# MEET THE TEAM AUTISM DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE AUTISM RESOURCE CENTRE, PETONE WELLINGTON NZ



From Left: Hanna Randall, Kristy Haslam, Michelle Stevens, Kate Garland

### HANNA RANDALL - KAIARAHI

Kia ora Koutou

Ko Pukeatua taku Maunga

Ko Te Awakairangi taku Awa

Ko Red Jacket taku Waka

Ko Te Atiawa taku Iwi

Ko Waiwhetu taku Marae

Ko Wainuiomata me Eastbourne taku papakainga

Ko Hanna Randall taku ingoa

Tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

I am married to Reneè and have 3 tamariki Awatea, Evie and Jack.

I have been working as a specialist teacher for ORS students, a behaviour specialist for Explore and an Autism specialist for 20 years. My daughter Evie who is 22 has a diagnosis of Autism, Adhd and ID. My husband is Mana whenua from Wellington and my whanau are journeying to become more fluent in Te reo. I'm so excited to be able to take on this mahi as Kaiarahi for the diagnostic team in Wellington. My role is to

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support Maori and Pasifika whanau to journey through diagnosis with the team, making it as comfortable as possible.

He manaakitanga me whanaungatanga ki te mahi.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? It is people, it is people, it is people.

#### Kristy Haslam - Lead Psychologist

Ko wai au?

No Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA ahau

Ko Te Whanganui-a-tara toku kainga inaianei

Ko Kristy Haslam ahau

Kei te Autism New Zealand ahau e mahi ana

Kia ora, I grew up in the United States and moved to Aotearoa, New Zealand over 20 years ago. I have raised my two children here in Wellington, they are now young adults. I enjoy bush walks, dancing and travelling.

I have been a practicing psychologist for over 10 years and have worked across a range of healthcare, education and disability settings. I have both personal and professional experience with neurodiversity and have been privileged to work with autistic individuals for nearly 25 years, both in the USA and NZ.

### <u>Kate Garland - Educational Psychologist</u>

E ngā mana

E ngā reo

E ngā karanga

Maha o te wā

Tenā koutou katoa

Ko Tararua ngā pae maunga

Ko Manawatu te awa

Ko Garland te iwi whānau

Ko Pakeha te iwi

Nō te Papa-i-oea au, e nohu ana ahau ki Pōneke inaianei

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Kei te Autism New Zealand au e mahi ana He kaimātai hinengaro tōku tunga mahi Ko Kate tōku ingoa

No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Kia ora, I grew up in Palmerston North and have lived in Wellington for over 25 years, so I call the lower North Island home. I have two teenage children who keep me busy as a parent taxi. My personal interests include reading, vintage shopping and gardening. I retrained as an educational psychologist after a career in health policy. I especially enjoy working with neurodivergent people and their whānau to support their wellbeing, and access to health and education.

### Michelle Stevens - Service Lead and SLT

Ko Blueridge te maunga Ko Potomac te awa iti Nō Washington DC ahau Ko Snead toku whanau

Ko Johnsonville toku kainga inainei

Ko Michelle Stevens toku ingoa

Kia ora, I came to New Zealand after gaining my Master's in Speech Language Therapy at San Diego State University. I completed my PhD at Victoria University looking at alternative forms of communication in children. My passion is working with autistic individuals to maximise their unique skills and capabilities and their self-identity. I identify as neurodivergent with a recent diagnosis of ADHD, and have three children, two of which also identify as neurodivergent.