



THE MOANA Framework

The Moana framework is a metaphor that draws from Oceania's library and vast resources – the experiences, stories, proverbs, words, images within Pasifika cultures to guide practice with Pasifika youth. It builds on practice orientations that lead to better outcomes which were identified in the Youth Transitions Research (Massey University).

It is underpinned by a tā-vā perspective: workers and agencies can apply Pasifika ways of doing things and positively serve Pasifika youth and aiga/kainga/anau/families/whānau.

It includes the skills, knowledge, attitudes, values, processes, and systems that workers and agencies demonstrate when working successfully with Pasifika youth.



WAVES – Pasifika youth in perpetual movement – Respect and validate Pasifika youth experiences.



SHORELINES – Opportunities for Vā, authentic relational spaces – Understand pathways for Pasifika youth in culturally grounded ways, use this knowledge to support Pasifika youth to achieve their aspirations.



SAND – Fluid, adaptable and flexible practice through Tā-Vā – Practice flexibility, adaptability and fluidity, honouring and value Pasifika youth voice.



LIGHT - Spaces for deep reflections and focus.