

Family Valued: the Leeds Innovation Programme

We will:

Train 6000 multi-agency practitioners to use restorative practice

Expand the use of family group conferencing into more areas, particularly domestic abuse

Commission targeted services that work restoratively with children, young people and families

So that:

Practitioners support and challenge one another's practice positively using common language and techniques – leading to better quality, multi-agency conversations.

Practitioners have the skills, techniques and confidence to have the 'difficult' or 'easy to ignore' conversations with families when there is a concern.

Practitioners work with families in a spirit of high support and high challenge, rather than being punitive (doing 'to') or permissive (doing 'for')

The voice of the child/young person is integral to the process that seeks to improve their outcomes.

The wider network of family and friends share responsibility for identifying solutions and safeguarding the child/young person's welfare.

Perpetrators take responsibility for their actions, 'secrecy' is reduced.

Safe, appropriate alternatives are identified that reduce the need for children to be taken into care.

The focus of further, targeted work with individuals and families is on helping them develop the strength to change negative behaviours.

We 'unlock' and can then address the multitude of factors that often contribute to negative patterns of behaviour.

Families experience a restorative approach as an entitlement throughout their involvement with the children's workforce.

Outcomes are improved.

