

Nga Taonga Tuku Iho

*Transformative potential of Maori
principled wellbeing frameworks*



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Traditional practices for honoring tamariki mokopuna

Mihi Maioha

E taku iti kahurangi
Taku tamahine purotu e
Kua puta mai koe
Ki te ao turoa nei
Nau mai..Haere mai...
Haere mai....

*My precious little treasure, my beautiful
and handsome daughter
You have arrived to the light of day to this
world
Welcome, welcome, welcome*



Mihi Aroha

Whakaratarata mai
E tama ure, E whare tapu koe
Ruia nga purapura papai hei
mokopuna ma
Ki ngā whare tapu e
Mareikura, e Whatukura
Whiti whiti ora

*Relationships blossom
A male and female feat
Nurturing & care for our young
A role of parenthood
For wellness to a bright future
(Ruwhiu P.T, 2001/14 unpub)*

Nga Uaratanga

*Principles for mokopuna wellbeing guide practice responses and outcomes but
how are they measured?*

MauRi Ora

Tapu

Whakapapa



WaiRua

Mana

Reclaiming Maori theoretical understandings of abuse, neglect and violence

How we describe/understand a concept will guide our response...

“Abuse is a violation of ones tapu.”

“Abuse is the enactment of mana trampling”

Reference: *Pa Henare Tate (2002)*

Te Toka Tumoana

Indigenous & Bicultural Principled Framework for working with Māori



Guiding Principles for Well-being



Tikanga



Te Reo



Whakamanawa



Wairuatanga



Kaitiakitanga



Whakapapa



Manaakitanga



Rangatiratanga

The outcomes of principled wellbeing frameworks for working with Maori children and whanau engaged in the child welfare system?

- How can Maori notions and expressions of wellbeing and violation such as tapu and mana be understood, practiced and outcomes measured? Using whose terms and for what purpose?
- How do we measure individuals (eg. tamariki) needs, outcomes within the whanau social structure as contributing to collective wellbeing?
- How do we get agreed principles/framework for working with Maori across services (the system) with agreed measures?

Me hoki whakamuri, kia ahu whakamua
Look back to guide the way forward...

