

# **Playcentre Aotearoa**

## **Fact Sheet**

1. Playcentre is an Early Childhood Education programme for children from 0 – 6 years or school starting age.
2. Playcentre provides, support, educational and training options for adults so they can supervise sessions, understand child development and learning. Training is NZ Qualifications Authority approves.
3. Playcentre recognises Te Tiriti O Waitangi and have a commitment to biculturalism.
4. Playcentre has a maximum ratio of one adult to five children, usually lower. Sessions are mixed age, allowing for role modeling amongst children.
5. Each Playcentre is run by a group of whānau/families who share the establishment, organization, supervision and maintenance of the Centre.
6. Members elect officers and run the Centre as a parent co-operative to manage the business of the Centre.
7. Playcentre is a licensed Early Childhood Education provider and receives Government funding through the Ministry of Education. Playcentre follows the Ministry of Education's Early Childhood curriculum.
8. Playcentre is a family affair and membership includes the whole whānau. We believe parents / whānau are the first and best educators of children.
9. Playcentre recognises that children learn through play and that they need to explore a variety of play in a safe and supportive environment.