Child-centered Practice

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AOTEAROA CHILD ENGAGEMENT PROJECT
RPA – Child Engagement Project

- Innovating practice to engage tamariki and rangatahi with restorative justice
- Tamariki and rangatahi as primary, secondary victims, offenders/transgressors and as members of whānau
Child-Centered Practice

- Interests – best interests, evolving capacity
- Rights – well being
- Views – intentional participation/engagement
How does restorative justice work?

- Pre-sentence
- District Court – 6 weeks
- Voluntary
- Brings together victim/survivor and offender/transgressor with supporters
- Community response to healing harm and putting things right
- Legislation
- Best Practice Standards
Restorative Justice Conferences

- Pre-conference – assessment phase
- Initial contact and preparation
- Conference phase
- Court Report
- Post Conference phase
- Monitoring Outcomes
Child Engagement Project

- tiaki Mokopuna and Mauri Ora
- Safety
- Intentional participation
- Child and youth development – ages/stages/phases
- Communication and language – tamariki and adults
- Champions – the role of support people
Child Engagement Project

- Informed by practitioners
- Ngo’s
- Academics
- Voice of tamariki and rangatahi
- Six month test period – Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou
Child Engagement Project

- Valuing tamariki and rangatahi
- Creating meaningful opportunities
- Responding to tamariki
- Embedded networks – communities of care
- Champions - supporters
Pūrākau - storytelling

7 and 9
Pre-conference meetings

5 & 3
Our Plan

Who?
- Who else will we talk to?

What?
- What is our plan?
- Signs we need a break?
- Signs we don’t feel safe?

How?
- Will we be safe?
- Will we work together?

When?
- When will we meet?
- Where will we meet?

How long?
- Will we be together?
- How long are meetings?

Names: _____________________

Date: _____________________
Conference meeting

- Parents
- Language change
- Physical space
Court Report

- Summarised and given to tamariki
- Card copy included in Court Report
- Outcomes from tamariki included in Court Report
Pūrākau - storytelling

- Pono – honest and true
- Tika – doing it ‘with’, building trust
- Āhurutanga – safety, warmth, openness
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