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## **New magazine fills information gap in social services**

A new magazine focused on social services for children, young people and families is to be launched at parliament today, Thursday 8 March, by Hon Tracey Martin, the Minister for Children.

*Kia Mauri Ora: Social Service Excellence in Aotearoa* reflects the outstanding work carried out daily by social service professionals. It features real-life examples of innovative approaches and the value of research and evidence-based practice.

The magazine is published twice-yearly by Social Service Providers Aotearoa, the organisation representing community-based providers working to improve the lives of children and families.

National manager Brenda Pilott says the magazine builds on SSPA's commitment to support member organisations through information, policy development, analysis and professional development.

"The magazine is important because it fills an information gap. There is no other New Zealand publication of immediate relevance to all those involved in this sector, from practitioners and managers to support workers and academics."

"SSPA is delighted that the Minister has agreed to launch the first issue of *Kia Mauri Ora*. We hope it will quickly grow to be seen as an invaluable contribution to the social services sector," says Brenda Pilott.

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