



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

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?

OUR PLAN

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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