



## **Integrated Responses to Vulnerable Children Forum**

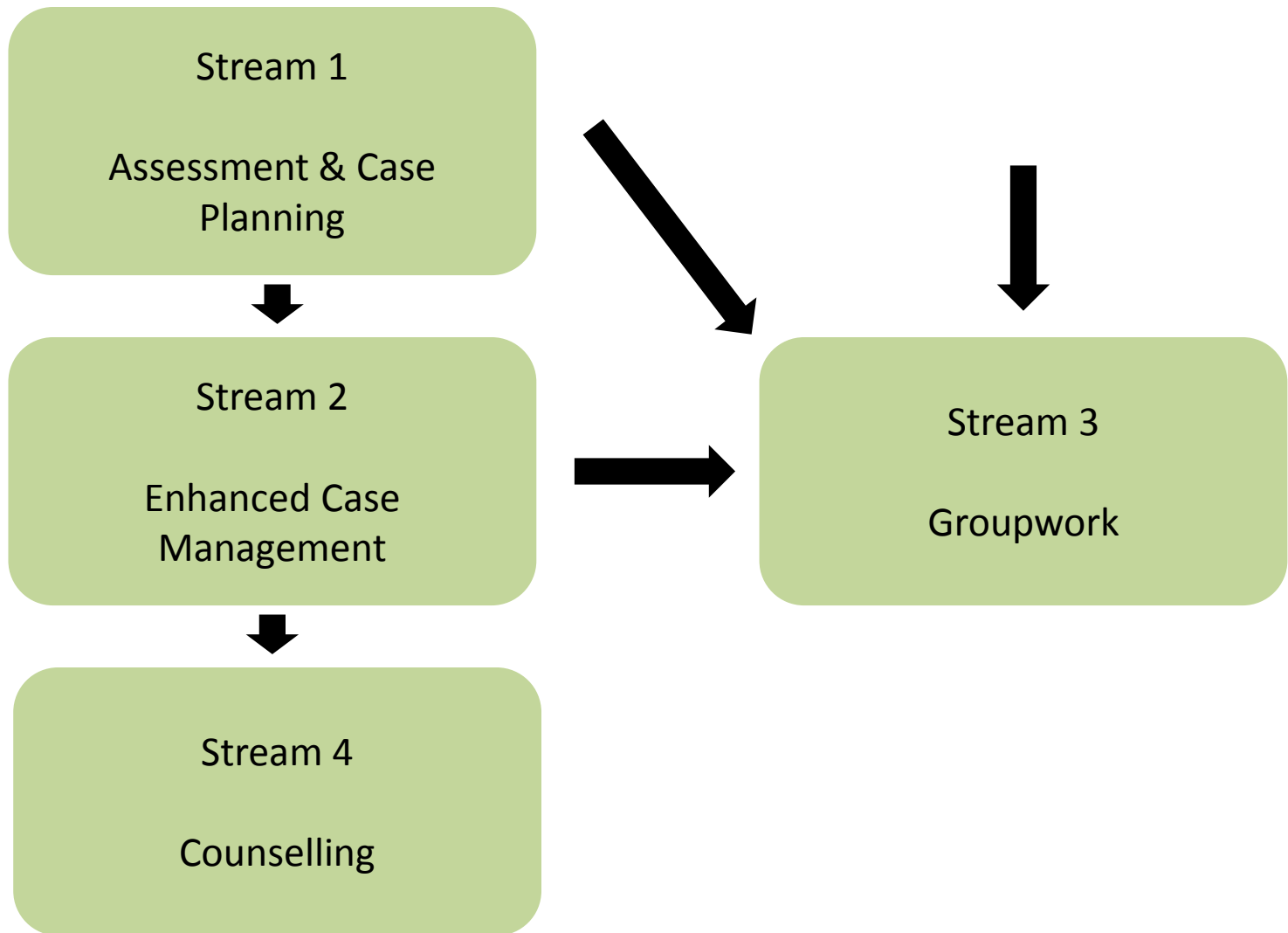
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## About the program

- Children 0-18
- Catchment – North and West
- Alignment of program with Family Violence and Homelessness
- Referrers – Family Violence and Homelessness

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## Lens of work

- Child-Centered
- Case management - therapeutic and general functions
- Outreach
- Early Intervention
- Involvement - crisis, transitional, stable
- Family Violence and Homelessness
- Parent-Child Relationship
- Connection to violence

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## Experience of Child

- Inclusion
- Predictability/Consistency
- Continuity of care
- Ongoing Assessment
- Accessibility

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## Inclusion - Assessment

- Referring worker supporting Rita and Tommy would call Bright Futures
- If referral is appropriate – Handover arranged with referring worker
- Including child in assessment (interests, strengths, hopes and dreams)
- Co-case management

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## Inclusion - Initial visit with child



### Welcome Pack

- Bright Futures child-friendly brochure
- Rights Info
- Feedback
- Checklist to make sure everything has been explained (confidentiality, hours of operation)

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## Initial visit with child



If I could meet someone <b>famous</b> I'd meet...
If I could have three <i>wishes</i> they would be...
The best <i>holiday</i> I ever had was when...
There's nothing I like better after a <i>long day</i> than...
If I was an <i>animal</i> I would be a ... because ...
The food that always makes me wanna <b>puke</b> is...
The thing I like <b>most</b> about my family is...
Me and my family always <b>FIGHT</b> about...
I'd like people to describe me as <i>being</i> ...
I go to ... when I need some <b>HELP</b>
The <b>best</b> thing about my family is...
The <b>first</b> thing I thought about this morning was...
The thing I like to <b>wear</b> the most is...
I would never grow tired of <i>eating</i> ...
If I was in <b>charge</b> of Australia I'd ...
The best way to deal with <b>STRESS</b> is...

(Richard Rose & Kids R Central)



## Helpful Numbers:

Police, fire, ambulance	000
Kids Help Line	1800 55 1800



Bright Futures  
Children's  
Specialist Support  
Service



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This is

**\*\*Insert photo of team\*\***



## Bright Futures Team

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Name —Team Leader

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Name—Case Manager

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Name—Case Manager

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photo

Name—Group Work-

Bright Futures meets with children at:

Home



School



Office



Park



Some things Bright Futures can help children with are:

Sport and Recreation



Doctor

Counselling  
(someone to talk to)



School



Feelings and Emotions



Family Relationships  
and Friendships

And many more...



Bright Futures works with lots of children who have moved house a lot and/or have seen their parents fighting and are worried about these things.



Bright Futures listens to children.

When Bright Futures visits, you can:

Talk



Draw



Play



Some of the things Bright Futures  
talk to children about are:

Worries



Family



School



Homes

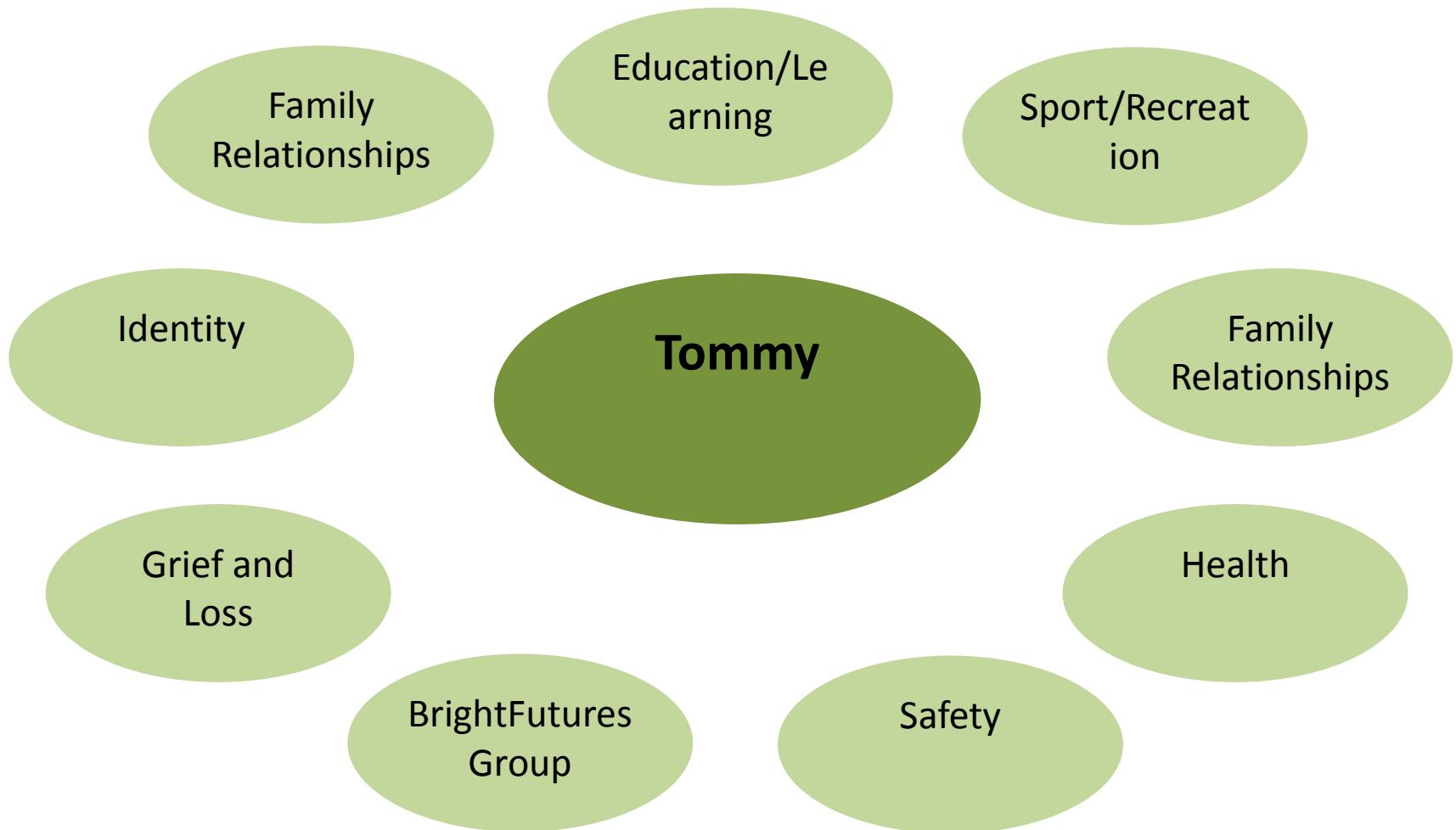


Things you are  
good at



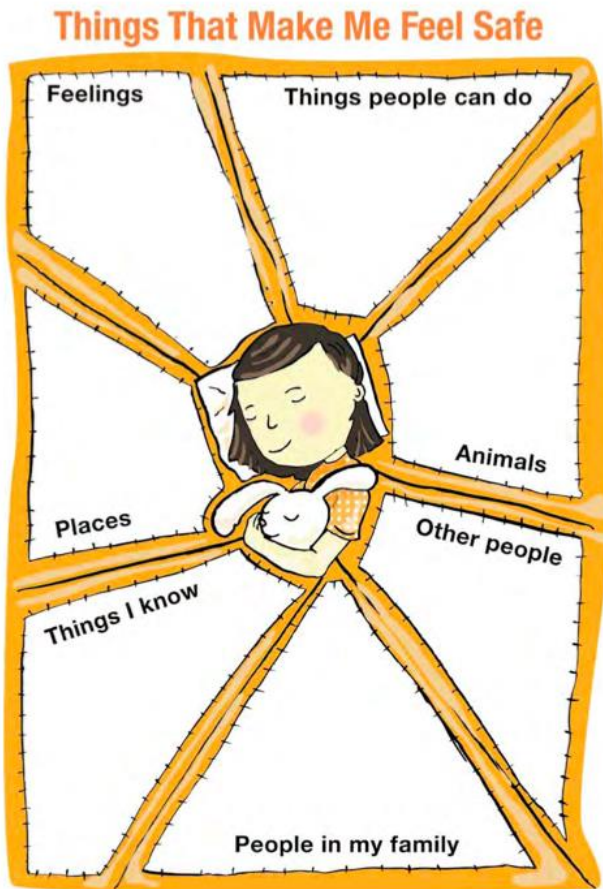
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## Inclusion - Case Planning



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## Inclusion – Therapeutic Support





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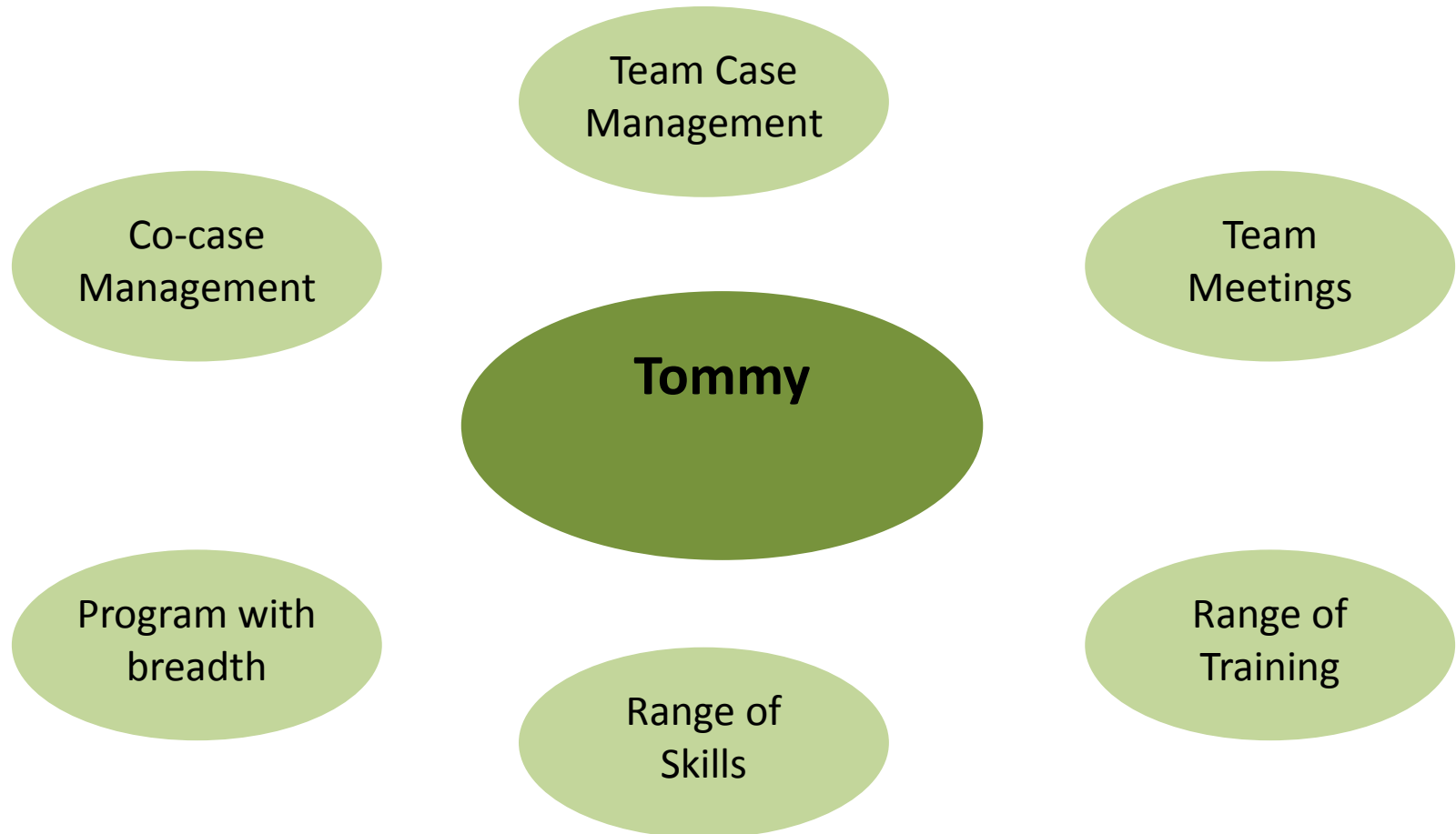
Predictability and Consistency  
Continuity of Care



- Team case management
- Team meetings
- Co-case management
- Continually being informed
- Catchment

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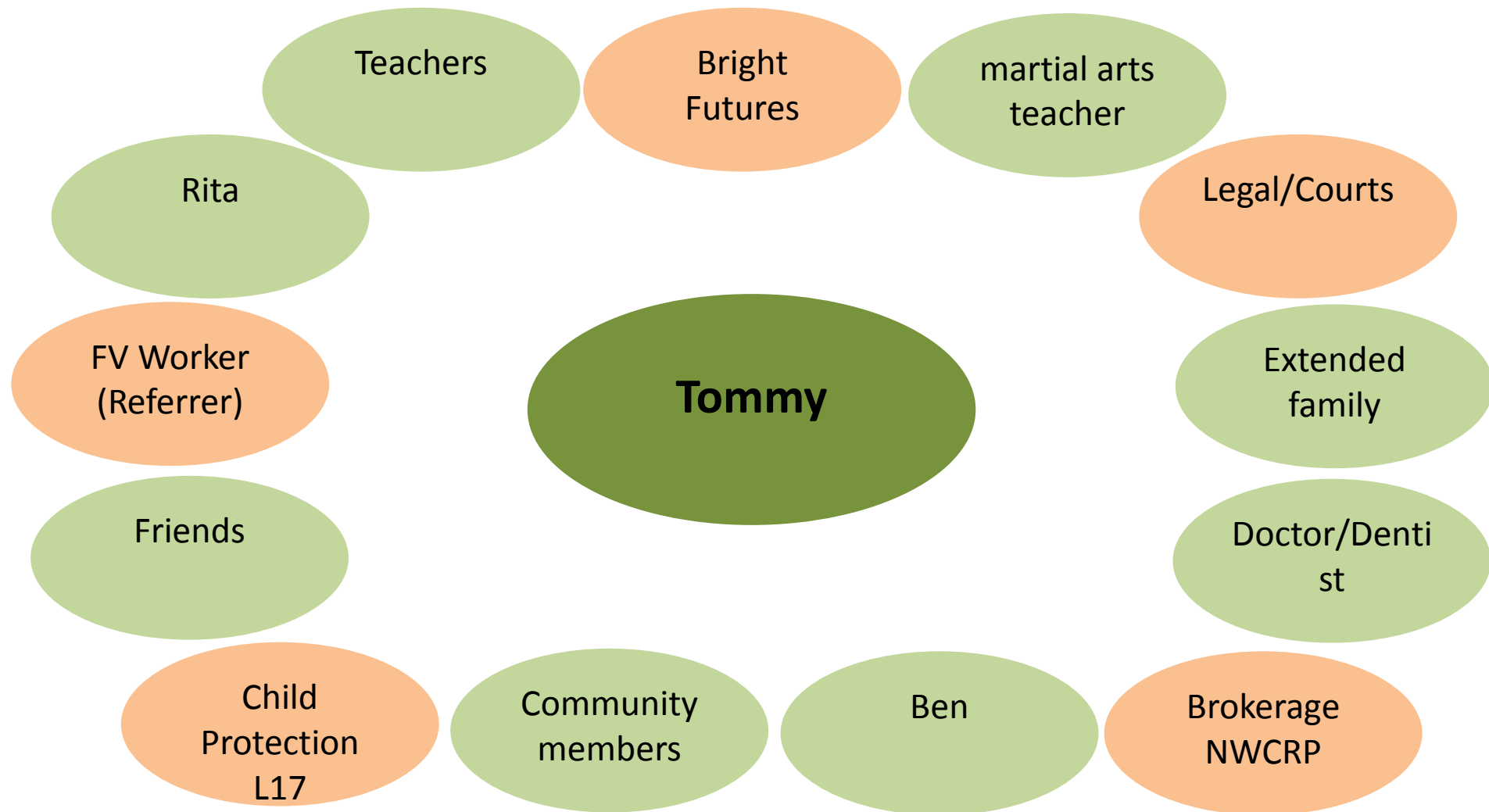
Integration starts within the organisation





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Integration strengthening the support for Tommy



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## Integration enhancing outcomes

- Engagement – co case management
- Negotiated roles
- Specialised support (programs, police, legal, mental health)
- Continuity of knowledge
- Transferring skills/up skilling
- Considering the timing of each service/service saturation
- New/relevant services through networks
- Groups – Berry Street, Safe@Home, schools
- Secondary Consults

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