



Nationwide Early Years services 2023



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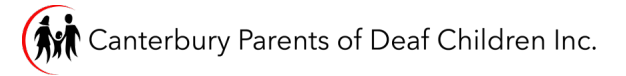
Who are our collaboration partners in NZ?



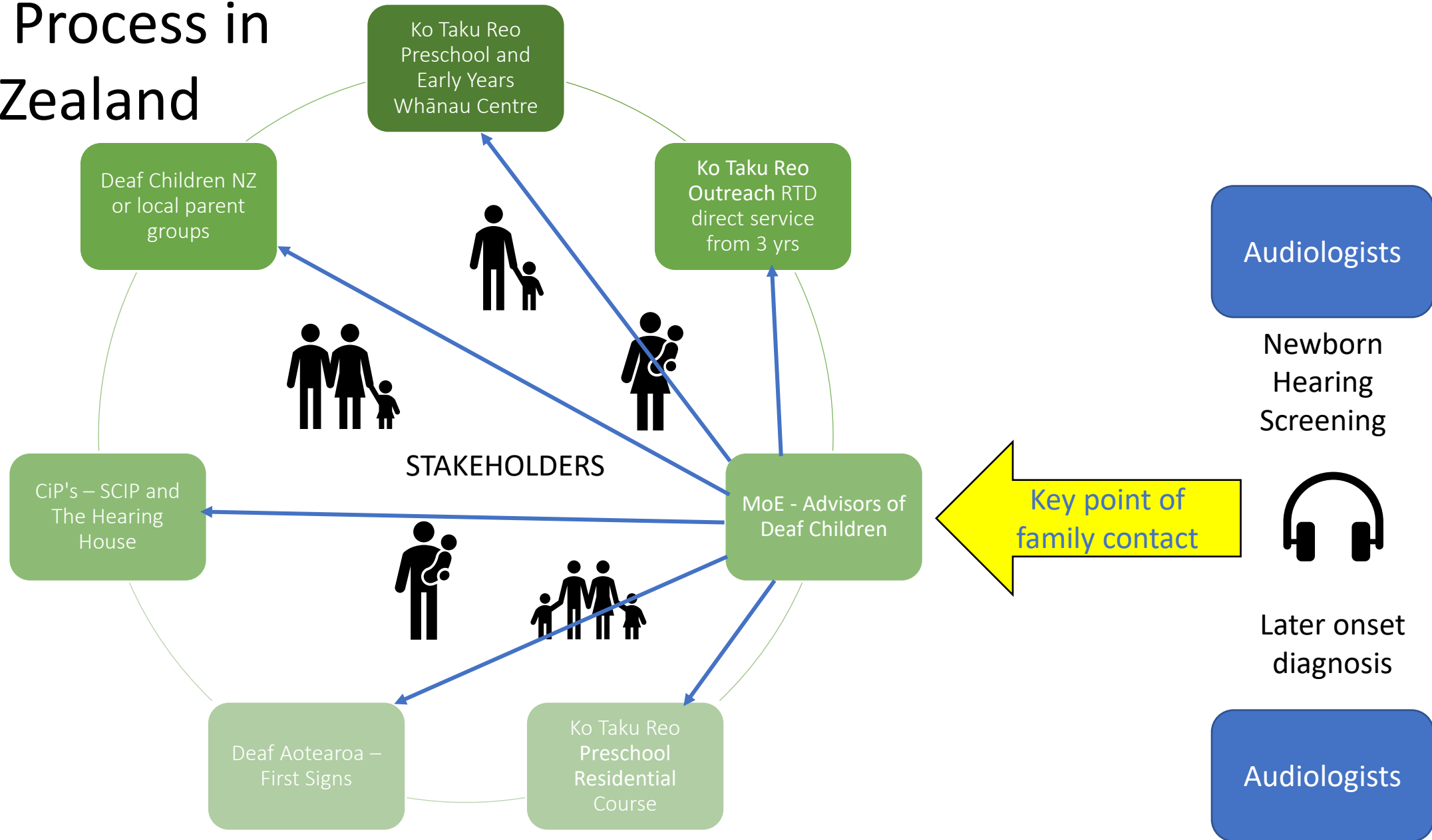
Collaboration

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini

My successes are not mine alone, they are ours – the greatest successes we will have are from working together



Referral Process in New Zealand



2023 current Early Years Local services:

Auckland

- **Preschool**, teacher-led, Monday - Friday, 8.30 – 2.30pm during term time
- Preschool Residential courses, Sunday – Wednesday, Week 5 and 9 of each school term

Wellington:

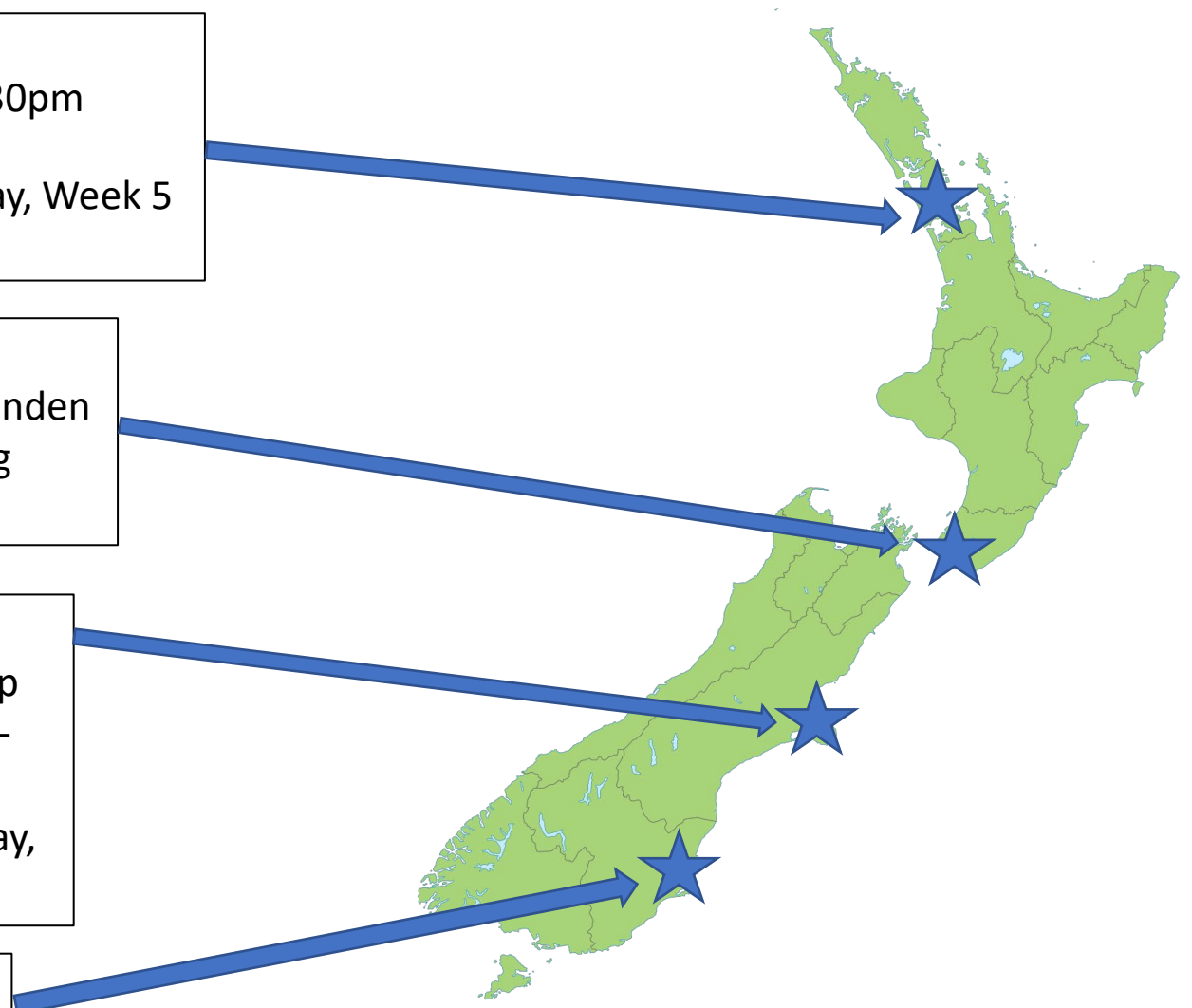
- **bilingual playgroup**, Tuesday mornings at Tawa/Linden and Korokoro (alternate weeks) Playcentres during term time

Christchurch:

- **Early Years Whānau Centre**, teacher-led playgroup and individual sessions, Monday - Thursday, 9am – 1pm during term time
- Preschool Residential courses, Sunday - Wednesday, weeks 3 and 7 of each school term

Dunedin:

- **bilingual playgroup**, Thursday mornings at Sensory Resource Centre (Riselow Road) during term time



Ko Taku Reo Preschool, Auckland

1. Licensed Early Childhood Education and Care Centre for up to 30 children, open 8.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday
2. Governed by separate Deaf Education ECE Trust (schools cannot govern a licensed EC Centre under current MoE ECE Licensing criteria)
3. 4 teachers (3 hearing, 1 Deaf) and 3 teacher aides/van drivers (1 hearing, 2 Deaf)
4. Free transport service provided for DHH children - 3 vans (2 South/Central Auckland, 1 West Auckland)
5. Curriculum driven by language development and communication, underpinned by Te Whāriki



Ko Taku Reo Preschool Staff:

Krista Clifford
Preschool Lead



Sophie Gibbs
ECE ToD



Chelcie Deitrich
Teacher Aide



Alalate Murare
Teacher aide



Susan Swolfs
ECE ToD



Vashna Subratty
ECE ToD



Donna Walker
Van Driver

Early Years Whānau Centre, Christchurch

1. Playgroup license - whānau led playgroup with registered ECE teachers supporting sessions, open 9-1pm Monday to Thursday
2. Parents/Caregivers may attend an individual session for strategies for language development. Individual sessions typically occur between 9:00 – 10:00 and 12:00 – 1:00.
3. Families attend the group session 10:00 – 12:00. NZSL tutors provide NZSL tuition for parents during this group session time as well as interaction with children
4. Strong whānau connections and collaboration with other professional services





Hayley Ahpene
ECE Teacher of Deaf



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Early Years Whānau Centre Staff

Preschool Courses

1. We have 15 courses planned for 2023
2. 3 families per course in Christchurch, 1 family (moving to 3 families) per course in Auckland (potential of 45 families per year)
3. Sunday to Wednesday
4. tailored individual sessions with specialists:
 1. Audiologist
 2. Speech Language Therapist
 3. Early Literacy Teacher of the Deaf
 4. Visual Communication practitioner
 5. Kaitakawaenga
 6. Counsellor/Social Worker
5. Time in group sessions at Early Years Whānau Centre (to meet other parents) or Preschool (to interact with other DHH children and staff)
6. Transport to and from the course is organised through the National Transport Assistance (NTA) programme through their local DHB (Health funding)
7. In-depth report from each specialist giving overview of focus for the course, assessments and things to work on for future.



Playgroups – Part of NZSL Immersion Suite of Services

- Wellington and Dunedin
- A 'path' linking these with the NSZL Immersion Day Schools
- Other areas actively working on:
 - Southland/Invercargill
 - Hamilton
 - South Auckland

Parent to parent and Deaf community contact



NZSL rich bilingual group



Nothing else offered in region



Partner with AoDC and First Signs



Links to NZSL Immersion Hubs once turn 5

