

## Community connects over vulnerable children

Finding ways to work together to protect the most vulnerable in our South Kaipara community, was the focus of a recent meeting held at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai.

The hui was hosted by The South Kaipara Collective; four key agencies (Helensville Health Trust, Parent Aid North West, Men and Family Centre, and Helensville Women and Family Centre) which are funded by the Ministry of Social Development to explore ways to work stronger together towards the collective community goal of “growing healthy kids in South Kaipara.”

Tracey Roberts, a social worker with both the Helensville Women and Family Centre and Kaipara College says, “We know we work well together, however we want to ensure that in the South Kaipara we have the best services we possibly can for those most vulnerable in our community.”

“We cannot take our eye off the goal” says Charm Torrance, General Manager of the Helensville District Health Trust. “There are a lot of agencies in town all working with vulnerable children and this is an attempt to get them to work more closely together.”

## Helping food industry upskill

If you're in the food industry, whether in a café, super-market or marae, you'll know the importance of keeping your staff trained and qualified in food safety and handling. That task has become a little easier, with Keryn Reardon, Kitchen Manager at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai recently gaining the credentials to act as an assessor for Food Standards. So, if you have staff or volunteers who need their Service IQ accreditation updated, contact Keryn at [kitchen@thrivekaipara.org.nz](mailto:kitchen@thrivekaipara.org.nz).



Keryn Reardon, Kitchen  
Manager, Te Whare Oranga  
ō Parakai.

The accreditation role is just one more proud achievement for Keryn since joining Te Whare Oranga. She runs cooking classes for children and adults, and is even available for private cooking classes of up to eight people.