

- Full-time/permanent (Registered Psychologist) or fixed-term (Intern Psychologist)
- Bay of Plenty Tauranga Taupo Rotorua Whakatane (examples of travel locations)

Help shape the future of education

He mea tārai e mātou te mātauranga kia rangatira ai, kia mana taurite ai ōna huanga.

We work to shape an education system that delivers equitable and excellent outcomes.

At Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga - Ministry of Education, we work to provide services and support nationally, regionally and locally to the education sector, and in some cases, directly to ākonga and whānau.

We help shape the policies, settings and performance of the education system for early learning, schooling and tertiary. We do this by building relationships and understanding the needs of those who receive our services.

We are making significant changes to how we deliver our mahi by doing the following:

- Taking practical action to give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Giving priority to regional and local voice
- Delivering greater responsiveness, accessibility and integrated services and support
- Improving feedback loops and information flows

Our organisation is made up of talented and committed people across Aotearoa from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. While we work in different groups and on different things, we all strive every day to make the biggest difference we can for every child, young person and adult student in our education system.

About our group and team

Te Mahau - Te Pae Aronui (Operations and Integration). We use information, insights and service design functions to help the three Te Mahau frontline groups design and deliver services for our sector. We service and support the frontline groups and play an integration role between the enabling functions and our frontline services.

Te Kahu Tōī, The Intensive Wraparound Service is a service that provides comprehensive, evidence-based interventions to support children/young people with challenging behaviour, socio-emotional difficulties, and complex learning needs across a range of contexts. The team works collaboratively with children/young people, parents/caregivers and family/whānau, schools, agencies, and local communities to develop and implement comprehensive ecological wraparound plans.

The priority for these plans is for the child/youth to achieve success at home, school and in their local community. For information about the Intensive Wraparound Service please refer to http://www.education.govt.nz/school/student-support/special-education/intensive-wraparound-service-iws/

Mō tēnei tūranga - About this role

As Te Kahu Toī IWS Psychologist you will work as part of a team to understand the needs of the young person and family and implement evidence-based interventions in your areas of expertise.

More specifically, you will do the following:

- Identify patterns or contributing factors that may be influencing learning, wellbeing, and behaviour
- Contribute to strength based collaborative team processes to meet the young person's underlying needs
- Provide ongoing, individualised, and dynamic psychological assessment and intervention
- Support all those around the child to use evidence informed practice
- Monitor implementation effectiveness by supporting data collection and informed decision making

Please note there is further information in the attached job description.

Mōhou ake - About you

To be successful you will need the following:

- To be a New Zealand Registered Psychologist under the Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act and hold a current practicing certificate
- OR, be registered as an Intern Psychologist having gained entry to a Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology that will enable you to gain full registration as a psychologist under the HPCAA
- Ability to contribute your specialist skills within multi-agency, trans-disciplinary settings where the child/youth are at the center of everything you do
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- An ability to work effectively with children, young people and their families, teachers, and other professionals across a diverse range of settings
- The ability to understand and apply the principles of Te Tirirti o Waitangi and tangatawhenuatanga

What can we offer you?

We offer a competitive salary and terms and conditions. You will also receive initial and ongoing training in wraparound practice, comprehensive practice support, supervision, and opportunities for professional development to continue to develop skills in relevant areas of expertise and interest.

In addition, our specialists tell us they value the following:

- "The ability to make a positive difference in the lives of children, young people and their whānau and contribute to system wide change is a huge plus"
- "Support all those around the child to use evidence informed practice"
- "Monitor implementation effectiveness by supporting data collection and informed decision making"

Kua rite koe mō tēnei mahi? - Are you ready to make a difference?

We need to reflect the diverse communities we serve, so we welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds, orientations, and identities. As an organisation, we are committed to building racial equity and excellence in the education sector.

We will provide flexible working environments where everyone feels relevant, valued and supported. So, if working from home and/or having a flexible start and finish to the day will help with this, we can usually make it happen. We'd love to hear what this might look like for you, so feel free to outline this in your cover letter.

In your cover letter we'd like to know:

- about you, your values, your whakapapa
- your interest and motivations for this role
- the abilities, strengths, personal attributes and diverse perspectives you will bring to the role and this organisation.

The Ministry invites applications from fully vaccinated people or people with a valid medical exemption (under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021). We will require evidence of your vaccination status, or your medical exemption, at the pre-employment stage of our recruitment process.

For further information and a confidential conversation, please contact Liana Gibson, Service Manager at 0272893894 or email liana.gibson@education.govt.nz