



### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

#### The Green Paper for Vulnerable Children: What organisations can do

**Have your say and support others to have their say too**

The Green Paper for Vulnerable Children was launched by the Government in July 2011.

The Government wants to hear what New Zealanders think about the ideas that are in the Green Paper before it makes its decisions.

In particular the Government wants to make sure that those people who may not usually participate – parents, carers, young people, children and harder to reach families and communities – are encouraged and supported to take part in this discussion.

A wide range of groups and organisations are being asked to do whatever they think is appropriate to let people know about the Green Paper and to encourage all New Zealanders to have their say.

#### Actions organisations can take

Actions that your organisation may want to take include:

- Putting a link to the Green Paper on your website
- Including a short banner in your regular newsletters/e-mails
- Including information about the Green Paper in your network newsletters/e-mails
- Distributing resources in your offices, at community days and events, or handing them directly to the families that you work with
- Supporting or hosting community meetings to talk about the ideas in the Green Paper
- Writing a submission on behalf of your organisation

People can tell the Government what they think should happen for vulnerable children by

- Making a submission on the website [www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz](http://www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz)
- Posting to Facebook [www.facebook.com/greenpaper](http://www.facebook.com/greenpaper)
- E-mailing [yourresponse@childrensactionplan.govt.nz](mailto:yourresponse@childrensactionplan.govt.nz)
- Following twitter [www.twitter.com/greenpapernz](http://www.twitter.com/greenpapernz)
- Or mailing ideas to Green Paper on Vulnerable Children, PO Box 1556, Wellington 6012

Submissions close on 28 February 2012

Thank you for taking an interest in the Green Paper for Vulnerable Children

**Disability Workforce Development**  
*Adding value*

**Te Pou**  
o Te Whakaaro Nui

### News Flash!!!

#### A new option for advertising your job vacancies:

The Te Pou job vacancies webpage, which currently displays mental health and addiction sector vacancies, will shortly also display disability sector vacancies.

See their latest e-newsletter for details.

The web address <http://www.tepou.co.nz/vacancies>

Anyone in the disability sector can add a job vacancy to this website – for free

### THINK, SIGN, CONNECT

Discover New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) and sign up for a 6 weeks Think, Sign, Connect course.

NZSL is unique, versatile and fun. Learn everyday conversational words and phrases.

Spaces are still available!

When: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February until 16<sup>th</sup> March,  
7 – 9pm

Where: Otago Deaf Club  
68 Manor Place  
Dunedin

Cost: \$195pp

Email: [deafawareness@deaf.org.nz](mailto:deafawareness@deaf.org.nz) or  
contact 021 920 023

### Parent to Parent 2nd Generation Training Course

The relationship a sibling has with their disabled brother or sister is one that is diverse.

Parent to Parent **2nd Generation Programme** looks at the role siblings have in advancing a good life for their brother or sister as they get older.

There is a workshop for adult siblings and parents of disabled people in Dunedin 10 – 12 February at Cargills Hotel, 678 George Street, Dunedin.

The workshop, accommodation and meals are free to participants.

Places are limited, so to register your interest ring toll free 0508 236 236 or email [nick@parent2parent.org.nz](mailto:nick@parent2parent.org.nz)