

Employment support is a core part of a modern mental health and addiction system.

We value our working relationships with operational leaders, funders and planners, service providers and non-governmental organisations who believe in employment as a health intervention and the transformation that it can bring.

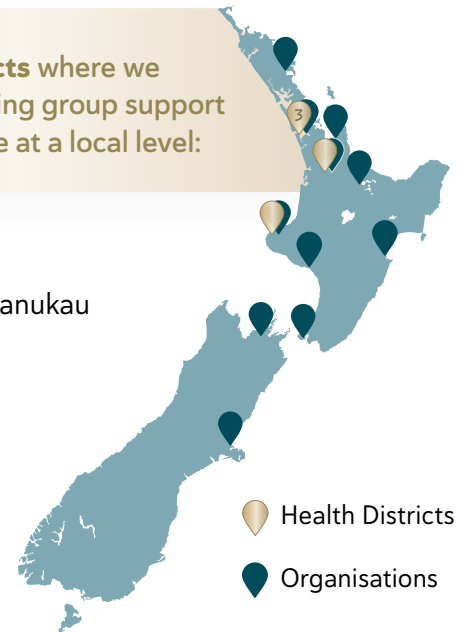
Practical implementation support

Work Counts provided implementation support to a number of organisations delivering IPS employment services over the past year. This included technical assistance, training, fidelity self-assessments and fidelity reviews.

- E Ara E (Odyssey Auckland)
- Ember, Auckland
- Emerge Aotearoa, Auckland
- Mahitahi Trust, Auckland
- Take Charge (Odyssey), Christchurch
- Te Ara Mahi, Nelson
- Te Whatu Ora Hawke's Bay & Northland
- Workwise, Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, Waikato, Wellington, Whanganui

5 health districts where we provided steering group support and attendance at a local level:

- Auckland
- Counties Manukau
- Taranaki
- Waikato
- Waitematā



Employment support training



15 trainings

(14 online and 1 in-person)
with 150+ attendees



9 students

undertook the IPS module for the NZ Diploma in Health and Wellbeing Level 5 Applied Practice in the context of Employment Support



Bespoke training

for clinicians, employment consultants, IPS coaches, health coaches and Access and Choice teams working for employment support providers and/or Te Whatu Ora

Fidelity reviews

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Fidelity Reviews and Fidelity Review Reports completed for

- Te Whare Mārie & Porirua CMH, Te Whatu Ora Capital, Coast & Hutt Valley
- CADS North AOTS & Emerge Aotearoa, Te Whatu Ora Waitematā

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Self-assessments completed for

- Kāinga Tiaki, Te Toka Tumai Auckland
- Lotofale, Te Toka Tumai Auckland
- Manawanui, Te Toka Tumai Auckland

Sector activity and initiatives



Coordination of IPS Employment Support National Steering Group, with representatives from Manatū Hauora, Ministry of Social Development, Platform Trust and Te Whatu Ora



Participation and collaboration with the International IPS Learning Community



Collaboration to form a new Asia-Pacific IPS Learning Community, with Workwise (New Zealand) and Orygen (Australia)



Partnership with Te Pou and Synergia: continued to support the Tōkeke research project, including the testing of an online self-assessment tool



Briefing paper “Employment support is a core component of a contemporary mental health and addiction system” (February 2023)



Attendance at IPS International Learning Community Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA (May 2023)



Work Counts Chief Executive Warren Elwin awarded International IPS Learning Community’s 2023 Rick Martinez Leadership Award (May 2023)



First meeting of Asia-Pacific IPS Learning Community (November 2023)

Annual highlight: Asia-Pacific IPS Learning Community

When Chief Executive Warren Elwin returned from the IPS International Learning Community Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, there was a strong sense that momentum was building for IPS employment support. With this in mind, Work Counts, Workwise and Orygen banded together to invite expressions of interest from the sector in forming an IPS learning community for our part of the world, the Asia-Pacific region.

Following a high number of responses, an inaugural meeting was held in November, with a group of core members from Australia and New Zealand and a steering group was established.

The first meeting was about setting the learning community on its way, working out how best to connect and share experiences and knowledge with each other.

This is a great opportunity to actively strengthen our Asia-Pacific relationships. Drawing on the experience of our workforce and the knowledge of our leaders and researchers, we can work together to promote employment as a health intervention in our respective countries.



Warren Elwin, Work Counts (New Zealand); Sandy Langfitt Reese, The IPS Employment Center (USA); Richard Bell, Te Whatu Ora Te Tai Tokerau (New Zealand); and Alison Hudgell, Te Whatu Ora Te Toka Tumai Auckland (New Zealand) at the IPS Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.



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