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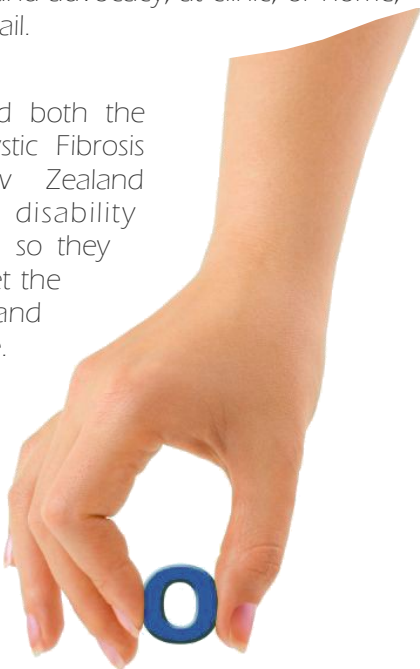
Fieldworker Services



The Cystic Fibrosis Association of New Zealand provides support throughout the country for people with Cystic Fibrosis (CF), together with their families / whanau and friends. The Association works together with health professionals, therapists, educators, caregivers and all others who are supporting a person with CF.

One of the ways in which we are able to provide this support is through our Fieldworker Service. CFANZ Fieldworkers can provide one on one advice, support and advocacy, at clinic, or home, by phone, or email.

They understand both the condition of Cystic Fibrosis and the New Zealand health and disability support systems, so they can help you get the best healthcare and support available.



SUPPORT

The CFANZ Fieldworkers:

- Understand your condition and can listen to you and identify your needs to work through any concerns you may have
- Provide you with information about your condition, at all stages from the time of diagnosis
- Help to explain the information available to you and how it applies to your individual situation
- Help you to understand and navigate the formal health and disability support systems, so you can identify and access services you may need
- Provide information and support to other people involved in your care, including family / whanau, carers and other supporters
- Provide guidance regarding future life planning
- Support treatment adherence
- Are sensitive to your emotional needs and can provide or source counseling if you need it

Our Fieldworkers are Social Work qualified, and all have a number of years experience in the health support field.

For you to get the best out of this service it's important that you feel comfortable, are able to exchange information freely and understand the information that is provided to you. All information you share with our Fieldworkers is confidential, and not shared without your permission.

The Cystic Fibrosis Association of New Zealand

The aims of the Cystic Fibrosis Association of New Zealand are to ensure increased life expectancy and improved quality of life for people with Cystic Fibrosis and their families; and through research to achieve better control and ultimately a cure for the condition.

The National Office in Christchurch coordinates a network of Branches (support groups) and regional contact people throughout New Zealand, reporting to an elected Board of Trustees.

Branches exist in most regions to provide local support for CF families e.g. experience and information sharing, social functions, fundraising and financial assistance.

The Association's activities include:

- Providing an information service about Cystic Fibrosis (CF)
- Providing support for people with CF and their families, e.g. welfare assistance, fieldworkers, physical activity grants, conference registration fees, tertiary study grants, scholarships and awards
- Publishing books, brochures, print material and other media about CF and maintaining a library of this material
- Communication and coordination through newsletters, conferences, and our website
- Promoting public awareness of CF through Awareness Week, media stories and other activities
- Providing educational opportunities for people with CF, their families and health professionals to learn about management of and therapies for CF
- Providing an effective lobby to government and social service agencies on behalf of the CF community
- Encouragement and funding for CF research
- Raising funds to ensure that our important services for the CF community continue into the future