



Psychologist - Full-time, fixed-term until 30 June 2021 - Oranga Tamariki

Clinical Services Oranga Tamariki invites applications from Registered Psychologists for a fixed-term full-time position with the Bay Of Plenty Clinical Services team based in Tauranga, working throughout the Region. Applicants must be registered with the New Zealand Psychologists Board.

Clinical Services is an internal service of Oranga Tamariki with small teams of Psychologists and Therapists who provide psychological and therapeutic assessments and specialist interventions to tamariki and whanau who have experienced abuse and neglect. Oranga Tamariki are re-establishing an internal service of clinicians in the Bay of Plenty and are keen for applicants who are keen to be part of establishing a service to support frontline Social Workers and their clients. Successful applicants will report to the Psychologist Team Leader.

Experience working with children in a care and protection environment, specifically providing assessment and therapy with children and their families/caregivers, and assessments of parenting capacity will be an advantage. Responsibilities will include working with Maori and Pacifica clients, providing professional consultation to Social Workers, and liaising with community providers.

The diversity in this role provides the flexibility in the use of evidence-based intervention tools to achieve positive outcomes for tamariki and their whanau. Further, successful applicants will likely gain exposure to comprehensive parenting assessment work, DBT, PCIT and programmes with Te Ao Maori focus.

Oranga Tamariki has wide-ranging statutory responsibilities and is committed to services that are culturally appropriate. Oranga Tamariki recognises and has a commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. Salary will be according to the relevant Oranga Tamariki Psychologist Scale.

What's on offer?

- Salary \$86,502 to \$98,919 per annum (in line with skills and experience)
- A great, knowledgeable team who celebrate each other's successes
- Peer support, supervision, case reviews and triage
- Access to a generous Southern Cross health plan
- Rewarding and challenging work that truly makes a difference
- Opportunities for further professional development and 'on the job' training
- Opportunities to work alongside various groups, build your network and strengthen community relationships

Who are we?

Our tamariki and rangatahi deserve to feel safe, have their voices heard and be surrounded by loving whānau. At Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children, we're on a journey to ensure that it happens. We are a leading social work practice that is child-centred, trauma informed and effective for all cultures.

What team you will work with?

The Clinical Services team are a small team of Psychologists, Specialist Child Witness Interviewers and Administration who work closely together to deliver a responsive service to Tamarik, whanau and social workers throughout the Bay.

We endeavour to minimise the impacts of professional separation that is inevitable due to the need for travel by regular hui, planning and team activity.

You will be supervised by a Psychologist Team Leader in the first instance and responsible to the Manager of Clinical Services.

As a member of the team you will also work alongside other agency partners as Oranga Tamariki further develops its commitments to Maori.

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How to apply?

Apply online with your CV and cover letter. If you are an Oranga Tamariki employee already, please apply through your myHR portal. If you have any queries, please contact Sravani Peddibhotla at sravani.peddibhotla@ot.govt.nz

Hurry as applications close on Tuesday, 18 August 2020.

To see more about this exciting role, check out the position description below:

<https://www.msd.govt.nz/hr/documents/position-descriptions/mvcot/psychologist-ot.pdf>