

What people say

“The information was great. It helped me find the best possible solution for my children.”

“It helps you understand how your children think, and how you can make separation easier on them.”

“It’s nice to learn with others who are going through the same experience.”

Contact Family Works Parenting through Separation is provided at these Family Works sites:

Tauranga (Hillier Centre)
31 Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui,
Tauranga 3116
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Email: admin.tauranga@fwn.org.nz

Whakatane
156 The Strand, Whakatane 3120
Ph: 07 307 1133
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Rotorua
48 Biak St, Mangakakahi,
Rotorua
Ph: 07 349 0990
Email: admin.rotorua@fwn.org.nz

Other Family Works services are provided in these are as:

**North Shore
(Offices based in Mairangi & Castor
Bays Presbyterian Church centre)**
10 Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay,
Auckland
Ph: 09 835 1288
Email: admin.waitakere@fwn.org.nz

Waitakere
2171 Great North Road, Avondale
Auckland 0600
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Auckland (Leslie Centre)
37B Dornwell Road, Mt Roskill,
Auckland 1041
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South Auckland (Te Hononga)
10 Mahia Road Manurewa,
Auckland 2102
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Whangarei (Genesis Centre)
16 Mair St, Regent, Whangarei 0112
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Hamilton 3216
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Parenting through Separation

Putting children first



Separating from your partner?



Separating from your partner can be stressful but when children are involved, the process can be even harder.

Parenting through Separation is a free information programme, funded by the Ministry of Justice, that helps you focus on what's best for your children when you separate.

Anyone involved in parenting arrangements for children can attend, including separating or separated parents, grandparents and other family/whanau members.

You have to complete a Parenting through Separation course before attending family dispute mediation or applying to the Family Court (in most cases). The course is free.

Programme topics

Parenting through Separation focuses on the wellbeing of your children. It covers topics like:

- how separation affects children
- talking with children about separation
- talking with ex-partners about arrangements for the children
- how to make a parenting plan
- keeping children away from conflict
- support services in your local community
- how the Family Court works.

You'll also be given free take-home material that will help you and your children deal with separation.



What happens at the programme?

You'll be in a small group with up to 20 people. A trained programme leader will provide information and you will be able to discuss parenting issues and ask questions if you wish. The programme takes about four hours, usually in two sessions of two hours each.

Who else will be there?

The programme is for adults at any stage of separating. Children do not attend, but grandparents and other family/whanau members may attend if they are involved in your children's care. Your new partner can attend too.

If you are worried about your own or your children's safety because of domestic violence, you need to tell Family Works when you book your course.

Everyone who attends the programme is asked to provide photo identification. At the end of the course, you will receive a certificate confirming your attendance.

Will my ex-partner be there?

No. It is best for both parents to attend the programme but at different times. The programme is designed to help you focus on your children's needs during separation. Family dispute resolution can be organised if you and your ex-partner need help agreeing on how your children will be cared for.

How do I get to a programme?

To find a course near you, contact Family Works (see the back page for details).