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NEWSLETTER

Minister for Women Child and Poverty Alleviation Visits FHO

The Hon. Lynda Tabuya visited the Frank Hilton Organization on the 2nd of May to learn and gain insight into early detection, intervention and rehabilitative services offered by the organization for children living with disabilities in the country.

The Hon. Minister also visited the Hilton Home which is a 24-hour residential care facility for children and young adults who have been placed in our care by the Department of Social Welfare and Child Services Unit due to their high support needs and possible risk of abuse and/or neglect.

She also engaged in a Talanoa session with parents who shared their life stories on raising children living with disabilities, the difficulties they face and how best they feel government can help support organisations and parents who raise children living with disabilities.

FHO recognizes the crucial role of collaboration with government agencies in supporting children with disabilities and their families in the country and we hope to continue working together with the Ministry to make a positive impact on the lives of children with disabilities in our country



Talanoa session with parents

Active Caseload May: 360 children

39 Parent Interviews Conducted

These are essential and helps us foster a good relationship with the child and family. We aim to fully understand the child before placing them into our therapies.

92 New Assessments Conducted Across Four Departments

Assessments are conducted by clinicians to fully understand a child's condition before deciding which specific program the child will join.

These children were part of 248 contact sessions for the month.

1 child was provided with a hearing aid

3 children provided with mobility devices

Special School Teachers receive HANEN Training



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As a result of participating in this training, the teachers are tagged as "Communications Champions" in their schools where they will be utilizing communication-enhancing techniques to create a more engaging and productive learning atmosphere for their students. These Communications Champions are seen as leaders within their respective schools, and will be supporting and guiding their fellow teachers to enhance the learning experience for all students.

Additionally, the FHO staff also received this vital training to communicate better with clients and enhance service delivery. The training was supported by the Australian Government.



Speech Department Benefits from Training and Capacity Development

Training and capacity development is one of the key areas that the Frank Hilton Organization focuses on. As the country's only early intervention service provider, regular training ensures that our staff are on par with best practices aligned with global standards.

Last month, the Speech Department was joined by Ms. Emily Taylor - a Speech and Language Pathologist from New Zealand who will be supporting the Speech department in further developing its Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) program. This

program is targeted towards children who are nonverbal and use pictures and symbols to communicate.

The Speech Department was also joined by Ms. Jessamy Routley - a Speech Pathologist from Australia who will be assisting the team in setting up its first-ever feeding and swallowing clinic aimed at improving the nutrition of children with different feeding and swallowing concerns.

With support from the two individuals, the Speech Department is constantly looking at programs to suit the needs of the children who come to the Frank Hilton Organization for assistance.



Ms. Taylor visiting the teachers of the Hilton Early Intervention Centre



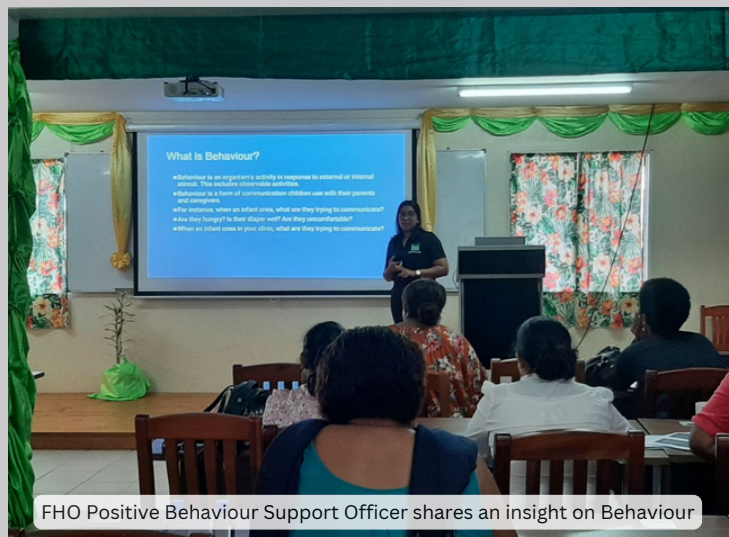
Speech team with Speech Pathology Consultants Terri Walker and Jessamy Routley

Mental Health Gap Training

The Ministry of Health & Medical Services - Fiji invited the Frank Hilton Organization Behavior Support Officers to facilitate a session in the Mental Health Gap Training for medical professionals within the Ministry. The session started with participants from the Northern and Western Divisions. The training focused on Behaviour Management of children and using positive behaviour support strategies in clinical settings to manage maladaptive and challenging behaviours.

Sector collaboration is a key principle of the Frank Hilton Organization and working together with the Ministry of Health to bring about a better outlook on behaviour management is a shared objective that would benefit children at risk or identified with disabilities.

We acknowledge the importance of working in collaboration as we look forward to facilitating more sessions for the Central and Eastern Division medical professionals with the Wellness and Mental Health Unit coordinated by Dr. Maria.



FHO Positive Behaviour Support Officer shares an insight on Behaviour



Regular Mobility Device Reviews Continues

Our Physiotherapy department visited our Rakiraki clients to assess the well-being of the children using our mobility devices. Conducting comprehensive reviews every three months, our priority is to ensure the continued safety and suitability of the devices provided to our clients.

By regularly checking in and making necessary adjustments, we strive for a secure and comfortable experience for each child

Community Rehabilitation Assistant with a mobility device client

Audiology Department Receives Training on Hearing Aids

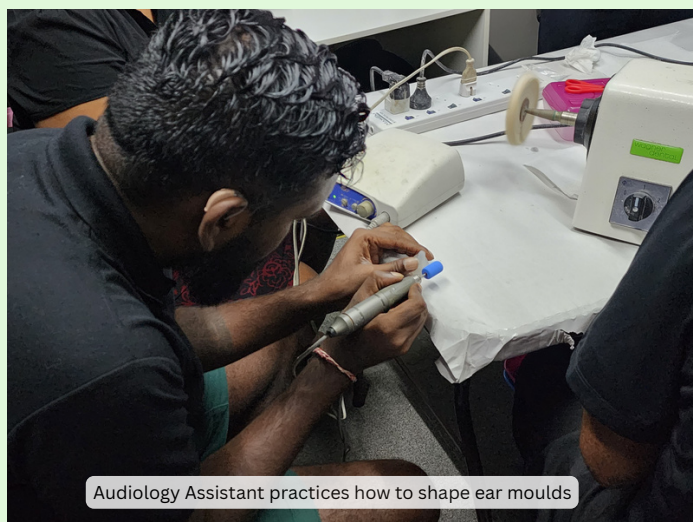
Our Audiology Department participated in a three-day training session facilitated by Dr. David Pither – President of Ears Inc. Australia.

The training focused on manufacturing custom-made soft ear moulds for hearing aids and programming software for fitting hearing aids.

The Training was highly beneficial for new staff that had just joined the Audiology department



Dr David Pither conducting ear mould training



Audiology Assistant practices how to shape ear moulds

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