

Individual Support Services

Case Study B – 7 month Support Package

We were referred by Child Safety to support a Mother and 2 children. This was an initial 4-week package which was extended following significant worries that the Father was likely to be exerting coercive control over the family.

What we did:

- Extensive work to understand the mother and children's trauma history
- Explored extended family dynamics to understand how DV was impacting the extended family
- Completed an AIM assessment.
- ISS OT completed sensory profile and feedback provided to stakeholder network"
- Completed numerous Safety plans as per the continually shifting risk
- Provided consistent support and case management for the family

Feedback from kinship carer:

“ People are there to make a difference – it's not just a job . . . (the) Department investing in this program makes a significant difference in people's lives ”

The Outcomes:

- The children entered OOHC including the kinship carer.
 - We have facilitated positive contact between the children and their mother after they entered OOHC.
- 10yr has engaged with ongoing mental health supports with Evolve Therapeutic services – with the support of their paediatrician
- Mother and her network have greater understanding child protection procedures and processes
- Mother has applied for a housing transfer
- Mother to apply for Escaping Violence payment

Cost for ISS intervention over 7 months: **\$147K**

Anticipated costs if ISS had not intervened: **\$900k**

