

APIR is working to:



simplify and strengthen cross-agency planning processes and coordinated support so the purpose is clear and transparent: everyone knows who is doing what, why and when.



streamline current Child, Youth and Family policy and key information with the aim of reducing duplication and developing holistic thinking.



ensure that every mokopuna who is involved by way of an intervention with Child, Youth and Family, or delegated NGO, has a **single, integrated plan** that is implemented and reviewed to promote improved outcomes.



ensure that the five outcomes we want to achieve for mokopuna are at the centre of Tuituia and the APIR process. These outcomes are that mokopuna are **safe, healthy**, have a sense of **belonging** and a stable permanent home, are **achieving** and **participate** in pro-social ways in their community.



increase understanding that change for vulnerable mokopuna is not static: good planning is built on quality assessment. When a plan is implemented well and appropriately reviewed, we see improved outcomes.



implement a CYRAS tool to support the implementation of the single, integrated plan and associated processes. This will be developed and tested at a later stage of the project.

Vulnerable Children Act:

In July 2014 legislation was passed that makes sweeping changes to protect vulnerable children and help them thrive.

The Children's Action Plan and the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 rest on the belief that no single agency alone can protect vulnerable children. For the first time, five chief executives of government agencies are jointly accountable for acting together to develop and implement a plan to protect our children from harm, working with families/whānau and communities.

NZ Police and the Ministries of Health, Justice, Education, and Social Development have new, legislated responsibilities.

The changes provide a framework for professionals from the different sectors to work better together to help children. By breaking down the barriers to information sharing and cross-sector working, and brokering more targeted service provision, we can ensure children get better access to the services they need.

Common Outcomes Framework:

To support the intention of the Vulnerable Children Act, government, non-government organisations (NGOs) and family/whānau/hapū/iwi need to improve the way they work together to support mokopuna. A Common Outcomes Framework for vulnerable children has been developed to support the sector. The Framework provides a set of shared outcomes for mokopuna and, where appropriate, these use the same measures and indicators. The shared outcomes are:

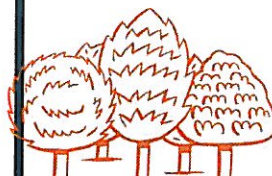
SAFE

HEALTHY

ACHIEVING

BELONGING

PARTICIPATE



The APIR project

APIR is a workstream of the Multi-Agency Strategy for Children and Young People in Care project. This project, led by Child, Youth and Family, forms an integral part of the Children's Action Plan programme of work.

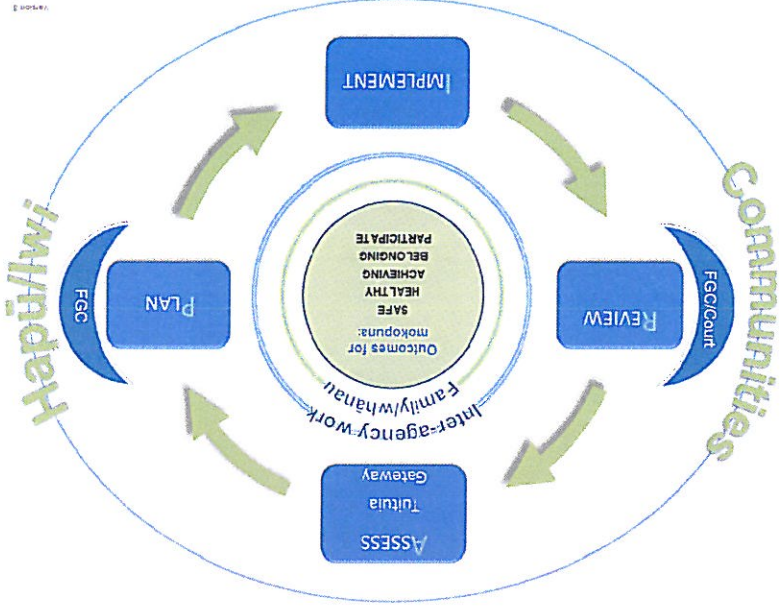
The APIR project is responsible for the transformation of social work practice. It is a long-term strategic change programme that will transform current social work practice from a transactional, output focus to more targeted, high quality, proactive, outcomes focused service.

Child, Youth and Family has started this journey by implementing a comprehensive, child centred social work assessment framework (Tuitia) and a cross-agency health and education assessment process (Gateway). The next step in modernising our process will be to strengthen the links between assessment and planning, and improve the way mokopuna plans are developed, implemented and reviewed.

The objectives of the APIR project are to:

- 1 Increase the quality of social work practice, with a particular focus on outcomes based planning and mokopuna voices
- 2 Ensure every mokopuna who is involved by way of an intervention has a single, integrated plan that is implemented and reviewed to promote improved outcomes
- 3 Improve cross-agency planning processes and coordinated support
- 4 Design and implement IT systems and tools to support the implementation of the single, integrated plan and associated processes

Social work practice follows a clear and simple model: Assess, Plan, Implement and Review (APIR)



- For social workers to achieve good outcomes for children and young people, they need to:
- **assess**, alongside other professionals and agencies, what the strengths, risks and needs are;
 - engage with mokopuna and their maternal and paternal family/whānau;
 - use family group conferences to identify the best outcomes for mokopuna and develop a **plan** about what needs to happen next;
 - **implement** the plan;
 - actively **review** the progress of the plan towards desired outcomes, either through a family group conference or other planning meeting.