



Psychologist - Bay of Plenty

Psychologist, BOP Clinical Services - 12 month fixed-term contract

Join us at this exciting time in making a difference for tamariki, rangatahi and whanau? We have a new psychologist position in our BOP Clinical Services team based in Tauranga.

As a regional service we are involved in new work that services the needs of our children and whanau in various areas around the motu.

As such we are looking to employ a psychologist that likes to work as part of a team, develop new culturally responsive services and provide clinical guidance and assistance to our Oranga Tamariki social work staff.

In your role you would work alongside other psychologists, therapists, specialist child witness interviewers, and other partners to assure positive outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi, who have experienced trauma associated with abuse and neglect.

You would be focusing on the importance of understanding and building of whanaungatanga and whakamana for our tamariki and whanau.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a new way of working with our tamariki and whanau, which provides best practice models of assessment and intervention, whilst working from a Te Ao Maori framework. You will also be supported in your professional development and have the opportunity to be part of developing and delivering Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCI T) and Tai Ki Uta (a Dialectical Behaviour Therapy skills group) across the Bay of Plenty.

What you will do?

- Provide psychological and therapeutic assessments including psychological parenting assessments and individual assessments, as well as specialist interventions (e.g, PCIT and DBT) to tamariki and whanau who have experienced trauma
- Create an atmosphere for tamariki and rangatahi to help them heal
- Provide consultations to social workers and other professionals
- Put children and young people first, and make sure their voice is heard
- Work alongside other government services, non-government organisations, iwi and hapu, community and whanau to do what's best for our tamariki and rangatahi

What you will bring?

- Be a registered psychologist with the New Zealand Psychologists Board with a current annual practising certificate

- Proven work experience as a psychologist with children and young people would be an advantage
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with the ability to adapt to your audience
- Strong engagement and relationship building skills
- Cultural competence and responsiveness.
- Empathy, patience and ability to see past what someone may be struggling with
- Sound judgement and organisational skills
- The ability to manage risk and make difficult decisions
- A positive outlook and supporting nature
- Ability to discern and unpack complex situations
- Some understanding of the Oranga Tamariki Act

What's on offer?

- A great, knowledgeable team who celebrate each other's successes
- Peer support, supervision, case reviews and triage
- Rewarding and challenging work that truly makes a difference
- A salary range between \$85,749 - \$128,623
- Opportunities for further professional development and 'on the job' training
- Opportunities to work alongside various groups, build your network and strengthen community relationships
- Flexible working conditions and environment

Who are we?

Our tamariki and rangatahi deserve to feel safe, have their voices heard and be surrounded by loving whanau. 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 responsive for all cultures.

What team will you work with?

The Clinical Services team are a small team of psychologists, therapists, specialist child witness interviewers and administration who work closely together to provide the best for our children and families, as well as to each other. The work we do is broad, varied and very interesting, there are no two cases the same. We work with other government services including Police, which makes this role unique and the outcomes, whether a small or larger win, are hugely rewarding. The diversity in this role provides the flexibility in the use of evidence-based therapy models and intervention tools to achieve positive outcomes for tamariki maori and their whanau. We are committed to services that are culturally appropriate. We recognise and have a commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

How to apply?

Apply online with your CV and cover letter. If you are an Oranga Tamariki employee already, please ensure you register or login using your work email address.

If you have any queries, please contact Sravani Peddibhotla at Sravani.peddibhotla@ot.govt.nz

Applications close Thursday, 29 April 2021.

To apply for this job, please click here: <https://mahi.orangatamariki.govt.nz/?job=2654PONZ>