

## **Cheryl Spykerman**



Cheryl is a Child and Youth team leader after many years of excellent practice as a facilitator. Cheryl is passionate about her work, supporting families with Deaf or hard of hearing children to develop and acquire language using New Zealand Sign Language and to connect with Deaf role models and the Deaf community. She uses her wealth of experience on the job to inform her practice as a team leader, offering mentorship to other facilitators to further develop themselves and the delivery of child and youth services. Our work infuses Deaf adults in Early Invention families through home visits, online, and at the playgroup; they provide a rich and natural NZSL model.