



**ORANGA  
TAMARIKI**  
Ministry for Children

# WHEN YOU NEED TO STAY

In a care and protection residence



A care and protection residence is a place where you stay for a short time while we work with you and your whānau to provide you with a safe, stable and loving home.

## WHY AM I AT A RESIDENCE?

Your stay at a care and protection residence is likely to be because:

- we're worried about your safety
- or**
- your actions are putting you at risk.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

When you arrive we'll work with you, your social worker, your teacher, your health nurse and your whānau to develop a plan for your stay.

We want to make sure that you get all the support you need while you're in our care. Trained staff will support you throughout your stay, which will include:

- going to school and doing homework
- learning life skills and other skills such as art, music, kapa haka and sports
- getting plenty of exercise
- having fun with others staying at the residence.

We will work with you to make a plan for what will happen when you leave. That will include:

- where you'll live
- who'll look after you
- any help that you and your whānau might need to make the move easy.

## ABOUT THE RESIDENCE

New Zealand has four care and protection residences:

- Whakatakāpokai is in South Auckland
- Epuni is in Lower Hutt
- Te Oranga is in Christchurch
- Puketāi is in Dunedin.

## TALK TO US

Our team at the residence is here to help you. You can talk to us anytime about things that worry you.

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