

## **Whānau Āwhina Plunket welcomes new Ministers**

Whānau Āwhina Plunket is welcoming the announcement of Dr Shane Reti as the new Minister of Health and David Seymour and Casey Costello as Associate Ministers of Health.

Chief Executive Fiona Kingsford says she is delighted to see that ensuring Plunket is funded to do its job properly is included in the National and NZ First Coalition agreement.

“This is positive news for Plunket and I am looking forward to hearing more of the detail in the weeks to come.

“I would like to congratulate our new Health and Associate Health Ministers and look forward to working together and being adequately funded, ensuring we are enabled to set the path of wellness in our communities for the early years,” says Mrs Kingsford.

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## **About Whānau Āwhina Plunket**

Pēpi, tamariki and whānau are at the heart of Whānau Āwhina Plunket. The charity is Aotearoa New Zealand’s largest health and wellbeing support service for tamariki – seeing 290,000 under-fives. About 80% of newborns are enrolled with Whānau Āwhina Plunket each year.

Our nurses provide clinical assessments, and along with Kaiāwhina and Community Karitāne, support whānau and families, through home and clinic visits. PlunketLine 0800 933 922 is a free 24/7 telephone advice service for parents and whānau, where callers can speak to a registered nurse for advice, or call the Admin Line on 0800 184 803 to make an appointment in your area. Our website [plunket.org.nz](http://plunket.org.nz) is one of the country’s most widely read digital child health resources, with 1.8 million visits each year. It is available data-free through the Zero Data portal at [zero.govt.nz](http://zero.govt.nz), and you can choose to view it in English or te reo Māori.

