

A community meeting to provide information about the two programmes, explain the tender process and answer questions will be held on:

**Wednesday 6 August 2008, 10am to 12 noon**, in the Kelston Community Centre located on the corner of Great North Road and Awaroa Road, Auckland.

#### MORE INFORMATION

More information about Pathway to Partnership can be found on the Ministry of Social Development's website.

Website: [www.msd.govt.nz/work-areas/families-whanau/pathway-to-partnership/index.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/work-areas/families-whanau/pathway-to-partnership/index.html)

For questions or feedback contact your funding advisor or steering group representative.

Email: [pathway@msd.govt.nz](mailto:pathway@msd.govt.nz)

More information about Family and Community Services programmes can be found on [www.familyservices.govt.nz](http://www.familyservices.govt.nz).



# funding news

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Welcome to Funding News, the newsletter for community providers of services for families, children and young people funded by Family and Community Services, Child, Youth and Family and the Ministry of Youth Development.

In this edition we tell you:

- the latest on Pathway to Partnership
- all about SKIP Local Initiatives Fund Round Nine
- a new tender for Family Start/PAFT services in Waitakere.

#### PATHWAY TO PARTNERSHIP

Pathway to Partnership is the Government's multi-year strategy that provides an additional \$446 million over the next four years to bolster essential community-based services for families, children and young people (see [www.msd.govt.nz](http://www.msd.govt.nz), under Pathway to Partnership, for a definition and criteria of essential services).

The new funding is being progressively introduced from 1 July 2008, with an extra \$52 million available in 2008/09.

#### PATHWAYS FUNDING ROLLS OUT

Ruth Dyson, Minister for Social Development and Employment, announced on 23 July that the payment of the 3.4 percent inflation adjustment, totalling more than \$6 million and reaching over 850 providers, is now underway.

"The government has committed to providing annual adjustments for inflation every year from now on. This is one part of our strategy to move all essential social services to full funding by 2012, and make that change sustainable," she said.

The government also announced that the cost pressure payment made last year, originally intended as a one-off payment, is being brought into providers' ongoing funding for this and future years, a move that will give community groups an additional \$3 million in 2008/09.

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✈ [WWW.FAMILYSERVICES.GOV.T.NZ](http://WWW.FAMILYSERVICES.GOV.T.NZ)

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora

The cost adjustment rate increase applies to all contracted service types except those that deliver bed-nights, youth services strategies, care services, one-off initiatives, study awards and capability payments.

Providers have been sent letters advising them of this year's annual adjustment payments. **To receive the annual cost adjustment payment please invoice us for the amount shown on your letter.** If you are GST registered, please add GST to the amount. The amount will be paid to you as soon as we receive your invoice. Contact your Funding Advisor if you are unsure.

#### PATHWAY TO FULL FUNDING

Funding advisors are working with individual providers to discuss this year's funding increases, with some already agreeing their increase. Minister Dyson visited one such provider, Mother of Divine Mercy refuge in Auckland, who will receive a funding increase in 2008/09 of more than \$110,000. Their funding will continue to increase each year until they reach full funding in 2011/12.

All the funding increases for this year are expected to be agreed with providers and payments in place by the end of September. Increases will be processed through a variation in current contracts.

Annual funding under Pathway to Partnership will increase each year to reach \$192.8 million in 2011/12. Over the next six months funding advisors will work with providers on their four year pathway to full funding. This will include understanding providers' cost and demand pressures.

Funding advisors will also be interested in providers' views as to how the new funding will assist in delivering enhanced services to clients.

#### COMMUNITY FORUMS A SUCCESS

Over 1300 people attended community forums about Pathway to Partnership at meetings held in May and June in 23 locations throughout the country.

The meetings, organised by the Council of Social Services and Social Services Providers of Aotearoa, had an average of 57 organisations attending each meeting. Attendance at some meetings numbered over 100 people.

A report collating all the feedback is currently being prepared and a summary will be published in the next edition of Funding News.

#### WHAT'S NEXT

Pathway to Partnership timeline for the next three months is as follows:

10 July	Provider returns due.
21 July	First scheduled payment for contracted core funding – including cost adjustment payment.
June–Sep	Funding advisors talk with providers about funding increases for 2008/09.
July–Dec	Funding advisors will work with individual providers to understand their cost and demand pressures and begin the discussion about their pathway to full funding over the next four years.
September	Contract variations issued.  Varied letters of contract sent to providers receiving a full funding increase in 2008/09.  Additional funding payments commence.

#### SKIP LIF FUND ROUND NINE OPENS

Applications for Round Nine of the Strategies with Kids – Information for Parents (SKIP) Local Initiatives Fund opened on 1 July and will close on 15 August 2008.

The Local Initiatives Fund supports community organisations in promoting the benefits of positive parenting, provides practical knowledge and skills on disciplining children and helps communities create a positive culture of seeking, sharing and receiving parenting information and support.

The fund supports communities in finding the best ways to connect all parents with information about positive parenting, not just those parents who traditionally seek it out for themselves. This included 47 applications in Round Eight which closed in May. These successful applicants will get funding to start their projects from July 2008.

#### TENDERS TO BE CALLED FOR FAMILY START / PAFT SERVICES IN WAITAKERE

Tenders will open in early August for a service provider to deliver services under the Family Start and/or PAFT programmes for families in the Waitakere area. These are two separate contracts and will be advertised on the Government Electronic Tender Service (GETS; [www.gets.govt.nz](http://www.gets.govt.nz)).