## Taranaki disability respite market

Taranaki at a glance (Access Ability Taranaki NASC region)

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| Number of people receiving DSS support in region  | **1,049** |
| Number of people allocated respite in region (includes Carer Support) | **493** |
| % people allocated respite who are Māori | **23%** |
| % people with respite allocation aged 21 years or under | **76%** |

## Current respite allocations

* 26 people are allocated facility-based respite (73% are aged 21 years or less). The total annual value of the facility-based respite allocation in Taranaki is currently $219,000.
* 33 people are currently allocated contracted in-home respite, at a total value of approx. $266,000 per year.
* 480 people are allocated Carer Support, at a total value of around $1 million per year.
* 13 people in Taranaki use IF Respite at a value of $183,000.
* 21 people have been using other respite funding at a value of $57,000.

## Current respite options available

### Overnight respite options

* There is one dedicated four-bed, facility-based respite service for children aged 5 to 21 in New Plymouth. It runs at around 60% occupancy.
* There is one dedicated respite house for adults with physical disabilities in New Plymouth. It is also used by ACC clients and is very well-utilised.
* There are five contracted aged care facilities in Taranaki that people with disabilities can use for respite, however these are often unavailable.

### Daytime respite options

* There are around eight services that offer weekday activity options for adults. These include community participation programmes, employment-related activities and day services.
* There are currently no disability-specific out-of-school care programmes. There are a number of mainstream out-of-school care programmes.
* Sporting options include Riding for the Disabled, Boccia, Halberg Allsports, Special Olympics, and Parafed.
* A Lego programme operates for children with autism.
* There are three regular social/recreations groups that operate for young adults. We have been unable to identify if any social or recreational options are available in the region for children or older adults.

## Gaps in the Taranaki respite market

* Demand currently exceeds supply for facility-based respite for adults. Scope exists to develop disability-accessible out-of-school care options, and social, recreational or sporting options for children and adults across the region.