

# Support the development of family/whānau support groups

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Build community networks' from the Guide:  
[Parents, whānau, and communities](#)

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## Create support groups

Manurewa Central School developed a 'chai and chat' group to foster relationships and partnership between home and school.



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## Seek feedback from whānau

Staff at Lincoln School talk about their commitment to working in partnership with whānau and how they seek feedback on what is working well, and what can be improved.



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[He Kākano \(NZ\)](#)

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# Support home-school relationships

Diana Tregoweth outlines some of the approaches used to support families.



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[Ministry of Education \(NZ\)](#)

<https://vimeo.com/user25073968/albums>

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## Establish collaborative partnerships

We've got to stop thinking we know what whānau want and just ask. Because whānau will tell you, as a school, an institution, it's what you do with that after they say it which is the important step.

And it's how we ask, and it's how often we ask. And it's how many opportunities we provide for people to be safe in terms of responding openly, honestly, and frankly about what we are doing.

**Benita Tahuri and Keriana Tawhiwhirangi**

Source:

[Te Mangōroa](#)

<http://temangoroa.tki.org.nz/Video-stories/TMK-Whanau-involvement-1>

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## Useful resources

Case study, Newlands  
College



### Supporting rangatahi with common-sense solutions

Read time: 5 min

John Murdoch, Newlands College Deputy Principal, reflects on his school's experience setting up a whānau advisory group.

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