### New Zealand Government

# MSD Specialist Standard: Iwi Community Services

## Level 2, 3 and 4

From time to time, under part VIII of The Children Young People and Their Families Act 1989 (CYP&FA) the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) approves an incorporated body established by an Iwi, as an Iwi Authority (Iwi Social Service) for the purposes of the Act. MSD may also approve an incorporated body established as an Iwi Community Service for the purposes of providing community services under an MSD policy approval.

The Iwi Community Service status recognises the specific mandate given to a provider by their Iwi to deliver community services. A holder of an Iwi Community Service status must also meet the Social Sector Accreditation Standards, and any relevant specialist standard, for the services delivered.

## **Iwi Community Service**

The organisation ensures it meets all requirements to operate as an Iwi Community Service.

#### 1. Agreement from iwi to operate an Iwi Community Service

#### Guidance

An Iwi Community Service has a current mandate from its iwi to operate and provide community services and other related services to children and young people.

This may be evidenced by:

• a formal, written mandate from the Iwi Community Service's own iwi authority.