

Family Home Caregivers

- New Plymouth and Whanganui locations
- Accommodation, vehicle, utilities and phone/internet provided
- Generous allowances to cover things that tamariki (children) need
- Clinical supervision by a psychologist may be provided
- On-going training and support
- Home help / cleaner provided
- Regular time off

If you are a couple and would like to care for tamariki together, and most importantly if you would like to provide short-term, live-in care for small groups of tamariki and rangatahi, this role, based in New Plymouth or Whanganui, could be right for you.

Until tamariki can be reconnected with their whānau, you will have an important part to play in assisting them on their journey by providing patient, nurturing, safe and consistent care.

As Family Home Caregivers you will be doing everyday care tasks, such as cooking, transporting to school, taking sick tamariki to doctors, shopping for clothes, watching children's sports etc., as well as doing fun things, like play, outings to the park and activities. These things make the home a family-like environment.

The Family Home Caregiver role is a voluntary role and as Family Home Caregivers you are not employees. As volunteers, the Family Home Caregivers receive allowances to meet the needs of tamariki and rangatahi.

Mō mātou | About us

Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children has a commitment to putting tamariki and rangatahi at the heart of what we do. In our work, we aim to demonstrate these values:

- We put **Tamariki** first
- We believe **Aroha** is vital
- We respect the **Mana** of people
- We are **Tika** and **Pono**
- We value **Whakapapa**
- We recognise that **Oranga** is a journey

Our purpose is to ensure that all tamariki are in loving whānau and communities where oranga tamariki can be realised. We believe that by getting involved early in their lives and showing love and care, we give children the best chance of growing into happy thriving New Zealanders.

Mō te tūnga | About the role

Family Home Caregivers live with and care for between 3 to 5 tamariki in a home provided by Oranga Tamariki. Family Home Caregivers have regular time off and we have relieving caregivers who will come and care for the tamariki during this time. All tamariki have an individual plan which contains information on them, their needs and their goals. Family Home Caregivers are an incredibly important part of the team which includes the child's social worker, other professionals working with the tamariki and their family/whānau. Tamariki may come and stay in the home for one night or require longer care. Each child has unique needs. The loving and safe environment the Family Home Caregivers provide, plays an important part in supporting tamariki to feel safe, feel cared for, to do well and reach their goals.

Ngā pūmanawatanga ōu | What you will bring

Most importantly the tamariki require support from people who:

- Can stay calm through difficult times
- Can build and maintain positive relationships with tamariki and their whānau
- Are willing to receive on-going training and support, including how to respond to individual needs and behaviours
- Have a positive outlook – identifying and praising positive behaviours
- Can establish and maintain fair boundaries
- Have clear background checks (including police and medical)
- Have a full driver's licence
- Are able to care for tamariki from a variety of cultural backgrounds

Me pēhea te tuku tono | How to Apply

This is not a typical kind of role - we are looking for some truly special people.

Because of this, the application process is a little different.

To apply, please email us with a cover letter outlining:

- Your motivation to become a Family Home Caregiver
- Your life experience
- Any relevant qualifications and work history

For all applications or questions about the role or application process, please email

Jacquie.Lamb@ot.govt.nz