

The Haven

The Haven aims to offer young people aged between 8 to 12 years and 12-24 years old an avenue to increase access and participation for social, emotion, material aid and skills development.

The following is a detailed account of the journey of how The Haven supported one of its young people

Young person 1

Education - MCP, Certificate 2 in Business, Completed Year 12 with ASHE, First Aid Certificate, Education.

Justice Support - Supported with court appearance for AVO as the accused, Attended interview, Attended court, facilitated conferencing.

Supported with family violence court hearings - Supported in court hearings, wrote supporting letter for court, Facilitated visitations.

Housing support - Helped apply for houses to rent, Took to inspections, Assisted with moving, Assisted with emergency accommodation

Employment - Supported with Job applications, Resume building, References, Applying for jobs
Family support while parent incarcerated - Emotional support while parent was in jail, Financial support while parent was in jail

Mediation - Supported through Family break downs, Mediated social/friend group breakdowns, Mediated relationship breakdown

Volunteered - Fundraiser BBQs, Ladies Night, Numurkah food bowl, Netball Haven Ravens.

Unplanned pregnancy - Pregnancy test, Doctor's appointments, Supported through the decision to keep or terminate, Ultrasound appointments/anti-natal appointments, Anti-natal information supplied when Vic went into Stage 3 restrictions, Supported getting baby needs, Supported through the birth, Supported going home from hospital.

DHHS support - Supported through DHHS visits, progress update for DHHS

Other supports - Food support, Helped with purchase of car, Supported with Centrelink, Phone credit, Activity Packs



Young person 2

Supported through court – police interviews, bail application, supported in court case, assisted with bail reporting, visited in Parkville and connection remained.

Leadership group - 2 years and went on camp

Housing – supported move in with step-parents, support move to parent, supported in residential care

Education – McGuire, MCP, Berry St.
Booked/paid and transported to get Learners permit

Doctors – Found doctor, booked appointment and transported to appointment

Health Issues – serious health issues, weight loss, diet, exercise

Youth Justice - liaise with Youth Justice to develop plan, member of care team, connect justice worker with young person, mediate with Justice worker

NDIS – working with NDIS support worker, attended NDIS meetings as support person

DHHS - member of care team, corresponding with DHHS worker, transport to appointments

Mental Health – assisted with appointments, regular exercise for good mental health supported.

Family mediation – supported family after breakdown, assisted with maintaining regular contact with siblings with separated

Relationship advice - sexual health advice and safe relationship support

Volunteered – at fundraisers, Family Haven renovations, Numurkah Food Bowl Festival, cleaning riverbank rubbish, food security for homeless, activity pack development

Substance abuse support – harm minimisation, harm reduction, AOD education and AOD worker presentations.



Young person 3

Education - Wanganui, ACE, GoTafe, McGuire, Flexible learning, Indi School

Employment - Resume, Job applications

Unplanned Pregnancy - Support with options keep pregnancy/termination, Birth control, Sexual health advice/support

Family breakdown - Mediation with family during severe family breakdown, Finding alternative places to stay at times of family breakdown, Support at times of family crisis

Homelessness - Assisted finding suitable place to stay when forced out of home

Mental Health - Assisted getting mental health plan from Drs, Assisted with Headspace appointments, assisted with CAHMS appointments, Liaise with CAHMS for best outcomes, Suicide watch

Leadership - A part of leadership team for 2 years, attended leadership camp

Court support - Attended court case, Assisted with apology letter for court, Attended CoolHeads with as ordered to by court, Attended police interviews, Assisted with mediation

Peer support - Mediation on social group/friendship breakdowns, Supported through relationship and friendship highs and lows

Volunteer - Fundraiser BBQs, Fryers St Food Festival, Volunteering at the Aged Care facility, Ladies Night, helped on Under 12 nights

Substance abuse - Harm Minimisation, Harm reduction, AOD education, AOD workers presentations

Cyber safety - Cyber safety education, Advice on poor choices around sharing things on social media, Advice about the legal ramifications of posting things on social media

Sexual assault support - Assisted with counselling, Advised of legal rights, Supported through coming to terms with what had happened

Inappropriate relationships - Advice around inappropriate relationships, appropriate relationships and consent

Other supports - Netball, Activity Packs, Food Support

