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Ngā Uara Tuku Iho – Valued Resources for All

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(Topic) Whānau ora or family wellbeing is achieved when whānau are empowered with good information and knowledge and able to make their own decisions about their lives. *(Context)* After nationwide consultation in Aotearoa/New Zealand with Māori community health workers a set of practitioner competencies was developed and evaluated. Demonstrating Indigenous Potential *(theme)* Ngā Uara Tuku Iho offers a set of competencies that are knowledge and skills, values and behaviours that Whānau Ora practitioners need to demonstrate to be effective in their mahi (work) with Māori whānau. The kaupapa, or philosophy behind Ngā Uara Tuku Iho are recognisable to all iwi in Aotearoa/New Zealand and are ngā taonga tuku iho - valuable treasures handed down through the generations and freely available for use by everyone. In 2014 a series of wananga with 50 kaimahi (workers) and Kaitautoko (supporters) of a Kaupapa Māori Primary Health Organisation created shared resources for use in their mahi with whānau and plans for future professional development in the competencies. *(Main message follows)* Ngā Uara Tuku Iho strengthened skills and knowledge of community health kaimahi to work with Māori whānau. *(Wordcount 173)*

Summary *(for use in the Programme if selected)*

Indigenous Potential: ‘Ngā Uara Tuku Iho – Valued Resources For All’ offers a set of competencies that are knowledge and skills, values and behaviours that health practitioners need to demonstrate to be effective in their work to inform and empower Māori whānau.