

# Just Sayin

The survey of young people  
and Transition Support Services

FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, TRANSITION WORKERS  
AND OTHERS SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOUNG PEOPLE ONE LAST TIME!**

Just Sayin' is an annual survey of young people aged 16 to 25 who have been in Oranga Tamariki care or Youth Justice custody and are eligible for Transition Support Services.

Oranga Tamariki is committed to continue to hear what young people think about the support provided to them, and to ensure their voices inform the way we continue to work to improve our services.

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Over the last three years many of you have helped with the survey by encouraging young people to complete the survey and answering their questions.

The information young people gave us in previous surveys has been used to improve the transition support service in lots of different ways. They told us that planning for leaving care was sometimes not the best, so new training information and processes has been developed for Oranga Tamariki social workers to help make sure a plan is in place before young people leave care.

Their information has helped government planning to ensure safe, secure housing and to look at improving education and access to health for young people.

Not everyone knew about the entitlement to stay living with a caregiver or for support to return to live with a care giver after young people leave care. More information about this option is being given to transition workers and caregivers and the rules will be more flexible to fit the situations of caregivers and young people.

The reports and fact sheets from the 2022 survey are now on the Oranga Tamariki website [Transition Support Service evaluation 2022 | Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children](#).

A summary for young people is on the Just Sayin' website – [www.justsayin.nz](http://www.justsayin.nz). The Just Sayin' website also has information about this year's survey.

The survey will be repeated each year to measure changes in the key outcomes the Transition Support Service aims to achieve. This year the survey runs for eight weeks from 5 July 2023. You can find out more about it at [www.justsayin.nz](http://www.justsayin.nz).

## **WHO HAS BEEN ASKED TO TAKE PART?**

Young people aged 16 to 25 who are eligible for Transition Support Services are invited to take part.

Malatest will send a text message to rangatahi that Oranga Tamariki have contact details in early July.

The text will invite them to take part in the survey. We don't have contact details for everyone, so we need your help.

## ***WE NEED YOUR HELP***

The main thing you can do is tell any eligible rangatahi about the survey. You can show them how to take part. They can do the survey by either going to [www.justsayin.nz](http://www.justsayin.nz) or using a phone camera to scan this QR code. You can let them know that they will get a \$30 voucher for taking part.



## ***THE SURVEY IS OPEN FROM 5 JULY 2023***

If you have a young person who has recently changed their contact details, and they'd like to get a text message inviting them to participate, please email their name and contact number to [justsayin@malatest-intl.com](mailto:justsayin@malatest-intl.com)

The more people who take part, the more useful the survey will be. The young people you support might ask your advice about whether to do the survey. It would be great if you would talk through the survey with them, show them the website and offer them help if they ask.

## ***WHAT IS INVOLVED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?***

We have multiple ways of taking part in the survey. Young people can take part by talking with one of our team members over the phone or a video chat OR they can complete the survey online.

The survey takes about 15 minutes. To say thank you we will give them a voucher for \$30 for somewhere like the Warehouse.

This survey will give young people a chance to confidentially share their experiences and any challenges they have about where to live, getting a job, learning skills or other things like that. They will have a chance to talk about anything they need to.

**Taking part is their choice.** They can stop answering questions at any time. The only time we will break confidentiality is if we are worried about their safety or the safety of others.

## ***WHAT ARE THE RISKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO TAKE PART?***

There may be some questions that make young people feel upset or worried. They can skip these questions. It's okay for them to have a support person with them when they do the survey.

We will provide information about where they can go for support. If we have their contact details, we will text young people the next day to check in on them and remind them the website lists places they can go for support.

The Oranga Tamariki Ethics Advisor has agreed the survey meets ethics requirements.

## ***MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MALATEST INTERNATIONAL***

Malatest International are an independent company [www.malatest-intl.com](http://www.malatest-intl.com). As a New Zealand research and evaluation company we are conscious of the multicultural nature of our society. Our team includes Māori and Pacific researchers and evaluators.

We are evaluating the Transition Support Service for Oranga Tamariki. This survey is part of the evaluation.

## ***ANY QUESTIONS***

If you have any questions about the survey Molly Fisher and the team at Malatest International can help. You can contact them on **0800 002 577** or by email [justsayin@malatest-intl.com](mailto:justsayin@malatest-intl.com).

If you have questions for Oranga Tamariki please contact Valmai Copeland at [Valmai.Copeland@ot.govt.nz](mailto:Valmai.Copeland@ot.govt.nz).