



# Caregivers' experiences of early intervention for their child with cerebral palsy within the Child Development Services in New Zealand.

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## Study invitation to families

Kia ora,

We would like you to consider taking part in this study. We are aiming to explore parents' experiences as they transitioned from Child Development Services (CDS) to school-based therapy services. We want to know how your experiences with CDS therapists (physiotherapists / occupational therapists / visiting neurodevelopmental therapists) prepared you for this transition. We are hoping that by you sharing your experience, we can help therapists improve the way they work with families / whānau to make sure tamariki have the best developmental outcome.

We are seeking 10 families and children who:

- Have a child with Cerebral Palsy aged 6-8 years of age
- Received sustained therapy (OT/PT/VNT) for at least 12 months from a Child Development Service before their child was 6 years of age
- Are now receiving ORS (Ongoing Resource Funding) or Physical Disability Funding at a mainstream school

## What is involved for families?

### BEFORE



- You can learn about the study by watching a video on Youtube here <https://youtu.be/ySp4Jbu2cPM>
- Then go to [https://otago.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bPkOujWag6mmV5s](https://otago.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPkOujWag6mmV5s) or scan the QR code at the end of this sheet to read the Participant Information sheet and Consent sheet
- Consent to the study
- Tell us about yourself and your child on a quick survey (5-10 minutes)

## DURING



- Talk about your experiences with Sally on Zoom (1 hour maximum)

## AFTER



- Choose to receive a written copy of your interview
- Join in a group chat with other parents if you would like to share your experiences. This will give you a chance to hear feedback about everyone's experiences and to acknowledge your important role.

All information collected in the study will be kept anonymous (private) and you can choose not to join in the group session.

There is no payment for participating in this study, but families will receive a Koha of \$30 to recognise their value.

If you have any further questions, you can contact Sally directly on [Sally.kidd@postgrad.otago.ac.nz](mailto:Sally.kidd@postgrad.otago.ac.nz)

This research is being carried out by Sally Kidd, a paediatric physiotherapist who is studying towards a Master of Health Science (Rehabilitation). She is being supervised by Dr Fiona Graham (Associate Professor, RTRU, Otago University school of Medicine, and co-supervised by Dr Sian Williams, Senior Research Fellow, Liggins Institute, University of Auckland. **This project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee, (Health). Reference: H22/090**

