



PRESENTED BY

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A 3-hour online workshop specifically designed for whānau and caregivers and their direct support teams. This session focuses on practical, home-based strategies to empower your Tamariki or Rangatahi through switch-adapted technology.

About this event:

Discover how switch access can unlock new ways for your child or teenager to play, communicate, and participate in family life. This online workshop is tailored for whānau across Aotearoa New Zealand, supporting young people with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD). Grounded in the CanChild F-Words Framework (Functioning, Family, Fitness, Fun, Friends, and Future), we move beyond the technical to focus on what matters most: your child's joy and engagement. We'll explore how to presume competence and find "the spark" of motivation that makes learning to use a switch meaningful. We'll figure out the logistics of how to get those switches out and start using them in natural opportunities across the day.

What we will cover:

- **The Big Picture:** The neuroscience behind switch access: Body movements, motivation, skill development. The better we understand how our children learn, and what makes it enjoyable for them, the easier it is to see the value in committing to a new habit of facilitating regular switch practice.
- **Switch Success at Home:** Practical tips on positioning, hardware selection, and how to integrate switches into daily routines – from playing with adapted toys to controlling appliances to accessing devices for communication, learning, and leisure.
- **Navigating the System:** Clear guidance on funding pathways, local NZ suppliers, and working with your child's school or day program to help you get the equipment your child needs and help them to use it in everyday situations.

Interactive Online Format:

While we are meeting virtually, this session remains highly collaborative. You'll join with other parents and caregivers to share lived experiences and solutions. We will use stories from your own experiences along with video examples from locally and internationally to inspire you in your young person's switch access journey.

Whether you are just starting your switch journey or looking for fresh ideas to liven up your home toolkit, this workshop offers the support and resources to help your Tamariki and Rangatahi thrive.

Switch Online Whānau Workshop – Switch Access and Switch-Adapted Technology – July 2026

About the presenter:

Jacki Mayne-Davis is a New Zealand Registered Occupational Therapist local to Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland, who trained in Occupational Therapy at James Cook University, Townsville, Australia. She runs her own private practice, POP Occupational Therapy, pursuing her passion of empowering whānau with knowledge and resources to more confidently support their babies, children or young people living with complex conditions such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Developmental Delay.

Minimum numbers:

Events require a minimum of participants to proceed. We'll confirm if we can go ahead, at the latest two weeks before the start date of the event. We offer a full refund in case we need to cancel. Cancellations by participants less than 14 days before the event will not be refunded. Substitution by another person is possible when you notify us by email at events@atanz.org.nz no later than 3 days before the start of the event. Please check out our full Cancellation and Refunds Policy and additional Certificates of Attendance Terms and Conditions [here](#).

Who can attend?

This workshop is designed for **whānau and caregivers** living with or supporting babies, children and young people with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities. Whānau are welcome to bring a member of their child's support team. To help monitor the total number of participants in the zoom meeting, they will be asked to provide the name of the additional person they plan to bring. The presenter will focus on interactive teaching with families and caregivers present. Ensuring the session remains centred on their experiences and learning. Attendance is restricted to whānau and caregivers living in New Zealand.

Cost:

- \$35.00 – for whānau & caregivers (parents & family members)

Please check out our [Whanau Professional Development and Learning Grant](#) and [ATANZ Professional Development Grant](#)

Registrations close 24 July 2026 – or when sold out – **places are capped at 35 participants**



Online via Zoom – 31 July 2026



10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
With 30 minutes lunch break



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