## **WBOP** Region

## Service Providers Supporting Neurodiversity Map (2025)

A Directory for professionals in the Social, Health and Education Sectors

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# WBOP Region Service Providers' Map

## Who is this for?

There has been a noticeable increase in people looking for information and support around neurodivergence (particularly regarding autism and ADHD), by parents and caregivers, as well as adults (both diagnosed and undiagnosed).

It can be hard to know where to start, which service provider to link your clients with first.

If you work in the social, health or education sector - this guide is for you!

Compiling this guide of (mostly) Spectrum Collective members' services, we hope this will be a valuable resource in your kete. This guide is intended as a starting point, it is not a complete directory of all services available in the wider region.

## Who are we?

### Spectrum Collective Takiwātanga:

This is a collaborative and collective group of Western Bay of Plenty service providers who support whānau, children, teens and adults navigate neurodiversity in their everyday lives.

Spectrum Collective Takiwātanga came together in late 2019 and connects bi-monthly to network, share information and updates as well as undertake events and projects that support community connections and wellbeing for the whānau and individuals they work with.

### SociaLink Tūhono Pāpori:

Spectrum Collective Takiwātanga is supported by SociaLink's Collaborative Practice Coordinator, who facilitates collective groups from the social and community sectors to come together to set and achieve collective goals and outcomes. SociaLink strengthens organisations from the inside, providing tools to empower our social and community sector. See the many services SociaLink offers -: https://socialink.org.nz/



# Mapping it out

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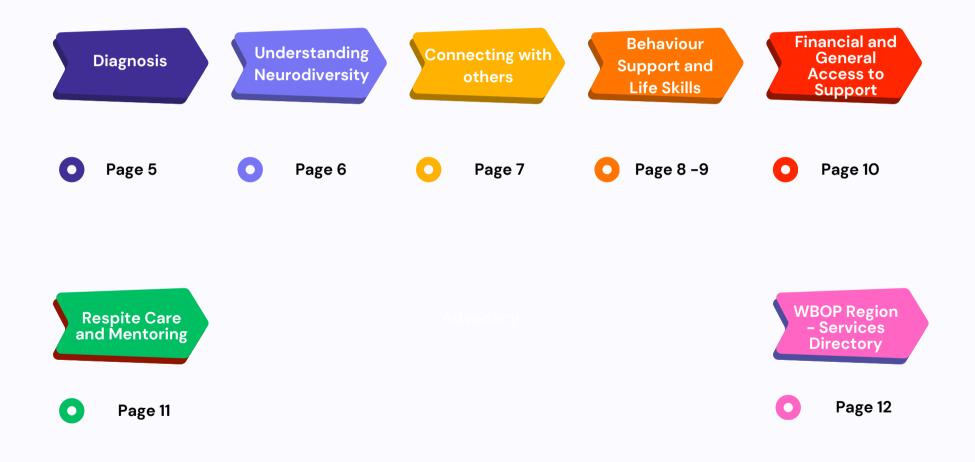
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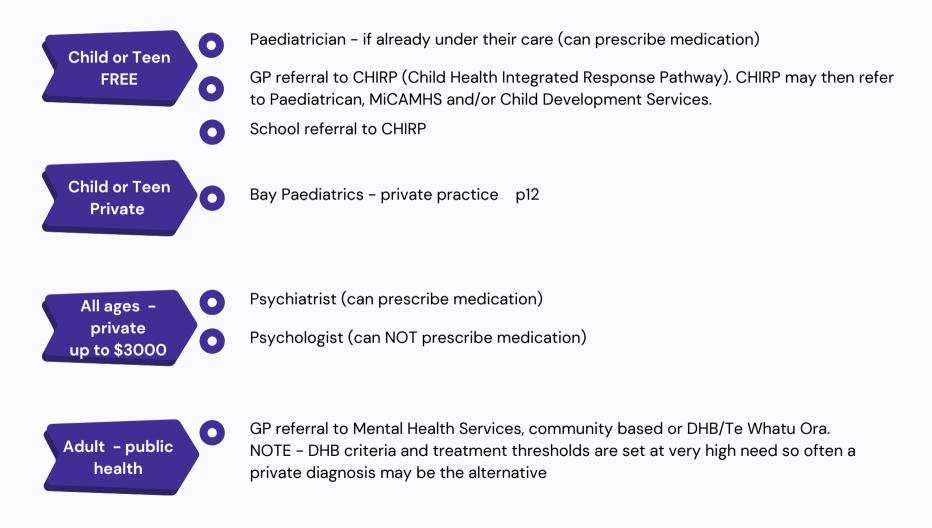
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Finding the right support:

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## **Diagnosis** - may help access financial and other support





## Understanding Neurodiversity - Information and Courses



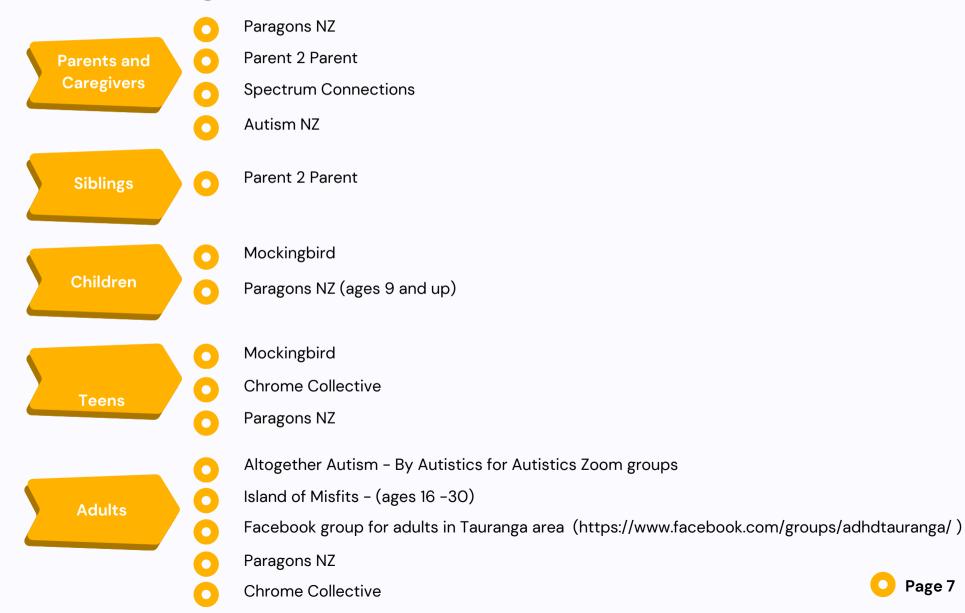
Courses and Workshops

- Altogether Autism
- Explore

### Mockingbird

- Parent 2 Parent
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## **Connecting with Others –** finding support and community



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# **Behaviour Support and Life Skills**

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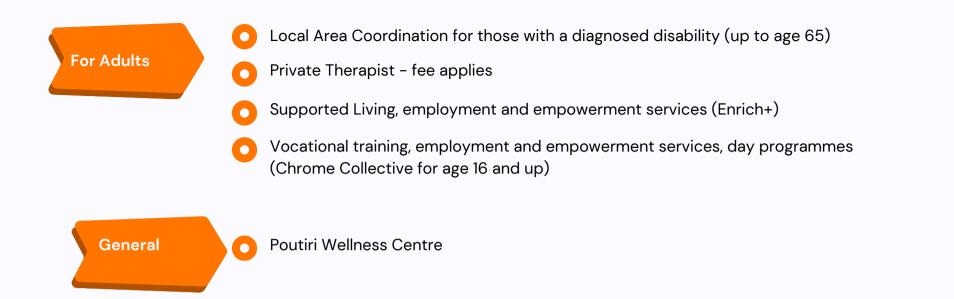
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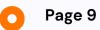
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Family Therapy, Children's Village, Social Workers (Stand Children's Services Tu Maia)

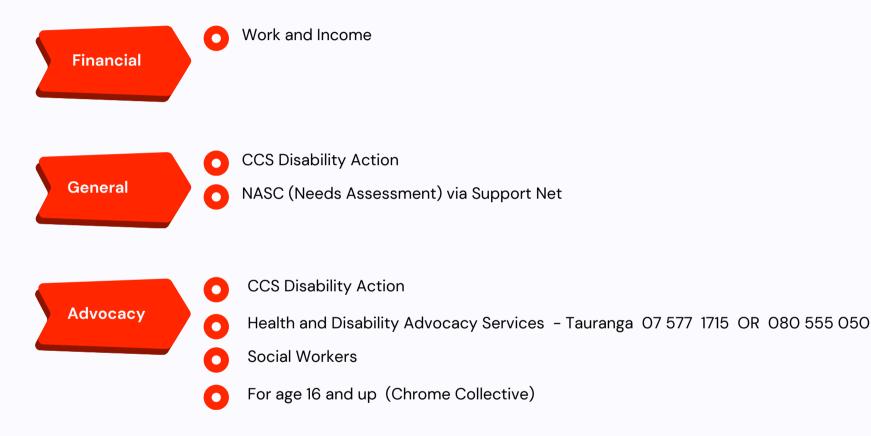
Local Area Coordination for those with a diagnosed disability (up to age 65)

Explore Wellness Org - require a NASC





## **Financial Support and General Access to Supports**





# **Respite Care and Mentoring**





# **WBOP Region – Service Providers' Directory**

### **Altogether Autism**

Information and advice; workshops and trainings Event: By Autistics for Autistics Zoom hui (age 18 and up) Covers : children, teens, families, adults, professionals Email : info@altogetherautism.org.nz Live chat on website, 9.00am-4:30pm, M-F https://www.altogetherautism.org.nz/

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### Autism NZ

Education and information, including training for professionals Covers : families, adults https://autismnz.org.nz/ Contact : Outreach Coordinator Janine.parsons-eade@autismnz.org.nz

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### **Bay Paediatrics - private**

Diagnoses, Parenting support, Courses and Workshops, Free podcasts Covers : children, teens https://baypaediatrics.com/ Email : hello@baypaediatrics.com

### CCS Disability Action

Information, advocacy and help to access supports Covers : children, teens, families, adults https://www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz/north-island/tauranga

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Child Development Service - DHB/Te Whatu Ora

Autism Coordinator, information Covers : children, teens (up to age 16), families Phone : 07 571 4768 https://www.bopdhb.health.nz/health-and-support/a-z-of-hospital-services/child-development/

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### **Chrome Collective**

Supporting people with disabilities in WBOP, Waihi and Paeroa areas with vocational training/education, day programmes, employment, empowerment, advocacy, information, mentoring and coaching Covers : from age 16 <u>www.chromecollective.co.nz</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/chromecollectivecommunity</u> Email : <u>hello@chromecollective.co.nz</u> Ph: 022 365 0703



### Enrich+

Supported living, employment and empowerment services Covers : older teens, adults https://enrichplus.org.nz/services/tauranga/

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### Explore Hapainga Ora - Behavioural Services

Behaviour :

Behaviour Support - age range 0-65 (at client's Home or Residential) Early Intervention Stepping Stones (ages 0-12) Diagnostic assessments for Intellectual Disability Training for service providers / Families (fee for service)

Diagnosed autism support. Referrals via NASC/Support Net Free parent education courses – need diagnosis, but no need for NASC referral Exploring Autism (ages 0–5 and 6–9) Teen Life (ages 10–16) Covers : children, teens, families, adults https://explorewellbeing.org.nz





#### **Family Works Northern**

Family support, counselling, social workers, parenting programmes, family violence programmes Covers : children, teens, families, adults https://www.familyworksnorthern.org.nz/

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### **Island of Misfits**

Peer support, social and discussion group (topics may cover faith, world views and neurodiversity, workshops and events) Covers : Ages 16–30 (approximately) Email : emma.cox@steiger.org FB : https://www.facebook.com/p/Island-of-Misfits-Community-100083696558199/

### Matahui School One-Day Neurodiverse School Programme

Specially designed for children with specific learning needs\* - this programme includes components of structured literacy, mathematics, and hands-on project-inquiry. Covers : School years 3-10 https://matahui.school.nz/one-day-school/

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### MiCAMHS

Support, diagnosis and interventions for moderate to severe mental health, including anxiety, depression, ADHD, behavioural difficulties, self-harm, drug/alcohol addiction, eating disorders Covers : children, teens Referral : Via GP or school to CHIRP

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### Mockingbird

Social groups for children, workshops for families Covers : children, families https://mockingbird.org.nz/



#### **Open Home Foundation**

Respite care at Oasis for children, social work services Referral via Oranga Tamariki or Support Net/NASC Covers : children, families https://ohf.org.nz/



### Paragons NZ

Paragons is a group where those living with neurodiversity or disabilities can come together, make friends and get support Covers : children (ages 9 and up), teens, families, adults https://m.facebook.com/61554153314980/

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### Parent 2 Parent

Information, events, seminars, family support groups Covers : children, teens, families, siblings Contact : Jane 027 808 3945 https://parent2parent.org.nz/locations/coastal-bay-of-plenty/

### Poutiri Wellness Centre

Full range of medical and wellness services, including whānau ora Covers : children, teens, families, adults https://www.poutiriwellnesscentre.org/

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### Sonic Cinema

Inclusive, sensory cinematic events. Covers : children, teens, adults, families, organisations Email : info@soniccinemanz.com



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#### **Spectrum Connections**

Coffee support group and social family events Covers : children, teens, families https://spectrumconnections.weebly.com/

### Stand Children's Services Tū Māia

Social workers, children's village, family therapy Covers : children, teens, families https://www.standforchildren.org.nz/



### Support Net

NASC (Needs Assessments) Covers : children, teens, adults https://www.bopdhb.health.nz/health-and-support/health-wellbeing-services-andadvice/support-net-disability-services-and-support/

### Therapists -private (members of Spectrum Collective)

Kate Ferris - Psychologist Metacognition - Clinical psychology and neuropsychology Mind Body Connect - Lesia Smith - neuro psychologist Torch Light - Susan Ricketts - therapist and trainer Nadia du Plessis - Psychologist

### Your Garden

Gardening therapy to build social skills Covers : groups of children from a school Referrals via schools Email : jess.hubbard@yourgarden.org.nz https://www.facebook.com/yourgardentauranga/ https://www.kateferris.co.nz/ https://www.metacognition.co.nz/ https://www.mindbodyconnect.health/ https://torch-light.co.nz/ ndpeducology@gmail.com



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### Your Way | Kia Roha

Local Area Coordination:

Person-centered, strength based approach to living well by removing or shifting barriers to inclusion. Covers : up to age 65 with a diagnosed disability as defined by Whaikaha (includes autism) Email : victoria.brott@yourwaykiaroha.nz Phone : 0800 758 700 OR 027 588 2698

Learning and Information Centre – Trainings and workshops; disability and autism information Covers : disabled people, whānau and professionals

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Lanyard Training for Organisations https://www.yourwaykiaroha.nz/learning-information/hidden-disabilities-sunflower/

**Work and Income Phone 0800 559 009** For people on benefits or working

Special Needs Grant https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/special-needs-grant.html

### For people in work ONLY

Recoverable Assistance Payment https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/recoverable-assistance-payment-grant.html

### Spectrum Collective PARTNER – Boys' Brigade/ICONZ

Currently providing a three year pilot woodworking programme (2023 –2026) for neurodiverse children, school years 5–8, delivered by Stu Thompson.

Up to six children attend for two terms, building motor skills, social skills and social connections .Boys and girls welcome. Very high needs are not able to be catered due to the nature of the activities and group setting.

https://www.bb.org.nz/