



Connecting tāngata whaikaha / disabled people with the right support





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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.

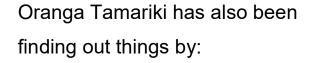


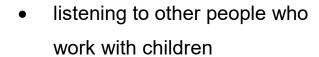
The **care system** is how children who cannot live with their parents are looked after.



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





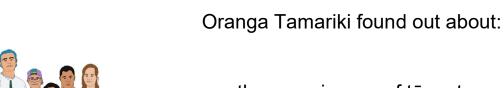




 looking at things written in the past 10 years about these systems.



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

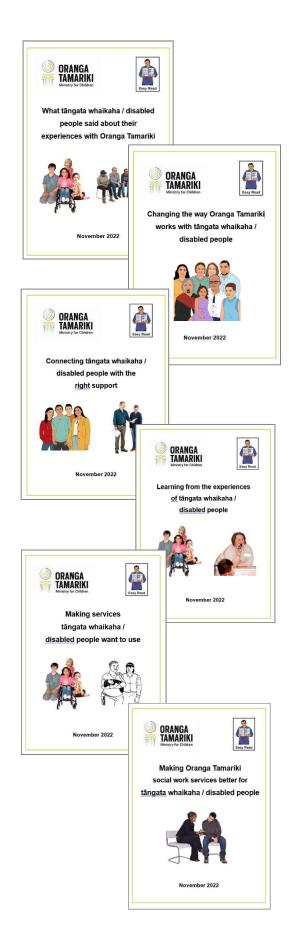




 the experiences of tāngata whaikaha / disabled people

The documents are about what

 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 way 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.

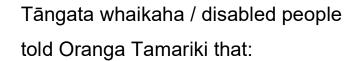


You can find all these documents at:

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

What tāngata whaikaha / disabled people told Oranga Tamariki







Oranga Tamariki makes
 decisions about disabled people
 without them having their say



 it is hard for tāngata whaikaha / disabled people to find safe spaces in their communities



 things should not have to get very bad before people can get help



 tāngata whaikaha / disabled people should decide what support they need along with their whānau / hapū / iwi.



Tāngata whaikaha / disabled people told Oranga Tamariki that it is harder for tāngata whaikaha Māori to connect with their **culture**.









Culture is a way of:

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

There are many different cultures in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Some examples of the different cultures are:

- Māori culture
- Pacifica culture
- Deaf culture.

Ideas for change



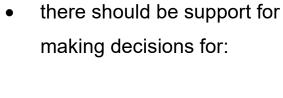
Tāngata whaikaha / disabled people and other people supporting children had these ideas for change:



- tāngata whaikaha / disabled people want support to connect with their:
 - cultures
 - communities



 everyone should get the right support early on before things get very bad





- tāngata whaikaha / disabled people
- o their whānau / hapū / iwi.

Where to find more information



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

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



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