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| **Title of Innovation in policy and practice presentation: Wahakura wānanga (weaving workshops)** |
| **Maximum 2500 characters (including spaces but excluding title)****Setting/problem**Disproportionately high rates of Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI) for Māori, even after plastic beds called pepi-pods were introduced to address safe co-sleeping and a national safe sleep programme. A more culturally meaningful solution was required to more effectively engage Māori and target and reduce disparities with Māori in SUDI, as well as in breastfeeding, smoking and family violence. **Intervention**Support communities to hold wahakura wānanga to teach expectant mothers and their whānau to weave their own wahakura and share relevant parenting and health and wellbeing messages. Support the process with local mana whenua (indigenous peoples), weavers and health professionals. Relate each stage of the weaving process to raising children. Hold wānanga (workshops) within communities and at culturally meaningful locations such as marae. **Outcomes*** Safe sleep space and safe co-sleeping, particularly of Māori babies.
* Safe sleep messages communicated.
* Bonding, responsive parenting, breastfeeding and smokefree environments promoted.
* Strengthened spirituality through the relationship with Hineteiwaiwa (god of female arts including weaving and childbirth) and the connection between the pā harakeke (native plantation) and te whare tapu o te tangata (house of humanity/womb).
* Stregnthened cultural identity through utilising the customary practices of rāranga (weaving).
* Holistic approach to health and wellbeing promoted, for the baby, mother and whānau (extended family).
* Expectant mothers and whānau engaged in culturally meaningful ways.
* Health professionals involved in community initiatives.

**Implications*** A culturally meaningful safe sleep space for baby provided, particularly for Māori who have disproportionate rates of Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI) and higher rates of risk factors of smoking and co-sleeping.
* Sustainable as uses local native natural materials and resources.
* Kaupapa Māori – culturally responsive/meaningful.
* Community driven.
* A holistic and collective approach to wellbeing.

**Preferred presentation format**Oral  |