

What sits behind language



Phrase	Attitudes that harm	Attitudes that heal
Case, Caseworker	Children and families are work, problems to be managed	Children, young people and parents need connection
Final Orders	The system has absolute power – circumstances are fixed	Families and environments change, adapt and evolve
Lacks insight	People don't understand because they're incapable	People can understand if given clear information & genuine explanation
Placement	Children are objects to be positioned where there's vacancy	Children need to feel safe, secure and be nurtured
Removal	Children are problems to be extracted from situations	Families need support to create stability together
Transport	Young people are cargo to be moved efficiently	Young people need emotional support during significant journeys
Non-compliant	People are defiant and choosing not to follow instructions	People face genuine barriers and need support to succeed
Emotionally unavailable	People should express emotions on our timeline and in our way	People respond to trauma differently; need safe spaces to share authentically
System	Children and families processed through mechanical pathways	We are all part of a community working together to create safety and belonging
Birth/Biological parent	Ongoing parental connection is demoted	Parents maintain their identity & connection to their children regardless of circumstances
Half-sibling	Sibling bonds are measured by biology, not real connection	Brothers and sisters share meaningful relationships regardless of genetics
Investigation	Families are suspects who have done something wrong	Families have complex stories that need to be understood with compassion
Respite	Children are burdens that carers need relief from	Children benefit from diverse relationships & regular childhood experiences
Hard to engage	Families are resistant and refusing help being offered	Trust must be earned through consistent, culturally safe practice