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# **Disability, Home and Family in a Multicultural Context**



**Information for people taking part in a  
research project**

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# What is this document about?



This Easy Read document is about a **research** project called:

**Disability, Home and Family in a Multicultural Context.**



**Research** is when we:

- look at what things have happened
- find ways to do things better.



The research is being done by the **Donald Beasley Institute.**

The **Donald Beasley Institute** does lots of important research about many different things.



# What is the research about?



Aotearoa New Zealand is home to lots of different types of people.



Some of these people:

- have a different **culture**
- are a different **race**
- speak a different language.



**Culture** is a way of:

- thinking that a group of people share
- doing things as a group.



**Culture** can also be:

- the things you believe in
- art / music that links you to other people who share your culture.



**Race** is what you look like / the colour of your skin.

Your race connects you to other people in your family who were born before you called your **ancestors**.



Different people have different ideas about:

- what home means
- what family means.



There are lots of different kinds of families in Aotearoa New Zealand.



Some families in Aotearoa New Zealand have:



- 2 parents
- 1 parent
- parents who are the same **gender**
- other members of their family living with them like grandparents
- children who have been **fostered / adopted.**





**Gender** means different things:

- to different people
- in different cultures.



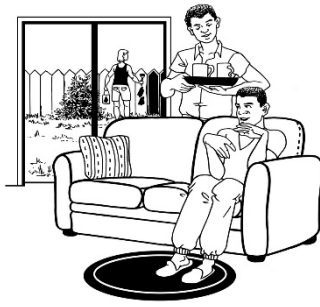
The **genders** we hear about most are:

- boy or man
- girl or woman.



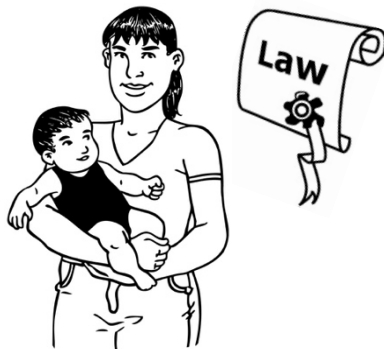
Some people are not a man or a woman.

They may call themselves **non-binary**.



**Fostered** means someone who is not your birth parent looks after you.

Sometimes this is in a place that is funded by the government like a state care home.



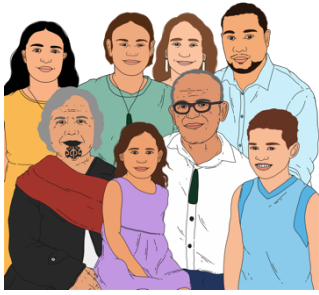
**Adopted** means that someone who is not your birth parent has signed a legal document to say they will look after you.



Some of the ways people think about home and family:

- have changed over many years
- are affected by their own culture.





Other things that can affect how people think about home and family are:

- what their own family is like
- what kind of home they have
- if they have a disability
- how healthy / happy they are.



Many disabled people also have support workers who support them in their homes.



We want to talk to 12 disabled people who come from different kinds of families.



We want you to tell us:

- what your home / family is like
- if you think people **respect** your **rights** to have a home / family.



**Respect** is when someone shows they have thought about:

- who you are / the kind of person you are
- things that are important to you
- how you might feel.



**Rights** are things that everyone should have to make sure they can live a good life like:

- a safe place to live
- having enough food to eat.



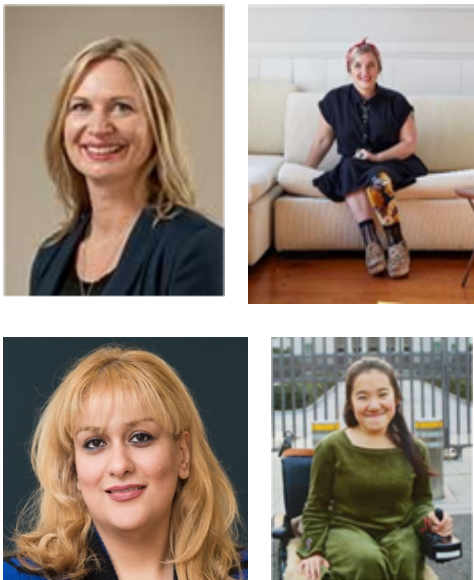


## Who will be doing the research?



The people who will be doing this research are part of the Donald Beasley Institute research team.

Their names are:



- Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch
- Dr Robbie Francis Watene
- Dr Solmaz Nazari
- Umi Asaka.



Some other researchers from the Donald Beasley Institute will also assist with the research.





Some of the people on the research team:

- are disabled
- all have experience of doing research about the rights of disabled people.



# Who can take part in the research?



It is up to you if you want to take part in the research.



You must give your **consent** to take part in the research.



Give your **consent** means:

- you say yes to something
- no one else has made you feel like you have to say yes.



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To take part in the research you must be over 18 years old.



To take part in the research you must also:

- think of yourself as being a disabled person

**or**



- be a family member / whānau of a disabled person

**or**



- support a disabled person.

# What will happen if I am chosen to take part in the research?



If you are chosen to take part in the research you will be asked to have 1 **interview** with someone from the research team.



An **interview** is when:

- we ask you some questions
- you tell us what you think.



You can take part in this interview:

- when you want
- where you want.



The interview could take place:

- at your own home
- at another place where you feel happy to talk to us
- over the internet using a video chat program like Zoom
- over the phone.

Everyone on the research team has had the COVID-19 vaccine.

We can arrange for any supports you might need to take part in the interview.



The supports you might need could be things like:

- having a New Zealand Sign Language interpreter
- holding the interview at a place that is accessible.



The research team will record the interview.



You can ask to have the recorder turned off at any time.



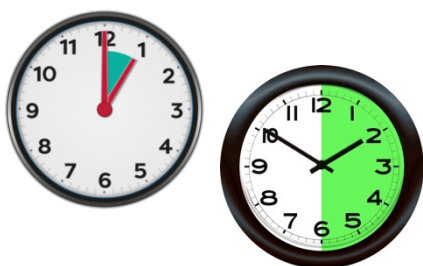
The researcher might also write down some notes:

- while the interview is taking place
- at the end of the interview.



The researcher will ask you some questions about:

- your home and family
- what home and family means in your culture
- what you think about your right to have a home and family.



The interview will take up to 1 and a half hours to do.



The researcher will respect your cultural needs when they do the interview.



There is more information about cultural needs on **pages 24 to 25** of this document.



Everyone who takes part in the research will get a **voucher** of 50 dollars as a thank you.



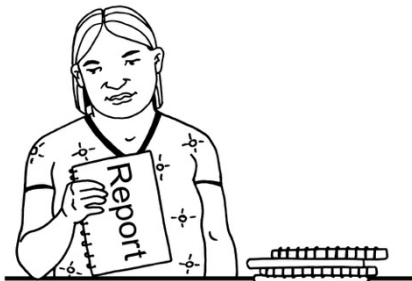
A **voucher** is like money that you can only spend in some shops.



# What we will do with information from the interviews



The interviews will be recorded.



We will use the recordings to later write a document about what you said.



You will be able to:

- read this document
- make changes to the document.



We will keep anything you tell us in the interviews **private**.



**Private** means we will not tell other people about the things you have told us.



The only time we may share what you have told us with someone else is if we think:

- you might be in danger / are being harmed
- someone else might be in danger / is being harmed.



We will talk with you before we do this.



The things we find out from this research will be used to better support disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand.



We will write a report about the things we find out in the interviews.



We will not:

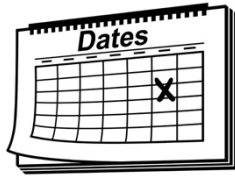
- use your real name in the report
- include any information that might mean other people know it is about you.



Any information you tell us will be kept safe at the Donald Beasley Institute for 10 years.



After 10 years has passed will we destroy the information.



We do not know how long it will take for us to:



- do all the interviews
- write a final report.

## How will the research team think about cultural needs?



We will ask you if you have any cultural needs that you want us to think about if you take part in the research.



If you are Māori a cultural need could be talking with a researcher who understands **tikanga Māori**.



**Tikanga Māori** means the Māori way of doing things.



If you choose to have the interview at your home we will ask you if there is anything you need us to do.

We can do things that are important to your culture like:



- at the start of the interview:
  - say a karakia timatanga / opening blessing
  - say a mihi mihi / greeting
- say a karakia mūtunga / closing blessing at the end of the interview.



It is okay for you to have a support person with you if you need to.



We will only use information told to us by people who have said we can do so.

# What to do if you want to take part in the research



If you want to take part in the research you should fill out a **Participant Interest Form:**

- online: <https://rb.gy/lv1pq>

or



- through our website:

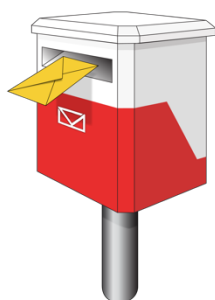


<https://www.donaldbeasley.org.nz/projects/disability-home-and-family-in-a-multicultural-context/>



You can also print out a Word document of the form to fill in.

You can send the form back to us by post to:



**Suite 4, Level 2**

**248 Cumberland Street**

**Dunedin 9016**

You can also send us the form to us by **email** to:



**[rfrancis@donaldbeasley.org.nz](mailto:rfrancis@donaldbeasley.org.nz)**



If you would prefer to contact us in New Zealand Sign Language you can send us a video to the email above.





If you need someone to support you to fill in the form you can:

- contact us for support
- ask someone else to support you like a friend / someone in your family.



You can also call us on our free telephone number at:

**0800 878 839**



We will get in touch with you after we have received your Participant Interest Form to:

- talk to you about the research
- make sure you really want to take part.





We might not be able to talk to everyone who wants to take part.

You can still:

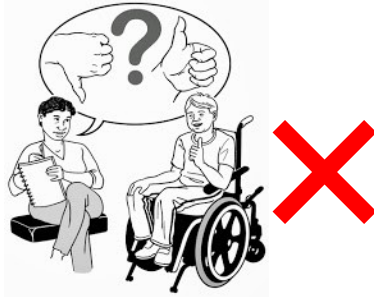


- share with us what you think in the questionnaire on our website
- tell us if you want to take part in research we do in the future.



We will get in touch with you to tell you how the research is going.

## What happens if you change your mind?



It is okay to change your mind about taking part in the research at any time.



It is up to you if you are happy for the researcher to still use any information you have told them.



You should also tell us if you feel unhappy at any time when you take part in the research.



We will give you any support you need.

## Who to contact for information and advice



To find out more about this research project you can get in touch with us:

- by **email** at:

**admin@donaldbeasley.org.nz**

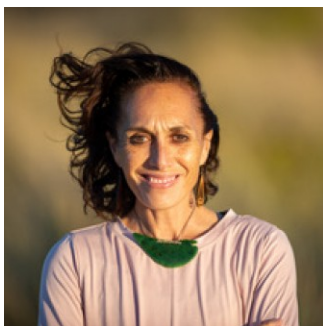


- by **phone** on:

**0800 878 839**



It will not cost you any money to call this number.



You can also contact Dr Kelly Tikao who is our **Kairangahau Māori Research Associate** on the email address above.



You can get advice from someone who is not part of the research from the **Health and Disability Advocacy Service**:

- by phone on:

**0800 555 050**

- by email at:

**[advocacy@advocacy.org.nz](mailto:advocacy@advocacy.org.nz)**

- at their website at:

**[www.advocacy.org.nz](http://www.advocacy.org.nz)**



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