We work collaboratively to make a difference for families and whānau experiencing family violence by:

- Integrating services (both government and NGO)
- Ensuring immediate safety
- Providing a collective response to ensure families are safe and receive the services they need to prevent further harm

Our goals are to reduce:
- family violence
- serious harm
- reoffending and revictimisation

Information-based
Improving the collective understanding of family violence relies on timely and accurate information sharing that respects the privacy and dignity of all.
- Share relevant information with each other.
- Use a shared case management system.
- Connect with others so we work as one team collaboratively.

Risk-focused
We continually review information and assess risk. The safety and well-being of victims and tamariki is always paramount, and perpetrators are held to account.

Our risk assessment guides our response to make families safe. It is based on:
- the level of concern of safety – the likelihood of another episode
- the potential for injury to occur – the level and type of harm.

HOW WE DO IT
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- Prepare for the Safety Assessment Meeting (SAM)
- Hold Safety Assessment Meeting (SAM)
- Work with families and whānau
- Hold Intensive Case Management Meeting
- Review outcomes and close Family Safety Plan

Information sharing, monitoring of effectiveness, assessing and responding to changes in risk
Findings from the Independent Evaluation after first year of operation of the ISR pilot were promising

“Adult victims and children are better protected, perpetrators are better supported to stop their violent behaviour, and families and whānau are supported to live in non-violent homes. Analysis of Police reports of family harm episodes found that two-thirds of ‘predominant aggressors’ had no further reported family harm episodes or subsequent episodes were less frequent and/or less serious than those in the six months before contact with ISR. Recommendations for improvement were also made.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“I don’t see how we can go back to the old way, truly. I don’t know how to say in any other way simply as a person within the sector, why would we not be pursuing this?”

CONCLUDING COMMENT BY THE NGO IN THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY