

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

Come join us!



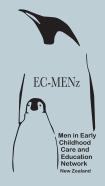


## VISION

Men fully participating at all levels of early childhood education to represent the diversity of our society in Aotearoa.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Supporting men to participate in early childhood education.



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Men in Early Childhood Care and Education Network



## Goals:

- To promote early childhood education (ECE) as a career for men
- To network with other men and women across the sector committed to increasing male participation in ECE
- To support men in the ECE sector and those in training
- To lobby the government to create initiatives to increase the numbers of men working in ECE.



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## 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 ECE 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.