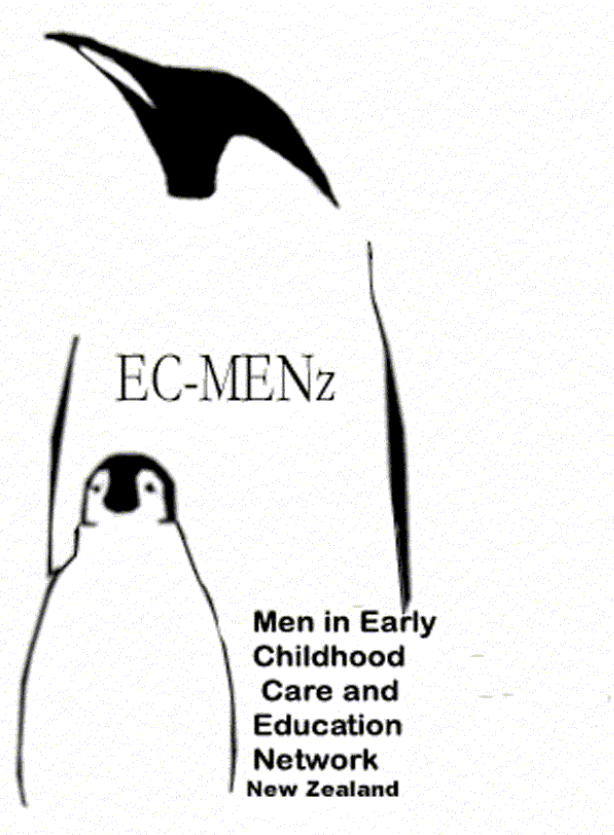


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All around Aotearoa men are making huge differences in the lives of very young children. EC-MENz is New Zealand's only national organization dedicated solely to supporting the many roles of men in early childhood education.

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## Our main goals are:

- To promote early childhood education as a great career for men
- To network with other men in ECE
- To support men in the EC sector and those in training
- To promote the role of men as carers and educators of children
- To collect and promote research in relation to men in EC care and education
- To research and disseminate the benefits to children of having males as educators and caregivers
- To advocate on behalf of men within the EC sector within Aotearoa/NZ
- To lobby for initiatives to increase numbers of men teaching in EC education



**EC-MENz** was founded in 2007 as a network of men and women dedicated to highlighting the many important roles men play in the early childhood education sector in Aotearoa / NZ.



## Some of the many benefits of gender balance in ECE teaching teams are:

- Providing positive male role models and surrounding children with positive male—female relationships
- Encouraging fathers to communicate in ways that make them feel comfortable and to become more involved with the EC service
- Providing another dimension to play, often including an emphasis on outdoor play, positive risk taking, and healthy competition
- Providing different perspectives, teaching styles, and life experiences to enrich the learning environment