



Proactive Release

Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

August 2019

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has released the following submission received during its public consultation on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy – Submission Template

This document is intended for individuals or groups who wish to make a formal submission on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

Please complete this template and email it to: childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz

A guide to making a submission is available on the DPMC website <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy>

Submissions will close on **Wednesday 5 December**.

Please provide details for a contact person in case we have some follow up questions.

Contact Name:	JGD GD
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Organisation Name:	
Organisation description: (tell us about your organisation – i.e. who do you represent? How many members do you have? Are you a local or national organisation?)	<p>I represent myself who is employed by Plunket who currently hold two Family Start contracts in NZ; JGD GD</p> <p>JGD GD</p> <p>Plunket is a national organisation with thousands of staff.</p> <p>We have just recently got involved in the social sector ,having traditionally been a health service for new born babies.Having this history and professional reputation and the timing of our service-places us in the favourable position of being able to enter into the family/whanau home and address social issues within the first 1000 days and beyond.</p>
Executive Summary: (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)	<p>The key points are</p> <p>Family Start is a MSD programme that is well established through out the country.It is running well where we are, is all that I know because it is being run by well qualified experienced professionals.This is key for the future success of this programme.It is not being run well in many places around the country.</p> <p>We do not need to reinvent the wheel –we just need effective people managing it.</p>

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It can be run way more effectively than what it is-it is not producing the results needed in alot of the centers it is in.It is being run by unprofessional people without the skill set ,qualifications and experience to do this work.This should not be allowed to continue as millions of dollars are being spent on keeping this service alive ,where by it should be given to another provider that can /will produce the results its meant too.

If there can be an effective service at this stage in a childs life-then research does say that this will affect mental health and reduce crime and overall spending as a whole.This programme done well,has the potential to save this country millions of dollars.

We have been able to do this at a local level and I have no doubt that this can be done well at a national level but will not happen with current leadership of this programme.

It is so frsutrating to see millions of dollars spent on ineffective people and organisations that continue to present ,less than satisfactory outcomes.

Salaries need to be realistic,so to attract good'qualified staff to do this work as it is complex and challenging.We have Ngo staff being paid up to half the amount that their colleagues are being paid for doing the main work-in the home and holding the stress and pressure-this is not ok and needs to change immediately.This would seem crazy as we are paid by the same people-Oranga Tamariki!!

My hope is that these points be taken seriously as they are key to getting real about working with children and their families.

I would enjoy the opportunity to speak more to these points,however I dont hold alot of hope that anything I have said here will be taken seriously.I can only hope that one person sees some truth in this and is prepeared to stand up and push through with-what I believe to be some cold hard ,true facts and most importantly a way forward for our families/whanu in this country..

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