

NORTHLAND | WHANGAREI & FAR NORTH

CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT

Organisation: **Parent 2 Parent**

Email: northland@parent2parent.org.nz

Phone: 09 437 3337

Mobile: 027 808 3942

Contact: Don Martin

Website: www.parent2parent.org.nz

What they Provide: Their core services are connecting parents with Support Parents and providing research and information, they also offer nationwide programmes and workshops. Their main role is at government level, advocating for better lives for children with disabilities and their families.

Organisation: **CCS Disability Action**

Email: northland@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz

Phone: 09 437 1899

Freephone: 0800 227 2255

Contact: Tami-Jo McQueen

Website: www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz/contact/branch-information/whangarei

What they Provide: They offer a range of support services for disabled people and their family and whanau. Working with people of all ages and stages across New Zealand. They also issue Mobility Parking Permits and administer the Total Mobility Scheme, which offers those with mobility impairments a discount on normal taxi fee's (usually 50%).

Grants/Funding: [Jubilee Trust](#)

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Organisation: **NorthAble Disability Services**

Email: drc@northable.org.nz

Phone: 09 430 0988

Freephone: 0508 637 200

Website: www.northable.org.nz

What they Provide: They offer a disability information and advisory centre, providing trained and qualified staff to give you friendly, independent disability information and advice. They provide assessments for the subsidised Total Mobility Cards that allows 50% discounts off normal taxis fares. NorthAble also provides Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) and run and Disability Equipment Hire and Retail Shop – equipment@northable.org.nz

Organisation: **Tiaho Trust**

Email: info@tiaho.org.nz

Phone: 09 430 3406

Freephone: 0800 430 3406

Website: www.tiaho.org.nz

What they Provide: Tiaho Trust works alongside other providers in the disability area to provide practical, culturally appropriate, quality services aimed at improving the wellbeing of disabled people within Northland.

COUNSELLING & MENTAL HEALTH

Organisation: **Family Works & Presbyterian Support Services**

Email: admin.whangarei@fwn.org.nz

Phone: 09 437 6729

Locations: Genesis Centre, 16 Mair Street, Whangarei

Dargaville Hosptial, Awakino Road, Dargaville

Facebook: www.facebook.com/familyworksnorthern

Website: www.familyworksnorthern.org.nz/service-centre/whangarei

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What they Provide: Family Works in Whangarei provides counselling, social work services and a range of group programmes for children, young people, parents/caregivers and families.

EDUCATION & LEARNING SUPPORT

School: **Blomfield Special School & Resource Centre**

Email: administration@blomfield.school.nz

Phone: 09 438 2105

Address: 31 Maunu Road, Whangarei

Principal: Sally Wilkinson

Website: www.blomfield.school.nz

What they Provide: Blomfield has one base school in Whangarei and five satellite units located around the Northland Region at Morningside Primary School, Manaia View School, Kaitaia Primary School, Kaitaia College and Kamo High School. They also provide a Resource Centre which facilitates an Outreach Programme, Correspondence School/Te Kura, Professional Learning and Development and Health Clinics – such as Wheelchair and Paediatrician Clinics. This is in collaboration with the Child Health Centre.

College: **North Tech**

Phone: 0800 162 100

Website: www.northtec.ac.nz/students/student-support/disability-services

Address: Whangarei

What they provide: Further education from when a child leaves school. They have a service which will assist students with disabilities to access their various educational programmes.

RESPIRE & DAY SERVICES – NORTHLAND

Organisation: **Kind Hands Respite Care Cottage**

Phone: 09 459 7383 | Mobile: 021 234 1294

Website: www.kindhands.co.nz

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Email: info@kindhands.co.nz

Address: Whangarei – services Northland

What they provide: Kind Hands are setting up a health-care facility for a purpose-built cottage, **offering respite care for children who are aged under 6 years**, have a disability and/or are medically fragile and/or are technology dependent. Although the facility will be located in Whangarei, it will benefit all children in the above categories throughout Northland and will be the only such facility offering respite care to these children.

SPORT & RECREATION – NORTHLAND

Organisation: **Northland Boccia Association (supported by Parafed)**

Email: nicolegrimme@hotmail.com – Kerikeri Boccia Group

info@northlandboccia.co.nz – Northland Boccia Association

Phone: 021 151 1105 / 09 433 5600

Contact: Nicole Grimme (Facilitator)

Website: www.boccia.org.nz

What they Provide: **Kerikeri Boccia Group** meets on Thursdays at the Bay Sports Stadium on Harmony Lane in Waipapa.

Northland Boccia Association meet on Tuesdays at the Genesis Energy Stadium inside the ASB Leisure Centre on corner of Kensington Avenue and Western Hills Drive. Extra sessions are also offered every second Saturday at Tikipunga High School.

Organisation: **Kaitaia New Zealand Riding for the Disabled**

Address: 404 Church Road, Kaitaia

Email: kaitaiada@yahoo.co.nz

Phone: 027 499 2336

Contact: Denise Finlayson

Website: www.rda.org.nz

What they Provide: New Zealand Riding for the Disabled Association (NZRDA) is an association of Member Groups. It is a, not-for-profit organisation which provides opportunities for anyone

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with a disability to enjoy safe, healthy, stimulating, therapeutic horse riding and horse-related activities in New Zealand. The Groups can provide, recreational riding, therapeutic riding, 'Equine-assisted' or 'Equine-facilitated' Psychotherapy and Hippo therapy, (which literally means treatment with a horse).

Organisation: **Whangarei New Zealand Riding for the Disabled**

Address: Barge Showgrounds, Maunu Road, Whangarei

Email: info@rdawhangarei.org.nz

Phone: 03 438 7521

Contact: Rachel Ball

Website: www.rdawhangarei.org.nz

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Whangarei-Riding-for-the-Disabled

What they Provide: They are a not-for-profit organisation that provides services to disabled children in the Whangarei area. There are 7 paid staff – Operations Manager, Head Instructor, Horse Manager, Stable Manager, an Instructor, Instructor/handyman and groundsman. There are 120 riders on their books and are able to ride 80 each term and the ages range from 7 to 25 years old.

Applications come from schools, physios, OT's, Doctors, hospitals and parents/grandparents

Each rider has a programme worked out according to their particular goals and each term we assess these goals and make new ones.

Organisation: **Halberg Disability Foundation**

Address: National Office, Auckland

Email: maia@halberg.co.nz

Contact: Maia

Website: www.halberg.org.nz

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Organisation:	Parafed Northland
Email:	admin@parafednorthland.co.nz
Phone:	027 705 9520
Contact:	Joanna Burgess – Community Sport Coordinator
Website:	www.parafednorthland.co.nz
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/parafednorth
What they Provide:	<p>They enable the delivery of quality sport and recreation opportunities for Northlanders experiencing a physical disability.</p> <p>They work with people though out the Northland community who live with a physical disability to see them included and involved in sport and recreation for enjoyment, good health and competition.</p> <p>They have activities like wheelchair basketball, sailing, cycling and power chair football.</p> <p>You will also find equipment on offer for hire, a beach wheelchair, sports wheelchairs and bikes and hand cycles.</p>

SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS FOR SPECIFIC CONDITIONS - NORTHLAND

Organisation:	Muscular Dystrophy Northern
Email:	support@mdn.org.nz
Phone:	09 415 5682
Address:	The Lion Foundation House, Albany, North Shore
Contacts:	<p>Denise Ganley – Information/Office Manager</p> <p>Darian Smith – Field Worker – 021 824 018</p> <p>Kate Longmuir – Field Worker – 021 704 227</p>
Website:	www.mda.org.nz
Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/muscular.northern
What they Provide:	<p>Their services are targeted toward individuals and whanau with lived experience of a neuromuscular condition covered by MDANZ. They have a nationwide fieldworker service providing person-centred support at home and in the community. Free</p>

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counselling for members, funding for local researchers, a pool of equipment, library books and DVD's, Discretionary grants, peer to peer support network, Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Programme, Retail discounts, wallet alert cards, a quarterly magazine and access to specialised information and advice about neuromuscular conditions.

Organisation: **Northland Brain Injury Association**

Email: northland@brain-injury.org.nz

Phone: 09 459 5013

Address: 98 Cairnfield Road, Whangarei, Northland

Contact: Vicki Herdman

Website: www.brain-injury.org.nz

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/mybrain.northland

What they Provide: They have 14 regional brain injury associations around NZ. Each offers support via a Liaison Officer along with a variety of Support Groups and Social Activities.

Organisation: **Cerebral Palsy Society**

Email: cpsociety@cpsociety.org.nz

Phone: 0800 503 603

Address: Yarnton House, 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak, Auckland

Contacts: Matt Slade | Membership & Accounts Manager | matt@cpsociety.org.nz

Website: www.cerebralpalsy.org.nz F

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/cpsocietynz

What they Provide: The CP Society has a number of different programmes for its members that can help provide assistance for children & adults with Cerebral Palsy. In the form of voucher's for 'Get out There' for taxis, 'Get Physical' for physiotherapy, 'Get this & that' for use in affiliated specialised equipment stores, 'Get up Again' for counselling, 'Get Structured' for legal purposes and also a programme 'get on your trike' to fund a child's specialised trike.

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Organisation: **Complex Care Group**

Email: complexcarers@xtra.co.nz

Phone: 0800 852 693

Contacts: Jan Moss

Website: www.complexcaregroup.org.nz

Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/complexcaregroup - Closed Group

What they Provide: Complex Care Group provides information and support for family's and carers who are providing an intensive level of care for a disabled child/young adult, who also has either multiple disabilities, a serious, ongoing medical condition and/or behaviour that requires a high level of support. They aim to provide a collective voice for carer's and an opportunity to network with other members, as well as raising awareness with the Ministry of Health, funders and service providers of the specific issues that they face in their community.

Organisation: **The Angelman Network**

Email: angelmannetwork@gmail.com

Phone: 021 138 2878

Contacts: Ursula Cranmer

Website: www.angelman.org.nz

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/theangelmannetwork

What they Provide: The Angelman Network connects and supports those effected by Angelman Syndrome. They put on fundraisers, organise family social gatherings and facilitate awareness through events and publications.

Organisation: **Spina Bifida Association New Zealand**

Email: spinabifidanz@zoho.com

Phone: Unknown

Contacts: Maioro Barton & Diane Belcher

Website: www.spinabifida.org.nz

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Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/spinabifidanewzealand

What they Provide: The Spina Bifida Association connects and supports those effected by Spina Bifida. They are dedicated to supporting and encouraging parents expecting a baby diagnosed with Spina Bifida and parents of children and young adults living with Spina Bifida.

Organisation: **PWS New Zealand – Prada-Willi Syndrome**

Address: Silverdale 0944, North Auckland

Email: ceo@pws.org.nz

Phone: 0800 4 PWS HELP or 027 673 1007

Contacts: Sarah McLarin | CEO | ceo@pws.org.nz

Jo Davies | Admin Manager | jo.davies@pws.org.nz

Cindy Adams-Vining | Family Support & Residential Training | cindy@pws.org.nz

Website: www.pws.org.nz

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/PraderWilliSyndromeAssociationNZ

What they Provide: They are a parent support network which aims to enhance the lives of those with Prader-Willi Syndrome by providing support to families and acting as advocates for people with PWS. They also hope to increase public awareness and understanding of PWS. They offer information and support to all families affected by PWS and to those who work with people who have PWS.

Organisation: **NZORD – New Zealand Organisation for Rare Disorders**

Address: Marion Square, Wellington

Email: enquiries@nzord.org.nz

Phone: 04 385 1119

Website: www.nzord.org.nz

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NZORD

What they Provide: NZORD offers a central starting point for patients and families affected by rare disorders, and helps families and patients find the essential information and support groups they require.

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NZORD operates on a national level and provides mostly “online” information resources for people with rare disorders and their families. NZORD provides direct support to assist small groups to operate effectively by providing a directory of support groups, free websites, regular newsletters, a Facebook page and a twitter feed.

THErapy & Health Assessment – Northland

Organisation: Brain Gym New Zealand

Contact: Andrea Kingston

Email: ajkidzed@outlook.com

Phone: 09 405 1178

Address: Totara North, Northland

Website: www.braingym.org.nz

What they Provide: Brain Gym and Educational Kinesiology is used to improve many different skills including listening, attention, memory, co-ordination and academic skills. It incorporates gentle physical movements to coordinate the brain and body for greater productivity and learning.

Organisation: Northland DHB Child Health

Phone: 09 430 4101 ext 8030 or 8005

Address: Whangarei Hospital

Website: www.northlanddhb.org.nz

What they Provide: The Child Health Team are based at The Child Health Centre located within Whangarei Hospital Campus. This is a purpose built unit for the assessment of childhood medical, physical and developmental problems.

The Child Health Team also run Child Health clinics at:

- Kaitaia Hospital – 09 408 9180
- Dargaville Hospital – 09 439 3330
- Bay of Island Hospital – 09 404 0280
- Kaikohe (Broadway Health Centre, 36 Lower Broadway, Kaikohe)
- Rawene (163 Parnell Street, Rawene) – 09 405 7709