The Restorative Power of Communities

Strengthening Families Through Samoan Beliefs and Values
I live Here ...
With Restorative Sheep
And Cattle …
I Work Here …
Samoan Location Map ...
Life in Samoa

Village
Church
Matai
Beliefs
Discipline
Values
Family
Respect
The Village
Spiritual Beliefs and Values
Emphasis on Family
Work
Ifoga: bowing down

- Ritual of forgiveness
- Sense of remorse or shame by offender
- Accountability by family and village
- Forgiveness from victim’s family
- Reintegration: apology, speech of peace
- Reconciliation
New Zealand Context

- Employment
- Wages
- Independence
- Freedom
- Decision Making
Work in New Zealand
Family Violence

- Criminal Court referrals to Restorative Justice
- Involvement of Samoan Community
- Respect, responsibility, relationships
- Remorse / shame by offender
- Apology, reconciliation
- No reoffending