



Job advertisement:

Role: Hauora Team Lead Mental Health Practitioner

Location: Te Awamutu

Hours: Full time

Fixed term till 30 June 2026

About us:

We are Ko Wai Au Trust. A non-for-profit charitable trust based in Te Awamutu, Rural Waikato.

Here at Ko Wai Au Trust, we aim to empower rangatahi to strive for better futures, providing services that enable rangatahi to make positive contributions within their whare, kura, rohe and whānau, for rangatahi to be resilient, independent, and confident.

We support rangatahi within the Waipa district who are dealing with a range of life challenges.

About the position:

As the Hauora Team Lead Mental Health Practitioner, you will be leading our Hauora service while working with rangatahi predominantly aged 15 – 24 years (at times will be younger) of age who are unemployed or not in education or training (NEET). You will be required to complete mental health assessments, develop and execute detailed recovery plans and recommend options for treatment where needed.

You will be working in partnership with other services to support rangatahi and whanau helping them gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to reach their health goals and achieve positive mental wellbeing. This position provides support for lifestyle changes.

Where needed you will assist to actively support these rangatahi and their whanau by providing pastoral care, wrap appropriate services around them with the goal to actively engage these rangatahi into education, employment, or training.

About you:

- The Mental Health Practitioner must be a registered mental health professional having relevant qualifications such as but not limited to a Mental Health Nurse, Counsellor, Social Worker, Occupational Therapist
- Have worked or have the experience within the social sector, psychology, social sciences, social work, sports, arts, education, or health arena
- You will have skills such as client rapport, empathy, compassion, active listening, organisation, record keeping, healthy professional boundaries, and strong boundaries.
- Be flexible and willing to be a supportive team member
- A passion for working with young people and committed to making a difference within their lives
- Interpersonal communication skills
- You will have life experience, patience, empathy, and great sense of humour.
- A valid, clean and full New Zealand driver's licence

- Written and communication skills with the ability to work and contribute positively to a team environment
- You will have strong ethics and a desire to help young people in need.
- Knowledgeable and comfortable in working across diverse cultures
- Sound Knowledge of risk assessment and mitigation strategies and an understanding of the referral process where needed.
- Experience in delivering health education and or psychosocial therapy is essential to this role

What we will offer:

- Opportunity for professional development and growth
- Competitive salary package dependant of qualifications and experience
- A supportive, positive, whānau centred environment
- Flexible working opportunities
- At Ko Wai Au Trust we are committed to supporting the wellbeing of our kaimahi
- A meaningful career that is challenging but very rewarding

How to apply:

If you are interested in joining our team, please submit your CV and cover letter to kiaora@kowaiiu.co.nz by 5pm 12th September 2024.