

Finding a Home Centre

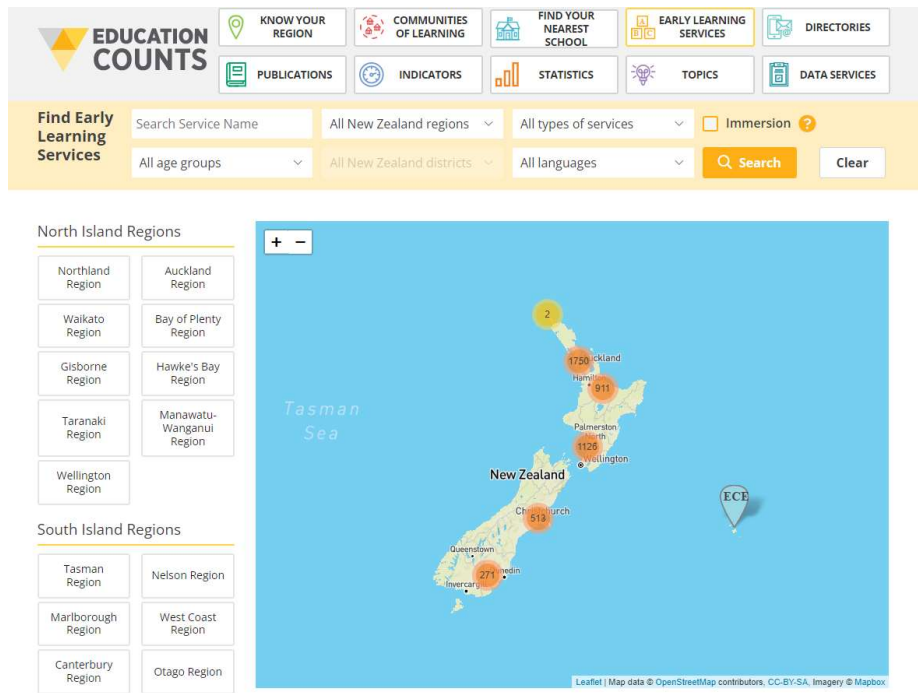
What is a home centre?

A home centre is the early learning service you choose to do your weekly practice hours. This can be a paid or unpaid (voluntary) position. It is your responsibility to find a home centre in your local area. Early learning services are familiar with having student volunteers or as paid employees so will understand this when you approach them.

How to find potential centres

Look on the government database for early learning services in your local area.

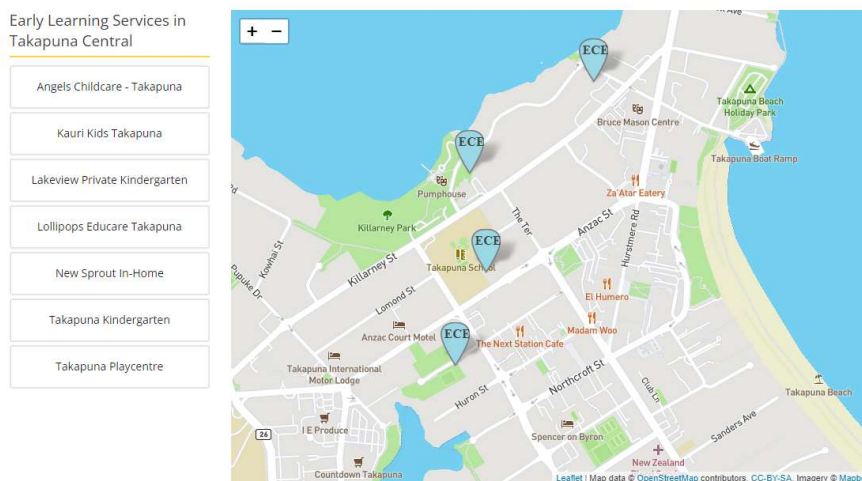
Click here  <https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-an-els>



The screenshot shows the Education Counts website search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: KNOW YOUR REGION, COMMUNITIES OF LEARNING, FIND YOUR NEAREST SCHOOL, EARLY LEARNING SERVICES (highlighted), DIRECTORIES, PUBLICATIONS, INDICATORS, STATISTICS, TOPICS, and DATA SERVICES. Below these is a search form with the following fields: Search Service Name, All New Zealand regions (dropdown), All types of services (dropdown), Immersion (checkbox with help icon), All age groups (dropdown), All New Zealand districts (dropdown), All languages (dropdown), a Search button, and a Clear button. Below the search form, there are two sections for region selection: North Island Regions and South Island Regions. The North Island Regions section includes buttons for Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Manawatu-Wanganui, and Wellington. The South Island Regions section includes buttons for Tasman, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast, Canterbury, and Otago. To the right of these lists is a map of New Zealand with several orange pins indicating service locations in Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Invercargill, and Queenstown. A blue pin labeled 'ECE' is also visible on the map.

Click on your region either using the map or the boxes to the left.

You can keep selecting options until you get to your specific suburb – then you will see all the services in the area:








The screenshot shows the search results for 'Early Learning Services in Takapuna Central'. On the left, there is a list of results: Angels Childcare - Takapuna, Kauri Kids Takapuna, Lakeview Private Kindergarten, Lollipops Educare Takapuna, New Sprout In-Home, Takapuna Kindergärten, and Takapuna Playcentre. On the right, there is a detailed map of Takapuna, New Zealand, with several blue pins labeled 'ECE' indicating the locations of the services listed on the left. The map shows streets like Killarney St, Anzac St, and Northcott St, and landmarks like Killarney Park and Takapuna School.

Click on the service you are interested in, and their contact information will be displayed:

Kauri Kids Takapuna

Profile and Contact Details

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| Institution No: | 20332 |
| Address: | 37 Killarney Street, Takapuna, Auckland |
| Phone: | 09 486 3286 |
| Email: | Emma.Fowler@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz |
| Website | http://www.aucklandleisure.co.nz |
| Service Type: | Education & Care  |
| Age: | Service provides for all ages  |
| Offers '20 hours': | Yes  |
| Maximum children: | 30  |
| Maximum under 2 yr olds: | 10  |

You can also search for the ERO report, which is a report provided by the Government on the quality of the early learning service. Search this database for these reports: <https://ero.govt.nz/review-reports>

How to contact early learning services

We suggest emailing the service you are interested in to introduce yourself and enquire about working or volunteering there. Remember to include the following information:

- Your name
- Your interests/previous experience/skills in early learning education
- When you will arrive in Aotearoa New Zealand and what area you will be living in
- The requirements of your home centre hours (12 hours per week for Bachelor of Teaching ECE or 13 hours over two days for Graduate Diploma of Teaching ECE)
- Confirmation you have applied to or are already enrolled to study with Te Rito Maioha (email akomai@ecnz.ac.nz if you need a record of this)
- You could also suggest connecting with the centre manager face to face or on Zoom for a video chat. This will help to get to know each other and build a relationship with the service.
- *In Aotearoa New Zealand you can say "Kia ora" which means "Hello" in our native language te reo Māori.*

You may need to contact a few different services to find the right one for you and one with availability for student teachers.

For further information on this process please contact akomai@ecnz.ac.nz, or for international applicants intl@ecnz.ac.nz.