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PATHWAY TO PARTNERSHIP

News Flash

Welcome to this special May edition of Funding News.

This issue updates you on recent decisions about how the new Pathway to Partnership funding will begin to be introduced this year.

Pathway to Partnership increases Government's investment in the family, child and youth focused sector by \$446 million over the next four years.

In the 2008/09 financial year, we have \$52 million available to begin to move existing essential services towards full funding. Part of this money will also go towards looking at ways to increase collaboration and achieve better outcomes for families.

MOVING EXISTING ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO FULL FUNDING

Our focus this year is to stabilise the sector, in particular services with lower levels of

part funding and smaller, more vulnerable, providers.

We have worked with the Pathway to Partnership Steering Group on a first year model with the goal of bringing the services we contract up to a minimum of 60% of full funding, creating an improved starting point from which we can move forward from.

The Steering Group has been paying particular attention to the best way of bringing small, more vulnerable, community service providers to full funding faster.

We are treating the first year of Pathway funding as a transitional period. We want to get the new funding flowing out to the sector at the same time as we begin working with individual providers on a four year pathway to full funding.

HOW IT WILL WORK

We will be talking with providers over the next month about their current funding levels. This includes working with them to establish how much extra funding they will receive this year and how it will support better outcomes for families.

We will begin introducing the new 2008/09 full funding payments from August this year.



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OTHER THINGS HAPPENING

Providers will also receive a 3.4% increase in funding as a result of the annual cost pressure payment. This will happen from 1 July 2008, and be wrapped up in new contracts or through a variance agreement for those whose contracts don't expire this year.

We are exploring options for investing in collaboration and shared infrastructure in 2008/09. We are talking with the Steering Group about how we might develop this work and will keep you posted as things progress.

Work has also begun on developing an outcomes framework that will more clearly define our common objectives of working together and how we can measure progress and success with the families, children and young people we work with. The Steering Group will be holding a workshop on this subject later this month.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

We hope you can attend the community forums on Pathway to Partnership. These are being held during May and June in twenty locations throughout New Zealand. The schedule was published in the May 2008 edition of Funding News.

You can also access it from www.msd.govt.nz under the Pathway to Partnership section.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, or to provide feedback contact a Pathway to Partnership Steering Group representative, or email us at pathway@msd.govt.nz.

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