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Kia ora koutou katoa,

I hope you are all taking care of yourselves and your whānau as we move into the colder months.

There are significant changes underway in New Zealand and across New Zealand's public services sector. These changes offer challenges and opportunities for individuals and communities. One recent statistic I came across was that over 78,000 New Zealand citizens emigrated in the year to March 2024. In that same period just over 25,000 citizens immigrated to New Zealand. These trends change over time with periods of net migration surpluses and net migration deficits. A proportion of those leaving New Zealand are young New Zealanders seeking opportunities elsewhere and looking to experience the world and all it has to offer. We hope that they leave with the resilience that growing up in New Zealand has afforded them and with any luck return in the future to build careers and lives in New Zealand.

In a similar way, the Ministry had in 2019 established a new service line - the Transitions Support Service (TSS). This service line is to support young people in care to effectively navigate to independence in a way which maximises their strengths and opportunities.

We have just completed a four-year evaluation of the Transitions Support Service which has achieved a range of positive outcomes for young people going through the services **including:**

- **Most (84%)** young people (both in care and who had left care) were positive about their transition worker.
- **Most (84%)** said they had received support from their transition worker with at least one aspect of their lives that aligned with the intended outcomes of the TSS.
- Early indicators of increases in gaining a restricted licence, fewer justice sector sentences and Emergency Department admissions and more income.

To celebrate the culmination of this mahi the Evidence Centre will be hosting an online seminar presenting the evaluations insights on **June 4, 11:30am-1:00pm**.

Alongside the Transitions Support Service evaluation the Evidence Centre's recent publications cover a range of pertinent issues from Caregivers to Reports of Concern.

We have research in the pipeline on a range of topics including and evaluation of the Practice Approach, a literature review informing the gateway programme and results for a survey on rainbow identities in care – so keep an eye out on our web page

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Our Recent Publications

The Evidence Centre works to build the evidence base that helps us better understand wellbeing and what works to improve outcomes for New Zealand's children, young people and their whānau.



Read the reports here

Orphan's Benefit/Unsupported Child's Benefit caregiver survey

A telephone survey of Orphan's Benefit (OB) and Unsupported Child's Benefit (UCB) caregivers was conducted to gain insight into the experiences of these caregivers and understand how Oranga Tamariki can support these caregivers in their important role.



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Results from the 2023 Caregiver Survey

This report outlines how well Oranga Tamariki is supporting caregivers using the results from the 2023 Oranga Tamariki Caregiver Survey.



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Specialist Caregiving International Models

This Evidence Brief examines existing evidence to highlight the challenges, strengths, and limitations of different models of care for tamariki with high and complex needs in overseas jurisdictions.



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Transition Support Service four-year evaluation

The four-year evaluation conducted by Malatest International of how the Transition Support Service is supporting young people who are leaving care is complete. The evaluation is accompanied by additional reports that informed the evaluation.



Our Research Seminars

Our next Seminar will be in June and focus on the Transitions Support Service evaluation