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**Healthy Families Invercargill** continues to work with stakeholders on a community garden initiative at Aurora College. This community garden and orchard will not only provide a way for the community to access nutritious kai, but will also have a focus on mātauranga Māori, helping students connect with, and understand their place in the community, and the role of the environment in sustainable food access.

Active Communities (Recreation & Leisure) and Connected Communities (libraries) adopted a tikanga-based, whānau-centred co-design approach introduced and back boned by **Healthy Families South Auckland** to work with whānau to observe and learn by doing. From the whānau and community insights gathered, themes started to emerge, and were then developed into three Pou. The three Pou are now being shared with Council staff, leadership and community for feedback and will help determine the design development and delivery to enable well-being community hub services within these environments.

**Healthy Families Far North** made a submission to the Panel of the "Review into the Future" for Local Government, providing feedback on their draft report, "He Mata Whāriki, He Mata Whānui". The final report, about the future for local government in Aotearoa New Zealand, was released in June and outlined the critical changes that are necessary to ensure local government can best support local democracy, intergenerational wellbeing, and Te Tiriti partnership now, and in the future.

**Healthy Families Waitākere** are exploring and testing community-led play initiatives and ideas that will sustain and strengthen the wellbeing of the Patiki Avondale community. Currently the Neighbourhood Play System is being led by the Patiki Collective of Principals in the Rosebank Area with I Love Avondale (ILAD), the Community Sport and Recreation and Healthy Families teams from Sport Waitākere.

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**Healthy Families Invercargill** continues to work alongside the Invercargill City Council as it develops its urban play plan for the newly developed Invercargill CBD and surrounds. A working group, led by the Active Southland (Healthy Families Invercargill's lead provider) Chief Executive, and involving the Healthy Families Invercargill Play Innovator, has been responsible for sourcing an urban play scoping document, to outline opportunities in the CBD. This plan is in the process of being developed.

**Healthy Families South Auckland** co-led the Kai Kōrero Community of Practice (an Auckland Council internal CoP) and in QA2 facilitated a Kai Innovators hui connecting community-based organisations working in kai systems with Auckland Council staff, supported ongoing monthly Backbone team meetings, and developed a 'Call to Action' report highlighting key action areas for Auckland Council to act on to strengthen local food systems in Tamaki Makaurau.

Eddie Edmonds, Manager of **Healthy Families Hutt Valley**, is part of the Hutt City Council (HCC) Leadership Working Group who are working on the development of a Leadership Capability Framework for all HCC leaders when completed. The Framework will describe what good leadership looks like at council, and will provide clarity on the knowledge, skills and attributes HCC leaders should demonstrate.