

Oranga Tamariki - Whānau connection and support

Feedback about supporting oranga for tangata whaikaha (disabled people).

Tangata whaikaha (disabled people) and other people working with children have shared their thoughts on the care and youth justice systems.

We've collected research, reports and feedback published over the last 10 years. Here is a summary of what was said about **connecting disabled people and their families with the support they want**.

Feedback from tangata whaikaha



You make decisions about disabled people **without their input**.

Why let things get to **"crisis point"** before providing help?



Tangata whaikaha struggle to find **safe spaces** in their communities.

Let me and my whānau, hapū, iwi decide what **support** we need.



It's harder for tangata whaikaha Māori to **build cultural connections**.

Ideas for change

Here is a summary of suggestions for change made by tangata whaikaha and other people working with children:

- Tangata whaikaha and their whānau, hapū and iwi need support to be a part of decision-making.
- Tangata whaikaha want support to build connections with their cultures and communities.
- Tangata whaikaha and their whānau want access to the right support early on, so our needs can be met without having a crisis.

