

SPRING 2023 UPDATE



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Kia ora koutou katoa,

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2023, and with that in mind I've been reflecting on how the past year has gone. I want to start by acknowledging all the extreme weather events such as flooding, storms and mud slides that have occurred this year across the country. Our hearts go out to all affected.

Youth Justice has been an ongoing theme throughout 2023, and the number of youth justice related publications we've produced reflect that. We've published reports on custody trends, a social bond pilot, and multiple evidence briefs.

Throughout 2023 the Evidence Centre has welcomed new kaimahi to our team. It's been great seeing their skillsets in action, particularly our growing Kaupapa Māori research expertise. Additionally, the Evidence Centre has enjoyed supporting the Gov Tech programme, hosting 2 interns over the past year.

In September the Ministry for Ethnic Communities in collaboration with Ethnic Research Aotearoa held the inaugural Ethnic Research Hui. The 2023 theme was "How to better embrace ethnic voices and evidence in public policy?" In line with this theme, I had the privilege of presenting on Results Dissemination and Evidence Use by Practitioners and Policy Makers at this Hui.

Spring has been a busy season for the Evidence Centre, with lots of publications and preparing for the post election environment.

Our September seminar featured the Ngā Haerenga research team who presented on their 3 year longitudinal study on rangatahi experiences transitioning out of Oranga Tamariki care and custody.

Our Spring publications cover a range of topics including an evidence brief on Measles Preparedness and Patterns of Immunisation, and a literature review on Disability data and evidence collection. I hope you find these reports interesting and useful to you and your work – more details are below.

Ngā mihi
Vasantha



Our Recent Publications

The Evidence Centre works to build the evidence base that helps us better understand wellbeing and what works to improve outcomes for New Zealand's children, young people and their whānau.



Read the reports here

Ngā Haerenga | Transition Journeys Longitudinal Study Phase 3

This report examines rangatahi experiences leaving the care or custody of Oranga Tamariki. It reviews key findings from 18 to 24 months after leaving across 3 years, with a focus on the final year.



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Reducing Youth Reoffending: Qualitative outcomes evaluation

This report explores the findings from a qualitative outcomes evaluation of the Reducing Youth Reoffending in South Auckland Social Bond Pilot (the Pilot), initiated in partnership with Genesis Youth Trust (Genesis).



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Youth Justice Custody Trends

This report examines changes in the size and composition of the youth justice custody population (across residences, community homes, and other placement types) between July 2017 and April 2023.



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Factors associated with disparities experienced by tamariki Māori 2022

This update to the report first issued in 2020 explores the disparities between Māori and NZ European and Other tamariki in terms of their interactions with the Care and Protection System.



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Disability data and evidence collection framework

The literature review focuses on key questions regarding existing disability data collection models and frameworks as a basis for Oranga Tamariki disability data improvement.



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Safeguarding children in closed communities

This review of literature informs child protection responses in closed communities or groups.



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Measles Preparedness and Patterns of Immunisation

This evidence brief presents insights and lessons learned from past measles outbreaks based on a time-limited scan of online resources, and an analysis of measles immunisation rates of tamariki in Oranga Tamariki care.



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Primary Health Care Enrolments for Children in Care

The ability to access primary health care is vital for all Aotearoa New Zealanders. This paper provides improved information on enrolments.

Our Research Seminars



The footage and presentation can be seen on our web page here

Ngā Haerenga

On the 31st of September the Evidence Centre hosted a seminar on the Ngā Haerenga | Transition Journeys a 3 year research project. The speakers included members from the Oranga Tamariki teams in Ōtautahi, Waikato and Te Whanganui-a-Tara. It was chaired by the Oranga Tamariki project coordinator.

