

# *Separation of parents brings big changes.*



*Ensure that the  
thoughts and feelings  
of your children are  
included in the Family  
Mediation process.*

Ask your Family Mediator  
about the services of a  
Child Consultant from the  
Family Works Resolution Service.

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One of the most common issues that separating and separated couples disagree on is the arrangements for the ongoing day-to-day care of their children. It's important that children's thoughts and feelings are heard on the matter as this will affect them day to day.

**As at March 2017, the Family Works Resolution Service is the only fully funded FDR Supplier that offers Child Consultation as part of the Family Mediation process.**

A Child Consultant will meet individually with your children to learn about their thoughts and feelings with regards to what kind of day-to-day care arrangements they would like. In a neutral and safe atmosphere, your children will be able to voice where they want to live, how much time they want to spend with each parent, caregiver, and sibling.

What your children say will then be conveyed by the Child Consultant in a report\* which the Family Mediator will refer to in your family mediation meetings. This will help all parties make an informed decision with the children's best interests in mind.

**To request a Child Consultant for your Family Mediation process, speak to your Family Mediator.**

*The Family Works Resolution Service is available across the upper North Island: in Northland from Kaitiāia to Whangarei, the entire wider Auckland region, in the Waikato, in the Bay of Plenty and the entire East Coast including Gisborne and Hawkes Bay.*

\*The report will contain only the information your child has consented on sharing.



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