



Atawhai Common Language

*Bolded are Atawhai values

WHY

The impacts of family violence **seriously affect the health and wellbeing** of past, current, and future generations. Family violence is **complex**, there is no simple solution. Sometimes it can be hard to know what to do or how to help. Atawhai **connects** primary care providers to **local** knowledge and resources to **prevent** violence within the community.

HOW

The Atawhai Kōrero creates space in a moment in time to **be present**, to **pause** and to **breathe**. We engage with care-seekers **authentically** and **openly**, with compassion and respect. Atawhai generates **confidence** in knowing how to help and trust in local services and people. We share and learn from our experiences to be helpful for those seeking care.

WHAT

What Atawhai is a **korowai** (cloak) of care that supports the journey of providers, whānau and families. We are part of a team that **values and looks after one another** in this work. Atawhai is a kete (basket) of local information, people and tools that enable us to journey **safely** with whānau and family. Atawhai is a **call to action** to support primary care providers in responding to family violence through policy and practice.

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