

We need

experts in the community

*Become part of the
Care and Protection
Resource Panel*



At Child, Youth and Family we want to work with our community to help protect, support and care for children. Together we can help our children be:

safe

from harm and well cared for

strong

as part of a loving family and whānau

thrive

by helping children be the best they can be.

Contact Child, Youth and Family at
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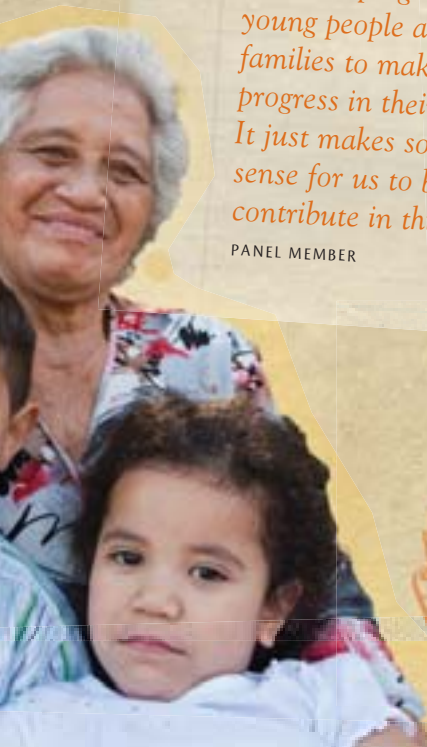
why we need you

We believe that all children and young people deserve to be safe, strong and thriving in their community. In order to make positive changes in the lives of children and families in our community, we need people like you who have knowledge, experience and are passionate about the wellbeing of children.

As a member of a Care and Protection Resource Panel, you can play a key role in helping to ensure that children in your community are safe and thriving.

“Each member of the panel is passionate about helping children, young people and their families to make positive progress in their lives. It just makes so much sense for us to be able to contribute in this way.”

PANEL MEMBER



in an average day at Child, Youth and Family

- ⋮ we receive around 230 notifications of child abuse or neglect
- ⋮ our social workers engage with more than 100 families to discuss their family situation and assess their children's safety
- ⋮ more than 5000 children and young people will be living with caregivers, or extended family and whānau, supported by our caregiver social workers
- ⋮ we hold around 20 family group conferences, for care and protection issues.



How can you help make
a difference to our children
and young people?



what does the panel do?

Each Child, Youth and Family site has a Care and Protection Resource Panel. They meet on a regular basis to offer guidance and advice to our social workers.

Panel members:

- ⋮ bring the perspective of their local community, and of other agencies, disciplines, cultures and experience to help provide the best outcomes for our children and young people
- ⋮ provide their expert advice and guidance to staff to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of local children.



who is on the panel?

The panels are made up of people from a range of professional, community and cultural backgrounds, with experience in the care and protection of children and young people.

Areas of expertise include:

- ⋮ ***cultural advisors:*** such as refugee and migrant or cultural groups
- ⋮ ***education:*** such as principals or early childhood educators
- ⋮ ***health:*** such as paediatricians, Plunket nurses, mental health workers
- ⋮ ***social services:*** such as family violence intervention workers, community support workers
- ⋮ ***iwi social services***
- ⋮ ***youth services:*** such as a youth worker
- ⋮ ***Family Court:*** such as a lawyer.



how can you be involved?

We are looking for people who:

- ⋮ are passionate about making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children, young people and their families
- ⋮ are knowledgeable about care and protection issues and willing to develop their skills
- ⋮ enjoy working with others from various disciplines and cultural groups
- ⋮ have specialised knowledge in a cultural or professional field
- ⋮ can clearly communicate their area of expertise and engage fully in discussion about care and protection issues
- ⋮ have knowledge of services and resources available locally or nationally for children, young people and their families or whānau
- ⋮ can respect the confidentiality required of this role
- ⋮ have the time to commit to regular meetings.

If this sounds like you, and you would like to help make a difference in your community, then contact your local Child, Youth and Family office by calling 0508 FAMILY (0508 326 459).



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