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## Use strengths-based approaches

He Pikorua, the Learning Support Practice Framework, uses a holistic, strengths-based approach. This approach enhances the mana of the individual and their community by focusing on their strengths and their potential to address challenges. It avoids deficit thinking.

Support practice that:

- acknowledges and enhances strengths, abilities and interests.
- incorporates the cultural traditions, identity, language, and ways of knowing of mokopuna and their whānau.
- focuses on the future and not the past.
- facilitates change and hope.
- is sustainable.
- enhances the motivation, capability and capacity of the collaborative team.

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