

What it means for you.

If you're 15-25 years old, there's help available to support you as you prepare to leave care or custody and make your way in the world.



Your goals.

Your Social Worker and Transition Worker will help you create a Transition Plan.



This plan will set out your needs and future goals, what support you will receive from us and what you need to do.

Your Transition Plan will be reviewed regularly to make sure it's up to date. You will receive a copy of your plan. Your caregivers, whānau and other important people in your life can be part of this plan if you wish.

Someone to help.

We can provide you with a Transition Worker.



If you have been in care or custody for a continuous period of 3 months after the age of 14 years and 9 months, you can be allocated a Transition Worker.

Transition Workers will get to know you from age 16. They'll support you, be there for you when you need them and will work alongside your Social Worker to help you prepare to become a young adult. When you turn 18, your Transition Worker will become your main point of contact through until you turn 21.

Advice and Assistance.

You can ask for advice and assistance



We have a specialist team who can help you know what you're entitled to and how to get it. We can help with things like:

- finding accommodation
- enrolling in a training course
- finding a job
- getting legal advice or counselling
- additional financial support if you need it in an emergency

Call: 0800 55 89 89

Where you live.

We can help you to stay with your caregiver until you turn 21.



If you want to remain or return to living with a caregiver after you turn 18, and your caregiver agrees, you can.

We will support you to find an alternative place to live if there's a reason why you can't stay with your current caregiver.

Your support network.

Key contacts

- Social Worker
- Transition Worker
- Caregiver
- Whānau, iwi and hapu
- VOYCE Whakarongo Mai
- Counsellor
- Lawyer/Advocate
- Work and Income
- Youth Service



You can talk with your Social Worker or Transition Worker when things aren't working out for you. We will help you along the way.

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