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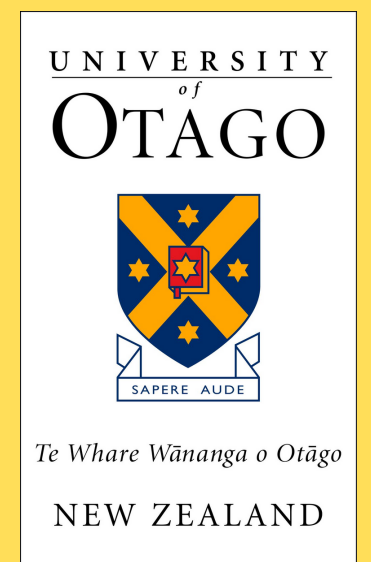
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## **CHILD PROTECTION INEQUALITIES FOR PASIFIKA CHILDREN IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND: DIVERSE REALITIES**

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*Structural inequities for Pasifika families in Aotearoa New Zealand affect inequalities in the child protection system, but the size, scope and complex factors influencing these have had little research attention. This project describes inequalities for Pasifika children in this context, and explores the dynamic factors affecting contact disparities. We outline the size of inequality between Pasifika children and non-Māori, non-Pasifika children; examine disparities for Pasifika children at different points of system contact intensity; and outline the relationship between system contact and socio-economic deprivation. We also describe within-group differences, by comparing sole Pasifika and 'Pasifika plus' groups, that is, the more than fifty percent of Pasifika children who also have a non-Pasifika ethnicity. These complexities show some surprising results, in particular the low rate of care entry for sole Pasifika children living in areas of high socio-economic deprivation. Some possible reasons for these patterns are suggested, drawing on theories informing child welfare inequalities research.*

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