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Kia ora and welcome to our Christmas 2011 newsletter.

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Tēnā tatou katoa

Christmas and the summer holidays should be a time of sun, good food and laughter, but sadly we all know that this may not be the case for everyone in our community. In our last newsletter for the year, we highlight messages from organisations who will be working to prevent family violence over the Christmas and New Year period.

Our office will close on Thursday 22 December and re-open on **Monday 9 January 2012**.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year

The NZFVC team
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The University of Auckland

Holiday messages

Family violence doesn't take a holiday

TVNZ Breakfast show (Thursday 15th December) featured Brian Gardner, manager of the **National Network of Stopping Violence Services**. Brian discussed some of the risk factors including family expectations of providing for families, as well as other warning signs and supportive actions families can take to mitigate Christmas stress escalating to violent situations.

[Click here to access the article and video segment via TVNZ](#)



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New Zealand Police have released several messages of concern and wishes for violence free Christmases. Counties Manukau Police have taken a particularly innovative approach to the problem, delivering flyers to 1500 homes in the Counties Manukau district.

[Click here to access the NZ Police article "Violent-free Christmas is the best gift"](#)

[Click here to access the Counties Manukau "Dear Mummy and Daddy" initiative](#)

The **It's Not OK campaign** has released a plea to 'Make Christmas more than OK'. The Campaign web page adds to its wealth of supportive information for those struggling with family violence, and encourages people to reach out to help families we know.

[Click here to link to "Make Christmas more than OK"](#)

Child Matters has released a Holiday announcement detailing 8 tips for Keeping Kids Safe this Holiday Season. The tips include information regarding drinking around children, babysitting, sleepovers, and activities such as camping, internet use and swimming.

[Click here to access the tips on the Child Matters web page](#)

In the news

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[Anti-violence programme translated into Hindi](#) - 19 Dec, 2011
Family violence is a problem across society and in a bid to stop domestic...

[NZ research: Police officer discretion and family violence risk assessment](#) - 19 Dec, 2011

Researchers investigated New Zealand police officers' experiences and ...

[RFP for the Pacific Training Programme for family violence providers now open, closes 27 January 2012](#) - 19 Dec, 2011
The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Pacific Training Programme for...

[Child Matters Anthea Simcock discusses NZ's rising child abuse figures on TVNZ Breakfast](#) - 15 Dec, 2011

TVNZ's Breakfast show (Monday 12th December) featured Child Matters Chief...

[Recent research focuses on the role of restorative justice in family violence](#) - 15 Dec, 2011

Two pieces of recent New Zealand research have considered the role of...

[CDC releases National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence: 2010 Summary Report](#) - 15 Dec, 2011

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have released the...

[Retiring academic says domestic violence is "being minimised by decision makers"](#) - 15 Dec, 2011

Associate Professor Ruth Busch, a Waikato University law academic ...

[NZ Herald reports "NZ's shocking child abuse record"](#) - 13 Dec, 2011

The New Zealand Herald published a roll of shame in Saturday's paper (10...

[New National-led Administration announced](#) - 12 Dec, 2011

With the special votes counted and made public on 10 December, the...

[In the Lancet: New Zealand child maltreatment trends and policies in the spotlight](#) - 12 Dec, 2011

An article published in The Lancet (online 9 December 2011) cites New...

[New Chair for Family Violence Death Review Committee](#) - 12 Dec, 2011

The Health Quality & Safety Commission has appointed Associate...

[Factors associated with recent intimate partner violence: findings from WHO multi-country study](#) - 7 Dec, 2011

This paper drawing on research from the WHO multi-country study on women'...

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Upcoming events

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[Restorative justice Today - Short Course - Auckland - 27 Jan 2012](#)

[Moving towards change: a human rights approach to making positive changes to policy and practice - Workshop - Auckland - 28 Feb 2012](#)

[Elder Abuse & Neglect Prevention Regional Conference - Palmerston North - 29 Feb 2012](#)

[Sex & Ethics Aotearoa New Zealand Train the Trainer - Wellington - 19-23 Mar 2012](#)

[International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking - San Diego, CA. - 23-25 Apr 2012](#)

[5th International Asian and Ethnic Minority Health and Wellbeing Conference - Auckland - 27-28 June 2012](#)

[Safety 2012 World Conference - Wellington - 1 - 4 Oct 2012](#)

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Please keep us posted about events in your region.