



“Take the time to talk and then listen. You just get one chance at parenting.”

Jonelle, Lachlan-Rose’s mom

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“If you think it’s weird talking to a baby, like I did, find something you enjoy and just do it with the baby. For me it was singing.”


Kim, Theo’s mum



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“Leave the mess, leave the washing, the dishes, the cooking. Just stop. Get down on their level and have a conversation. It’s so much more important.”

Motiana, Laveni’s mum

A photograph showing a young woman on the left holding a baby who is laughing joyfully. On the right, an older woman is looking towards the baby. The background is a warm, indoor setting with a yellow wall and a wooden panel. A teal speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image.

“Through this programme I realised talking matters with everybody, not just babies. It forms connections within whānau.”

Pania-Rose, Ripeka-Jade’s mum



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“This programme made us pay attention to what interests our kids and have conversation”

Richard, Lavani's mom

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair tied up, wearing a bright blue t-shirt and sunglasses on her head. She is smiling warmly at the camera. She is holding a baby who is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with black outlines of a cat's face. The background is a wooden wall with a yellow light source above.

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“Just be patient. Work on baby’s time, let them tell you what they need. Even though they can’t talk, they’ll let you know.”

Samantha, Riley’s mom

