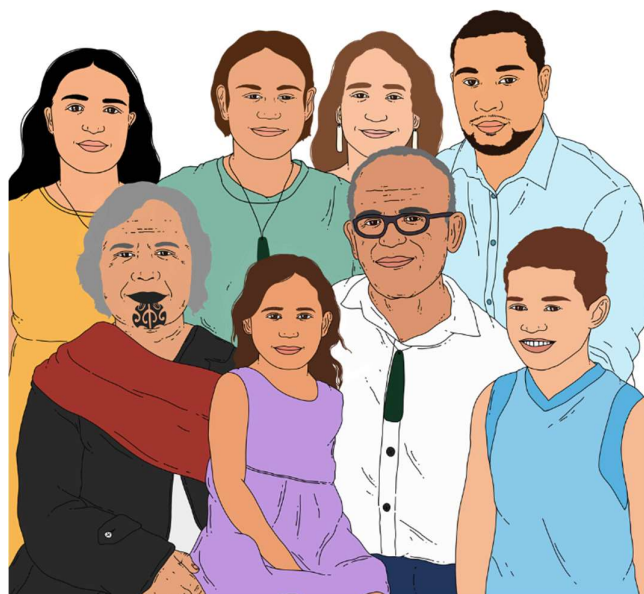




**ORANGA
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Ministry for Children



Changing the way Oranga Tamariki works with 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.



Oranga Tamariki has also been finding out things by:

- listening to other people who work with children
- 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:

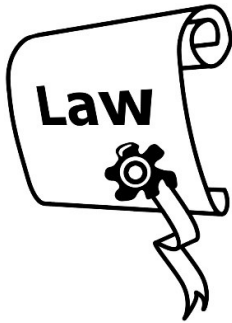
- What tāngata whaikaha / disabled people said about their experiences with Oranga Tamariki
- Changing the way Oranga Tamariki works with tāngata whaikaha / disabled people
- Connecting tāngata whaikaha / disabled people with the right support
- Learning from the experiences of tāngata whaikaha / disabled 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/](http://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/consultations/supporting-oranga-for-disabled-people/)**

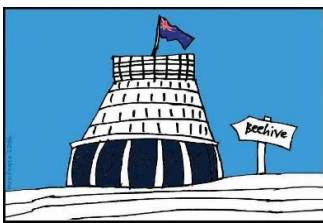
What tāngata whaikaha / disabled people told Oranga Tamariki



Tāngata whaikaha / disabled people told Oranga Tamariki that:



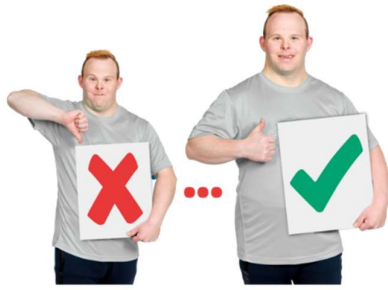
- tāngata whaikaha / disabled people get left out when laws are made without thinking about disabled people



- they do not know what support they should be getting
- they do not know which part of Government should be giving them that help



- tāngata whaikaha get passed around different agencies.



Tāngata whaikaha / disabled people also told Oranga Tamariki that:

- tāngata whaikaha / disabled people need to be part of making big changes
- those big changes need to happen quickly.



Tāngata whaikaha / disabled people also asked how we will know when things are getting better.

Ideas for change



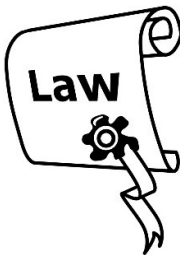
Tāngata whaikaha / disabled people and other people supporting children had these ideas for change:



- all the organisations should work together



- every organisation should be accountable which means someone makes sure they are doing what they should



- every organisation needs to keep track of how they are doing

- there need to be fairer laws



- there needs to be more information about disabled people to make sure the system includes everyone.

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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