

## The Expert Advisory Group on Solutions to Child Poverty: Priority 6 - Community Hubs

We recommend that the government support the effective delivery of local services through community hubs by:

- providing a clearinghouse on information and advice on developing hubs, including integrated and co-located models of service delivery, community school hubs, and marae as hubs
- partnering with community leaders, such as iwi, Boards of Trustees and school principals, churches and local government, to assess local needs and opportunities for establishing hubs
- fund the start-up of feasible hub initiatives.

Flexibility about where services are delivered is crucial. Service providers must be able to deliver through a variety of sites and deliver services where their communities gather. Providers should be encouraged to cluster service delivery to best meet the needs of their communities, and form community service hubs. Marae provide important infrastructure for service delivery, as do kohanga reo, schools and other ECE providers, churches, community halls, and sports clubs. Recognising that there are hard to reach groups in some communities means that other strategies to engage families may be needed, such as direct door-to-door delivery or working at the neighbourhood level – taking services to where families and whānau, live, shop and play.

### Action Statement from Workshop focus group:

1. Monica Sharma from Auckland Council to collate the research, information and evidence that the EAG gathered about community hubs in New Zealand.  
Completed by 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

2. Auckland Council to distribute that information to the organisations and individuals that participated in the Community Hub working group at the Child Poverty Workshop. By end of April 2013.
3. ASB Community Trust will host a meeting with the purpose of initiating a mapping/stocktaking of community hubs in New Zealand, establishing an information repository, developing a national network, and ways to support new hubs and capacity building and sustainability for existing hubs. To take place in May/June 2013.