

Penny Jorgensen

I have had over 20 years in governance, management and consultancy roles in the Not-For-Profit sector, with particular involvement in disability, special education, parent networks, refugee, and migrant-focused community organisations. Volunteer roles include:

- Chairperson, Herne Bay Plunket;
- Member, Auckland CCS Board;
- Chairperson, NZCCS-Auckland Local Advisory Committee;
- National Executive Board Member, New Zealand CCS;
- Chairperson, TalkLink Trust.



I have also tutored on disability studies at AUT, and on Governance and Management as part of the Unitec Graduate Diploma in Not-for-Profit Management. I graduated from this course in 1998.

My professional roles have included:

- Co-ordinator, Parent and Family Resource Centre;
- Co-ordinator, Strengthening Families, Auckland City;
- Executive Director of the Auckland Regional Migrant Resource Centre;

As the inaugural Strengthening Families Co-ordinator for Auckland City, I liaised with 17 government agencies and a wide range of community organisations in the Health, Education, Social Services and Justice sectors. In this role I was responsible for convening and facilitating a number of inter-sectoral working groups on Refugees and Migrants; Youth Parents; Children of Parents in Prison; Children with High and Complex Needs; and Children and Mental Health.

In project-managing the establishment of the Auckland Regional Migrants Services Trust (ARMS), the Regional Migrant Resource Centre (Three Kings), and Manukau City Office, I liaised with the Immigration Service, Auckland and Manukau City Councils, Office for Ethnic Affairs, and representatives of Migrant Community and Social Service organisations. I had overall responsibility for the management and operations of the Regional Centre and Manukau Office; and was a Member of the Working Group and Steering Team for the Regional Settlement Strategy (Central and Local Government project under Sustainable Cities). Currently I work part-time as CEO of a small NFP in the health sector.

Consultancy:

I have provided consultancy services to community groups and organisations, as well as central and local government, and am interested in providing consultancy services in relation to:

- Strategic Planning
- Governing Policies and Procedures
- Operational Policies and Procedures
- Stakeholder Relationship Analysis
- Project Management
- Proposals, Contracts and/or Tenders

I am particularly interested in helping organisations develop capacity concerning work-place diversity; values-based operations; and strategic positioning. My consultancy style is to involve clients in developing practical solutions, so that they learn and own the outcomes.

CV is available on request, including referees.

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