



# Learning from the experiences of tāngata whaikaha / disabled people





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# **About this document**



This document is from **Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children**.



Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children is the part of the Government that works to make things better for children.



Oranga Tamariki has been finding out about supporting **oranga** for **tāngata whaikaha**.



Oranga is about living well.



In this document **tāngata whaikaha** means disabled people.



Oranga Tamariki has been listening to what tāngata whaikaha have to say about the:

- care system
- youth justice system.

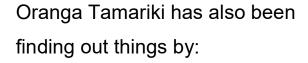


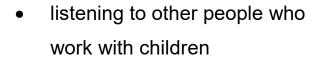
The **care system** is how children who cannot live with their parents are looked after.



The **youth justice system** deals with young people who have broken the law.









 looking at things written in the past 10 years about these systems.

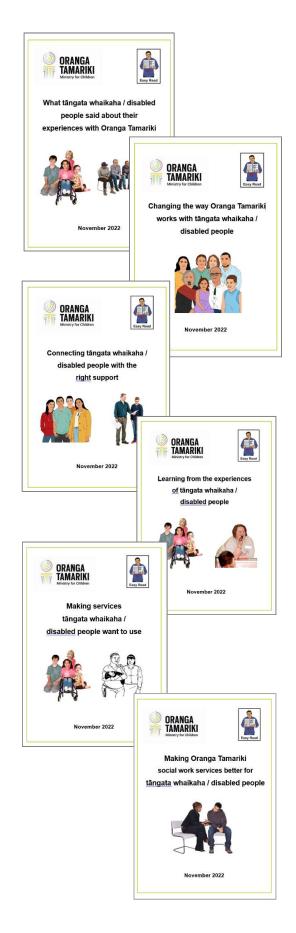


There are 6 Easy Read documents about changes to the systems.



The documents are about what Oranga Tamariki found out about:

- the experiences of tāngata whaikaha / disabled people
- what is best to do because of those experiences.



The 6 documents are called:

- What tāngata whaikaha / disabled people said about their experiences with Oranga Tamariki
- Changing the ways Oranga
  Tamariki works with tāngata
  whaikaha / disabled people
- Connecting tāngata whaikaha / disabled people with the right support
- Learning from the experiences of tāngata whaikaha / disabled people
- Making services tāngata
  whaikaha / disabled people want
  to use
- Making Oranga Tamariki social work services better for tāngata whaikaha / disabled people.



### You can find all these documents at:

www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/consultations/ supporting-oranga-for-disabled-people/

# What tāngata whaikaha told **Oranga Tamariki**



Tāngata whaikaha / disabled people told Oranga Tamariki that:



the ways of getting support are too hard / confusing



people do not get their rights because of:



discrimination 0



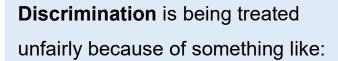
not all tāngata whaikaha need the same support



they are not listened to when plans are made.







- being disabled
- being Māori
- being a woman.





**Stereotypes** are thinking people in a group must be all like each other.

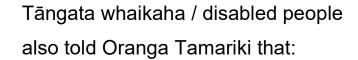
## For example:

- all Māori like rugby
- all blind people are good at music.



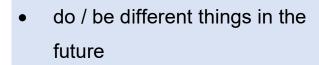






- tāngata whaikaha / disabled people can be parents
- tāngata whaikaha / disabled
  people can look after themselves.
- tāngata whaikaha / disabled people all have potential
- the people working with tangata whaikaha / disabled people need to believe in the potential of . tangata whaikaha / disabled people

### Potential means you can:







# Ideas for change









Tāngata whaikaha / disabled people and other people supporting children had these ideas for change:

- everyone working with tāngata whaikaha / disabled people should understand that tāngata whaikaha / disabled people have a range of different needs
- they should understand these include beliefs to do with their culture
- people should get training to change bad ways of thinking about tāngata whaikaha
- people should ask tāngata whaikaha what they think then use that information to support them to make their goals happen.











### Culture is a way of:

- thinking that a group shares
- doing things as a group.

There are many different cultures in Aotearoa New Zealand like:

- Māori culture
- Pacifica culture
- Deaf culture.

Goals are things you want to do.

Tāngata whaikaha /disabled people and other people supporting children also said that people who work with children need to make sure they do not allow any discrimination in the work they do.

# Where to find more information



You can find more on the Oranga Tamariki **website**:

# www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/consultations/ supporting-oranga-for-disabled-people/



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