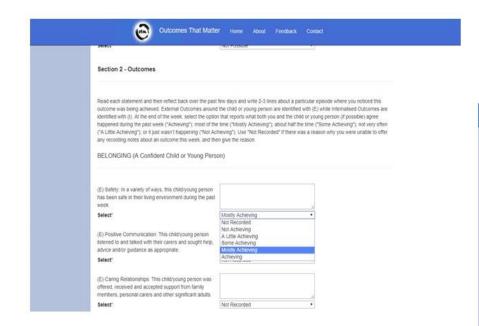
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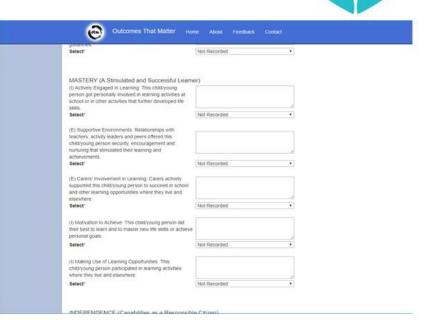


Outcomes that Matter Web-Based Application

A New Solution to a Consistent Challenge







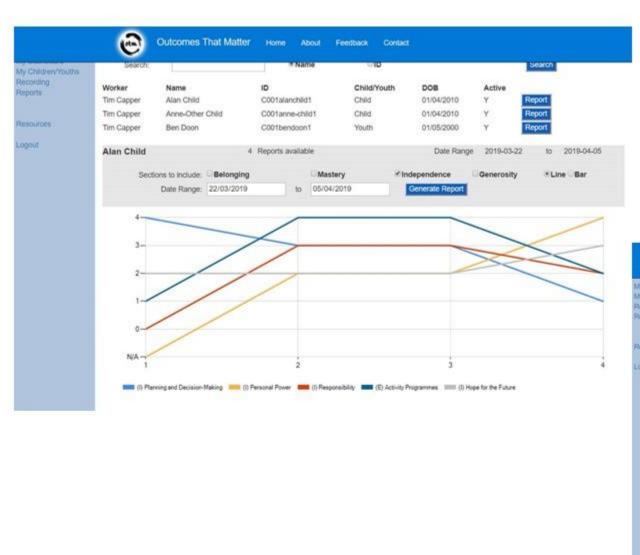
Capturing narrative reporting in addition to quantitative measures



Legitimising Youth Voice







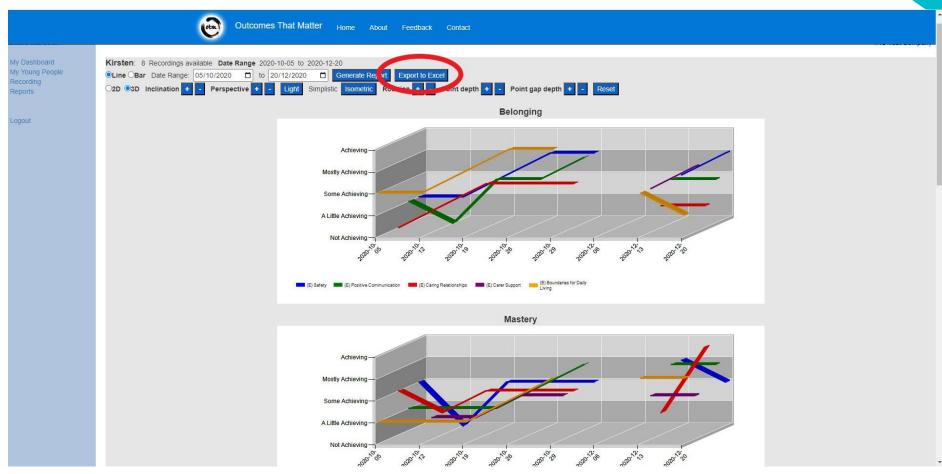




Real time upload of data and instant reporting at the click of a button

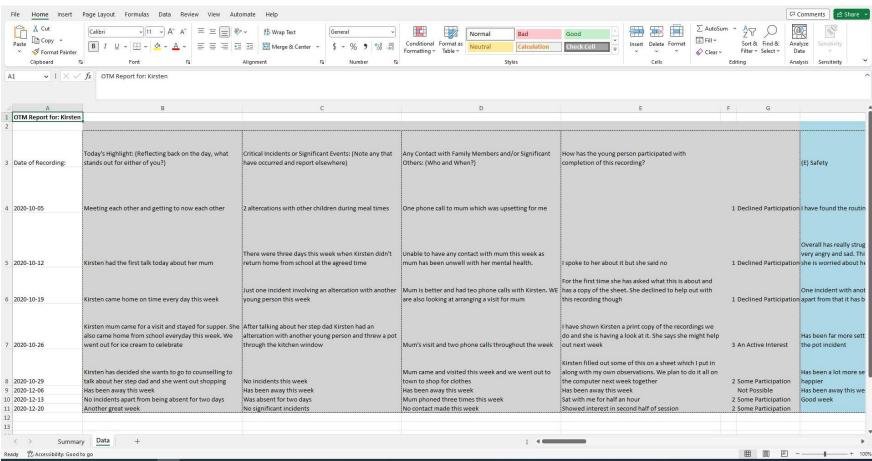
Exporting Data





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Using the Data





Using Outcomes that Matter

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Implementing Outcomes that Outcomes Matter



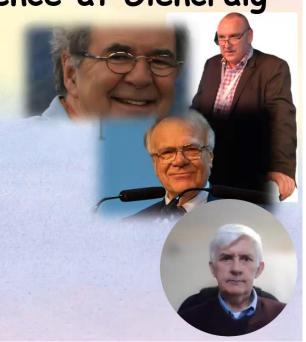


Adapting Outcomes that Matter Specific to Your Purpose

The implementation of OTM has made a valuable contribution to the volunteers experience at Glencraig

OTM is primarily used as an evaluation tool to support people in a care setting.

Glencraig has adapted OTM to enable the volunteer to selfreflect on their learning experience volunteering at Glencraig.



Question for discussion...



What other impacts could using OTM have on you as a practitioner, as a team and as a service?

Harakeke-Weaving Together (Summary)

- A framework for a collaborative approach to measuring child/youth centred functional outcomes focused on developmental achievement
- Trauma informed, strengths based and developmentally focused
- Recording and reporting on quantitative and qualitative data
- Adaptable to context
- Secure cloud-based data storage (no need for servers)
- User friendly interface and automated back-end (reportable data at the push of a button)

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He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tāngata, he tāngata

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people.



Kia ora mai tatou!





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