Q4 2025/2026 NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

CYHNCN
Child & Youth Health National Clinical Network

CONNECTING VOICES - SHAPING CARE

TRANSITION OF CARE: "NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US"

The Transition of Care project placed rangatahi voice at its heart, working alongside youth advisory groups from across Aotearoa to co-design six principles for youth-appropriate care. Grounded in lived experience, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and equity, the principles provide a foundation for more connected, culturally responsive transition journeys for rangatahi and their whānau. Read the principles here.

LIVED EXPERIENCE ENRICHES RESOURCES FOR WHĀNAU

The Neurodevelopment Network has helped strengthen the KidsHealth Down syndrome and Cerebral Palsy – Hōkai Nukurangi in Children resources through meaningful lived experience input. A new Down syndrome video featuring mokopuna Māori highlights how lived experience and te ao Māori perspectives enrich resources and help shape more meaningful, whānau-centred care.

CLINICAL NETWORKS HUI 2026

Our annual CYHNCN National Hui brought together clinical leaders, project teams and partners from across Aotearoa to celebrate progress, strengthen connections, and shape priorities for improving equitable health outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi. A standout theme was the power of lived experience, with our Lived Experience Navigators (LENs) Rōpū and rangatahi reminding us that meaningful partnership with whānau is essential to designing better health services. Read more here.