## **Engage with outside agencies**

Before engaging support for students from outside services and agencies:

- Find out from family/whānau whether they are already connected with outside agencies or programmes or have been in the past, and what their experience of these agencies/programmes was.
- Check with colleagues, especially the learning support team, to find out which services and agencies the school already has a relationship with and get some feedback on the effectiveness of the partnerships.
- Research possible options for support, so that you can make an informed contribution to discussions.
- Outline other possible options for support when you are discussing the specific needs of a student with their whānau.

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