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Engaging Pasifika: NASCA Conference

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Pacific Greetings

✧ Talofa Lava

✧ Malo e Lelei

✧ Kia Orana

✧ Fakalofa lahi atu

✧ Ni Sa Bula Vinaka

✧ Malo ni

✧ Fakatalofa atu

Samoa

Tonga

Cook Is

Niue

Fiji

Tokelau

Tuvalu



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Laying out the metaphorical mat

- ✧ “Fofola e fala kae talanoa e kainga”
- ✧ Lay out the mat so we can talk as a family.



- ✧ This is a safe space and we are one family.



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Who are we?

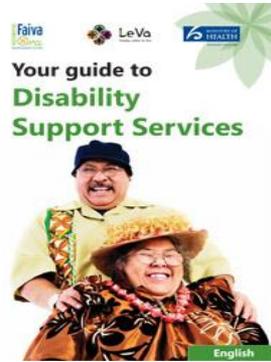
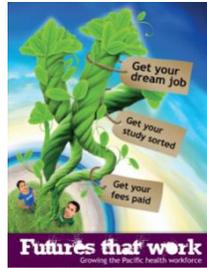


- ✿ Purpose- create opportunities for Pacific families and communities to flourish through Pacific solutions
- ✿ Spirit - igniting communities, creating change
- ✿ Focus - Tautua 2.0 (traditional values, contemporary execution)

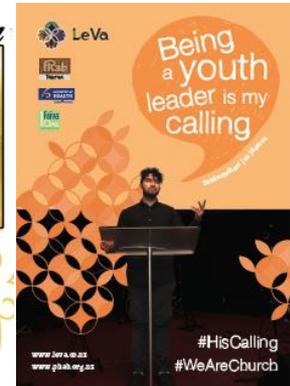
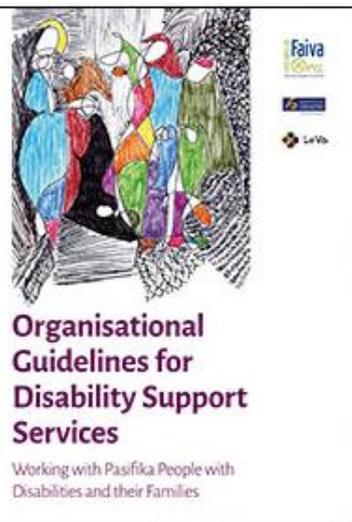
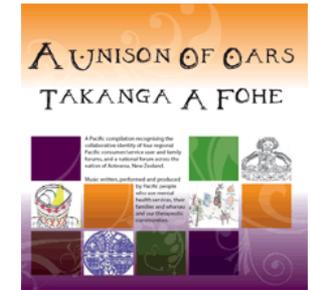
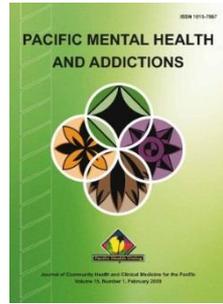
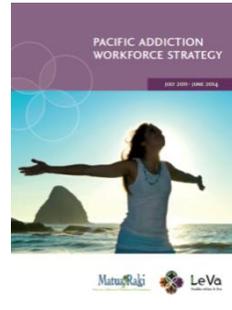
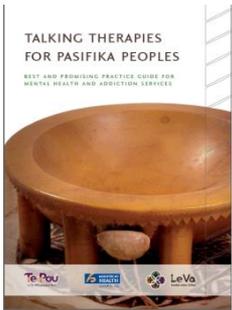
Mental health, addictions, disability, public health, sports...



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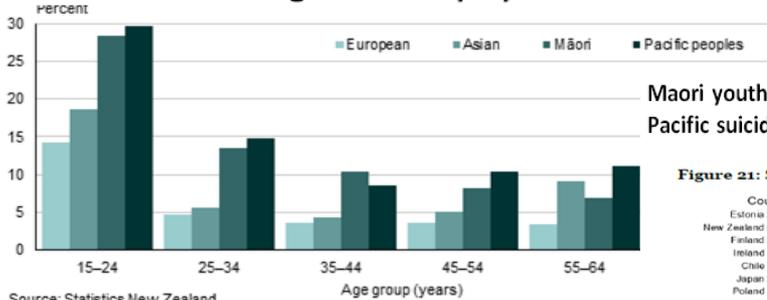


Growing Pacific Solutions 2014



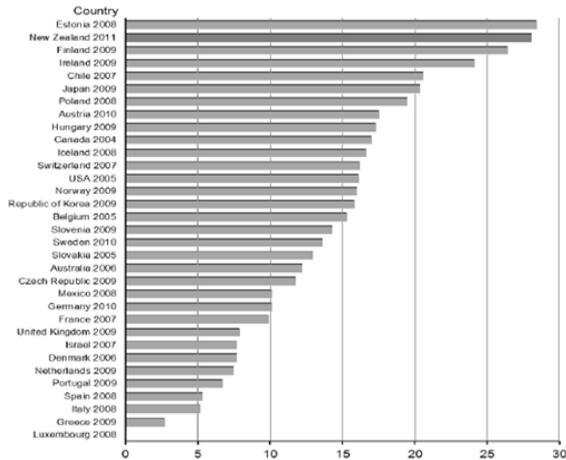
Le Tautua Leadership programme

Pacific & Maori highest unemployment rates 2013



Maori youth death by suicide 2.5 times higher than non-Maori youth
Pacific suicide attempt rates 3 times higher than the NZ population

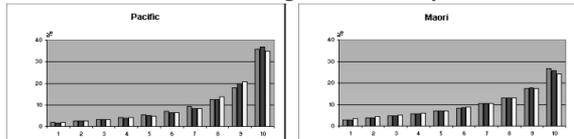
Figure 21: Suicide age-specific rates for OECD countries, males, 15-24 years



Maori & Pacific higher rates of mental illness than NZ population

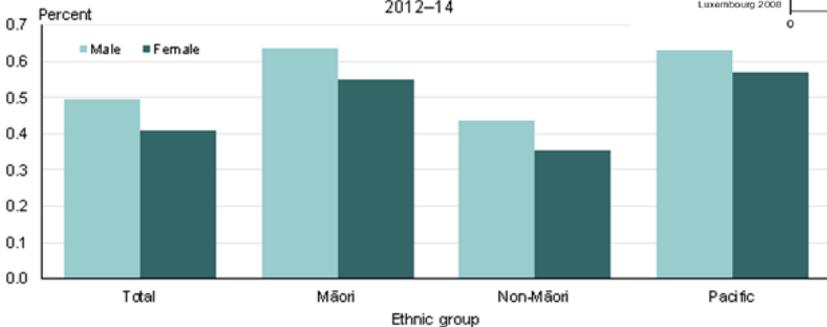


Pasifika and Maori high levels of deprivation



Maori and Pacific higher rates of infant mortality

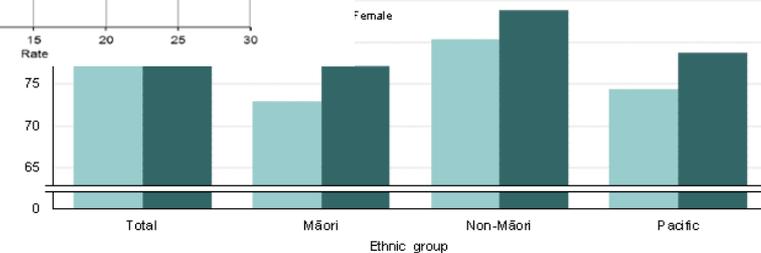
Percent dying within the first year of life (q_0)
By ethnic group and sex
2012-14



Source: Statistics New Zealand

Lower life expectancy 2014

Life expectancy at birth
by ethnic group and sex
2012-14



Source: Statistics New Zealand

- ✦ Pasifika Cultural competency training programme
- ✦ Foundation level skills, knowledge and attitude to effectively engage with Pacific people and their families
- ✦ Govt and community mandated
- ✦ Engaging Pasifika Programme:
 1. EP Online
 2. EP Live
 3. EP Forum

Engaging Pasifika 2015

Le Va leads Engaging Pasifika (EP) cultural competency training for New Zealand's health and disability services.



Here's how it's going...



“ ... of New Zealand's mental health and addiction services said they wanted to **develop better knowledge and skills in cultural competency for working with Pasifika people.*** **”**

*More than numbers organisation workforce survey, Te Pou, 2014

Since 2010,
more than **2550**
health and disability workers
have completed this cultural competency training.



Between July 2014 and June 2015...

761 health
workers
completed EP
training at **21**
workshops
across the
country.



That's 311
more than the
previous year, a

75% increase



Following completion of EP Online,



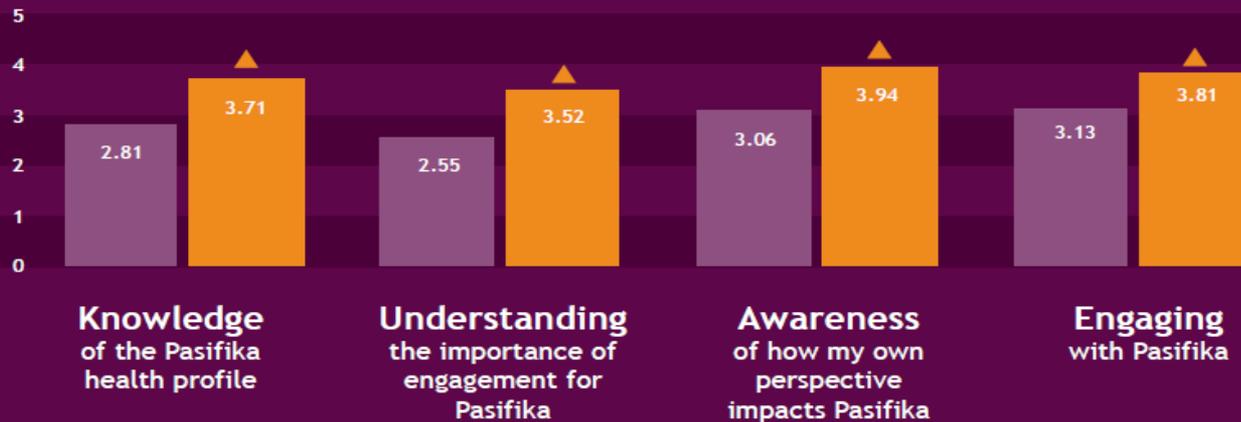
participants show an overall average increase in confidence when engaging with Pasifika people

Average Ratings for EP online Users 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

(0=not at all confident, 5=extremely confident)

■ Before EP Online

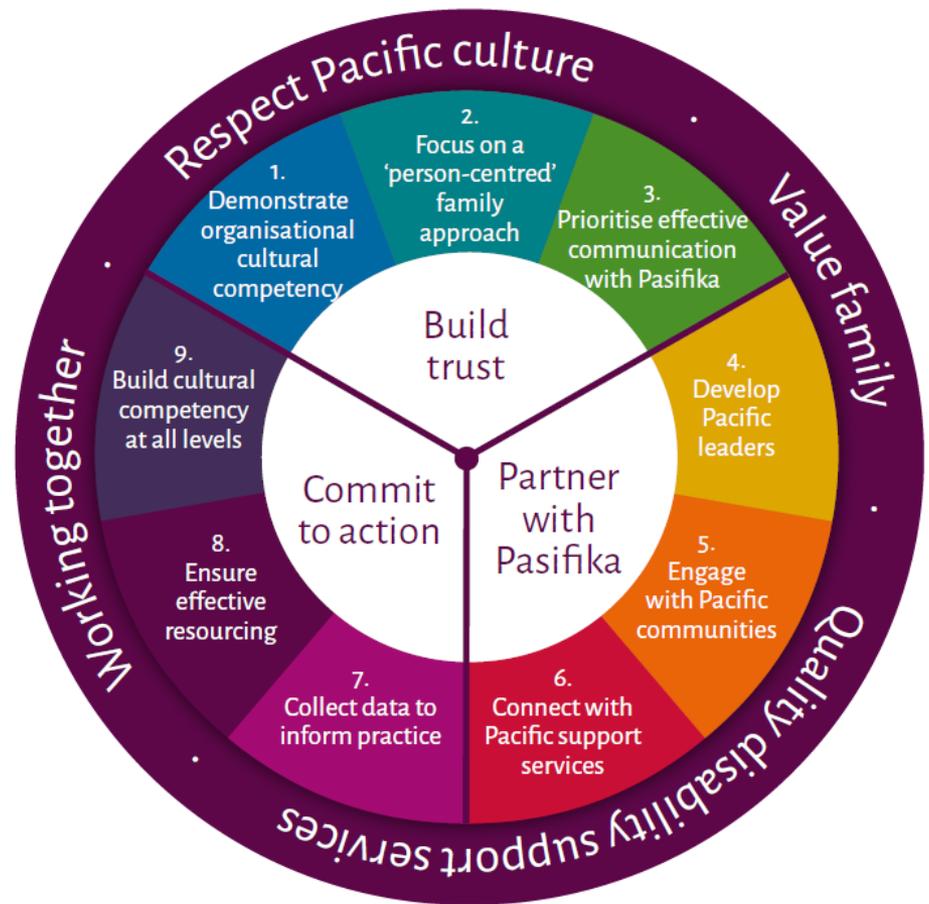
■ After EP Online



95% of people say that EP training is excellent.

Organisational cultural competency

Le Va. Organisational guidelines for disability support services: working with Pasifika people with disabilities and their families.



What does it look like when culture and care connect in health?



creating space for culture and care to connect





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