



- **Psychologist - Intensive Wraparound Service**
- **IWS Psychologist role - Permanent; full-time**
- **Based in the Bay of Plenty - Waiariki or Gisborne - Tairāwhiti to service both regions. Office location to be confirmed with successful candidate**

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About our team

Te Kahu Toi, 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/>

About the role

As Te Kahu Toi 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:

- 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

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
- Ability to contribute your specialist skills within multi-agency, trans-disciplinary settings where the child/youth are at the centre 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 Tiriti o Waitangi and tangata whenuatanga

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 whanau and contribute to system wide change is a huge plus”
- “The Ministry offers a strong community of practice and support so I never feel isolated or alone”
- “I really value the ability to work closely with specialists from other disciplines. It enhances my own practice and thinking”

We welcome candidates from diverse backgrounds, including Maori, Pacific and those with disabilities, who will enrich our understanding of the needs of individuals within education, care and health systems. As a government agency, the Ministry is committed to keeping to the Treaty of Waitangi's guiding principles in our work for and with Maori students, their whanau, hapu and iwi.

Are you ready to make a difference?

For further information and a confidential conversation, please contact Carol McKinnon, Service Manager at 027 838 6780, carol.mckinnon@education.govt.nz

Please see the attachment to see the full position description and to make an application.

Applications close on Wednesday, 28 April 2021.