
2015 PLAY YOUR PART AWARDS FOR INSPIRING PREVENTION INITIATIVES TASMANIA

**To: Mission Australia, Good Beginnings, Hobart City Mission,
Pittwater Community Centre and Jordan River Services**

**For: Partnership Alliance delivering Integrated Family Support
Services (IFSS)**

The South East Integrated Family Support Services (IFSS) is a voluntary program that works with vulnerable children, young people and families across Tasmania to achieve positive results through tailored solutions.

IFSS, is an early intervention program, whose services are delivered through a collaborative alliance partnership that offer a flexible, person-centred approach. The alliance of agencies in the South East region consists of Mission Australia, Good Beginnings now part of Save the Children, Hobart City Mission, Pittwater Community Centre and Jordan River Services.

Supports include one on one weekly home visits with case workers, who work with families' to meet their needs, practical outreach support and parenting skill development. IFSS workers meet with families to formulate plans to meet goals based on their desires and needs.

IFSS is a voluntary service focused on increasing the well-being and safety of children, young people and families by providing support and resources to build family strengths, resilience and capacity.

An example of how effective the south East IFSS service is through the story of Maggie. Maggie, who was a teenage mother on the streets of Hobart, now has a home with her two children.

"I nearly lost everything, my kids and my health, but now I've done the hard yards and I'm on the road to recovery," said Maggie, in the From Together We Achieve – stories celebrating five years of Gateway Services, eBook.

The success of the South East IFSS is based on the collaboration of the partner alliances'. They have demonstrated a method of working together in the best interests of families and children. They work using strengths based practice that empowers parents and children to create environments where children are safe and well.

This initiative highlights the strengths and positive outcomes that can be achieved for children and families when services work collaboratively, in partnership and in a coordinated way. Well done to all the services involved in supporting better outcomes for children and families in Tasmania.