

Whānau Āwhina Plunket opens new Westgate hub

Accessing Plunket appointments will be more convenient for West Auckland whānau, with the opening of a new hub in the popular Westgate shopping centre.

The new premises replace the former Enterprise Drive location and features two spacious clinic rooms. Appointments for Well Child and B4 School Checks are now available to book, with a hearing and vision team available on select days for four-year-olds.

Clinical Services Manager Cynthia Keay says with ample three-hour parking onsite and the motorway close by, she hopes the hub's new location in the shopping centre will be ideal for whānau.

“Westgate is a fast-growing area of Auckland, so it's great to be able to support whānau in a modern space that is designed to meet their needs. The local team is very much looking forward to welcoming tamariki and their families through our doors. We are here and ready to provide health and wellbeing support.”

If you would like to book a Well Child Tamariki Ora appointment, please call Whānau Āwhina Plunket's free admin line on 0800 184 803. To book a B4 School Check, please call 0800 104 105 – option 2.

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Photo caption: A dawn blessing ceremony marked the opening of the new Whānau Āwhina Plunket Westgate hub. Chief Executive Fiona Kingsford (second from left), Regional Operations Manager Sam Ferreira (far left), Plunket Board members Tarati Blair-Hunt and Matthew Harker (far right) and Ngāti Whatua o Kaipara representatives.

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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 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, and you can choose to view it in English or te reo Māori.