ReachOut

A Prevention First Response to Men Perpetrating Family Violence

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New Zealand

- Cultural history
- Home to 4.5 Million people
- One Police service across entire country
- Approximately 10,000 sworn and non-sworn staff
- Our Business and policing the future
The Canterbury Region

The Canterbury Region Map

Setting within NZ

Map courtesy of localcouncils.govt.nz
Scanning: Background

Problem 2010

Lack of engagement with men was hampering effective risk assessment and safety planning for women and children in North Canterbury.
Scanning: Background

The Impact of the Canterbury Earthquakes 2010-2011

- Migration
- Housing impact
- FV incidence
- FV complexity
Scanning

- 75% of women not engaging
- 100% of men no choice to engage
- Pre-response reoffending: 18%
Scanning: Problem

- Safety victim’s responsibility
- Impact on risk assessment and safety planning
- Future intimate partner violence
- Housing
Analysis: Research

Test willingness to engage – March-Dec 2010

- Sample of 20 high risk offenders
- Telephone and face-to-face contact
- Findings:
  - Men willing to engage
  - Enhanced risk assessment and safety planning
  - Potential to prevent reoffending
  - View family as whole
Analysis: Research

Community Consultation - 2011

- FVRT partners
- Community stakeholders agreed
  - men need services
  - to work together to fill gap
  - lack of capacity
- No existing service in NZ contacted men at the point of crisis
Problem Definition

Preventable family violence is recurring in North Canterbury because men are not being engaged at the point of crisis.
Analysis: Hypothesis

A non-mandated crisis intervention service that is designed to address the drivers of male family violence offending will reduce family harm including re-offending.
Response Options

▪ Response Options
  ▪ Specialist Men’s Service Provider
  ▪ Other Specialist Local NGO?
  ▪ Extend Policing Role?
  ▪ Discussion document

▪ Establish Men’s Advocate role

▪ Aviva ‘whole of family’ approach

▪ Working Party → Funding → Steering Group
Response: Design

- Partnership Steering Group
- KOPPs
- MoU
- Legal opinion
Response: Model
Whole of Family

- FV Round Table
- Risk assessment
- Risk management
- Green light system

- ReachOut
- CYF
- Police
- Refuge
- Corrections
Response: Process

Whanaungatanga

Personalised Response
Response: Process

Holistic

• Risk Assessment
• Safety Planning
• Legal
• Housing
• Health
• Financial
Response: Co-ordination

- FVRT
- Multi-agency supervision
ReachOut
Launched May 2012

Men helping men build a violence-free future
Assessment: Response Improvement
Assessment: Pilot Results

- Men engage willingly
- Supports behaviour change
- Improves risk assessment and safety planning
- Enables women to ‘let go’
- Improves child safety
- No reported reoffending
- Maori 17.6%
Assessment: Engagement

2012
62,300
24,380
578
306
74

2015
68,900
27,360
801
498
185

Total Est. Population ↑11%
Est. Male Population 15+ ↑ 12%
Total FV POLs ↑ 38%
No. POLs Eligible ↑ 63%
No. Men Engaged ↑ 150%
Assessment – Convictions
Assessment: Reoffending

ReachOut reduces family violence reoffending

- Post-response FV Reports up 26%
- Post-response Y2&3: 1.4% reoffending
- 91% reduction in reoffending
ReachOut: Expansion

Breaking the intergenerational cycle
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