

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

end of year celebration



join the teams across the motu who help deliver
Youth Service in celebrating 2023

Teams
20 December
12–1pm



emergency housing over the holiday period

over the christmas period, emergency housing can be granted for up to 21 days

To ensure stability over the Christmas period, the Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant may be approved for a **maximum period of 21 nights for young people who are currently in emergency housing.**

Initial Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH SNGs) will still only to be paid for a maximum of 7 nights.

You'll still need to have regular contact with the young person during this period.

With the high number of public holidays during this period please remember to make sure check-out dates don't fall on weekends or public holidays.



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end of year celebration – come and celebrate 2023 with us

join us to connect with each other and celebrate the year that has been 2023

Come along to our online session on **Wednesday 20 December, 12–1pm** to join the teams across the motu who help deliver Youth Service in celebrating 2023.

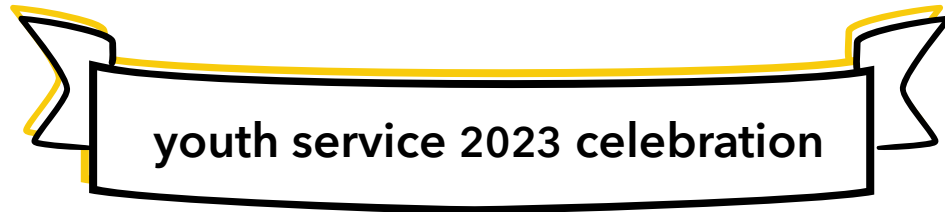
In this session, there will be time to connect with each other and we will hear reflections from people from different areas of our service.

The meeting will be held on teams. Put a reminder in your calendar with the teams link: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

Send us your pictures and videos

There's no **Youth Service** without **you!!**
Please send us pictures and videos from
this year to

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ordering whiteware over the holiday period

there will be delays for whiteware deliveries over the christmas and new year period

From Friday 22 December 2023 to Wednesday 3 January 2024 the cut off times for whiteware orders will be 12 noon.

Any orders placed after these times will be processed the next working day. It may take a day or two longer than normal for delivery over this period.

The Fisher and Paykel distribution centre and customer care team will be closed for the statutory holidays.

The last day of dispatch of appliances from Fisher & Paykel for delivery for Christmas Day is:

- Auckland Metro and Christchurch – Tuesday 19 December 2023
- Rest of the country – Monday 18 December 2023.
- Services will return to normal Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Didn't know whiteware grants were available? Find out more here:
[Whiteware - Work and Income](#)



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obligations and sanctions over the holiday period

young people who do not meet their activity obligations during this period can't be sanctioned

From 25 December 2023 to 15 January 2024
there is a grace period for obligations.

Obligation failures can still be initiated during this time, but the 12 working days between these dates are not counted in determining when a reduction or suspension should be imposed.

Sanctions cannot be imposed during this period.
You will still need to have regular contact with the young person during this period.



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summer job szn – what you need to know

part one – all about summer jobs and declaring income

Some young people may want to supplement their Youth Payment or Young Parent Payment with part-time earnings from work or take on a job that'll only last a few weeks.

What you need to do if your taiohi get a summer job

1. Let YSSU know the details about their employment and income from work
2. Make sure taiohi know how to declare their income through MyMSD
3. Tell taiohi how much they can earn before it affects their payments:
 - a. taiohi can earn up to \$258.08 gross per week before it will reduce their benefit.
 - b. if they are single their benefit will stop if they earn more than \$308.08, or \$358.08 if they are in a relationship.



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part two – taking a break from Youth Payment or Young Parent Payment

Taking a break from getting payments

If a young person gets a job that'll only last a short time they can suspend their payments. This way they won't have to reapply if they aren't able to move into sustainable employment.

Please note: payments will auto-cancel after 4 weeks. If the job opportunity is going to last longer than 4 weeks (for example, a six-week summer job) talk to YSSU about what options there are.



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drop-in sessions in the new year

check out the drop-in schedule for the first quarter in 2024

The online drop-in session will be back in 2024!

The sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10am.

Each week we focus on a different aspect on Youth Service. The sessions are also a space for youth coaches across the motu to connect with each other and build whanaungatanga.

Check out the schedule for the first quarter – see you in the sessions next year!

Tuesday 30 January	keeping ourselves well
Wednesday 7 February	induction for new youth coaches
Tuesday 13 February	education outcomes and art alerts
Tuesday 20 February	limited service volunteer programme
Tuesday 27 February	spotlight on employment support
Tuesday 5 March	aging out of youth service, exit plans
Wednesday 6 March	induction for new youth coaches
Tuesday 12 March	face, notes, needs and activities
Tuesday 19 March	spotlight on housing support
Thursday 28 March	branding and social media
Wednesday 3 April	induction for new youth coaches



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