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Newsletter



Kia ora and welcome to the latest newsletter from the NZFVC, a monthly update of resources, news and events for those working to prevent family violence in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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Tēnā tātou katoa

The focus this month is on Government initiatives and reports from various agencies.

News, views, and happenings in brief:

- [Review of family violence laws discussion document released](#) (consultation closes 18 September 2015).
- [Ministerial group launches new family violence work programme](#)
- [Law Commission to review non-fatal strangulation and homicide by victims](#)
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- [Community Internship Programme 2015 applications open](#) (applications close 16 September 2015).

Read on for more new resources, news and events.

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Tip of the month

Reading guide for legislative responses to family violence

The Clearinghouse has published a reading guide to provide access to New Zealand and international sources which may assist those wishing to participate in the consultation process initiated by the *Strengthening New Zealand's legislative response to family violence* discussion document.

[Reading guide for legislative responses to family violence: a selected bibliography.](#)

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New resources

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New Zealand

Ministry of Justice. (2015). **Strengthening New Zealand's legislative response to family violence: A public discussion document.** Wellington, New Zealand: Ministry of Justice.

Summary: The Ministry of Justice released this public discussion document on 5 August 2015. The Government is consulting about New Zealand's family violence laws. Views are sought about the ideas presented in this discussion document, along with any other ideas for strengthening New Zealand's family violence laws... [Read more](#)

Adams, A., & Tolley, A. (2015). **Progress on the work programme for the Ministerial Group on Family Violence and Sexual Violence: Cabinet paper.** Wellington, New Zealand: Office of the Minister of Justice & Office of the Minister for Social Development.

Summary: This publicly released Cabinet Paper reports progress on the work of the Ministerial Group on Family Violence and Sexual Violence. It seeks agreement to the Ministerial Group's proposed cross-government family violence work programme and endorsement of its sexual violence work programme. It includes a Portfolio analysis of family violence and sexual violence, including child abuse and neglect conducted in March 2015 identifying government spending on family violence and sexual violence... [Read more](#)

Family Violence Death Review Committee. (2015). **Activities report July 2014 to June 2015.** Wellington, New Zealand: Health Quality and Safety Commission.

Summary: This report introduces new committee members, highlights progress made on recommendations from previous reports and the Committee's activities during this period. The Committee will release its next substantive (statistical) report in December 2015... [Read more](#)

Law Commission. (2012). **Alternative pre-trial and trial processes: Possible reforms.** Wellington, New Zealand: Law Commission.

Summary: In late 2014, this project was reactivated on request of the current Minister of Justice. The terms of reference for the project have not changed... [Read more](#)

Roguski, M. (2015). **It's not OK Campaign community evaluation report.** Wellington, New Zealand: It's not OK Campaign, Ministry of Social Development.
Summary: This evaluation was conducted to gain an in-depth understanding of how the 'It's not OK' Campaign has supported change to address and prevent family violence within

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communities. The evaluation involved an in-depth analysis of community stakeholder experiences in seven communities - see the case study reports. This is the overall evaluation report... [Read more](#)

Case study 1: [Counties Manukau Rugby League](#).

Case study 2: [Gisborne](#).

Case study 3: [Levin](#).

Case study 4: [New Plymouth](#).

Case study 5: [Ohakune](#).

Case study 6: [Paeroa](#).

Case study 7: [Taupo](#).

Superu. (2015).

Families and whānau status report 2015. Wellington, New Zealand: Superu.

Summary: This document reports on family and whānau wellbeing... [Read more](#)

Journal articles

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Ritchie, M., Nelson, K., Wills, R., & Jones, L. (2013).

Does training and documentation improve emergency department assessments of victims of domestic violence?

Journal of Family Violence, 28(5), 471-477.

Summary: This study aimed to determine whether training and documentation led to improved assessment of female victims of assault due to domestic violence presenting to an emergency department... [Read more](#)

Shailer, J. L., Gammon, R., & de Terte, I. (2013).

Youth with serious mental health disorders: wraparound as a promising intervention in New Zealand.

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy, 34, 186-213.

Summary: This article outlines the prevalence and characteristics of youth with serious mental health disorders. It also discusses community-based interventions used in New Zealand and their limitations. It introduces Wraparound, an intensive individualised coordination and care planning process... [Read more](#)

Westera, N. J., & Powell, M. B. (2015).

Prosecutors' perceptions of how to improve the quality of evidence in domestic violence cases.

Policing and Society, Advance online publication, 23 June 2015.

Summary: Limited evidence in domestic violence prosecutions is a persistent problem. Focus groups with 13 prosecutors from across Australia and New Zealand were used to explore how to improve the quality of evidence collected and presented in these cases... [Read more](#)

International

Pacific Disability Forum, & Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation. (2015).

Toolkit on eliminating violence against women and girls with disabilities in Fiji. Suva, Fiji: Pacific Disability Federation.

Summary: This toolkit is part of the pilot project called a Toolkit on Eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls with

Disabilities in Fiji. The project is a joint partnership between the Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation and Pacific Disability Forum...
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Unicef. (2015).

Harmful connections: Examining the relationship between violence against women and violence against children in the South Pacific. Suva, Fiji: Unicef.

Summary: This report is a literature review that aims to develop a deeper understanding of what is known about the connection between violence against women and violence against children in the South Pacific Island countries, specifically Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu... [Read more](#)

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Abramsky, T., Devries, K., Kiss, L., Nakuti, J., Kyegombe, N., Starmann, E., . . . Watts, C. (2014).

Findings from the SASA! study: Cluster randomized controlled trial to assess the impact of a community mobilization intervention to prevent violence against women and reduce HIV risk in Kampala, Uganda.

BMC Medicine, 12, 122.

Summary: The SASA! study assessed the community-level impact of SASA!, a community mobilization intervention to prevent violence and reduce HIV-risk behaviors... [Read more](#)

De Koker, P., Mathews, C., Zuch, M., Bastien, S., & Mason-Jones, A. (2014).

A systematic review of interventions for preventing adolescent intimate partner violence. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 54(1), 3-13.

Summary: This systematic review found eight articles reporting on six randomized controlled trials. Four interventions contained both school and community components...[Read more](#)

Taft, A., & Small, R. (2014).

Preventing and reducing violence against women: Innovation in community-led studies.

BMC Medicine, 12:155.

Summary: Intervention science to prevent or reduce the problem is in its infancy, and the few existing intervention studies have been targeted at the individual level...

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In the news

Click on the link to read the news item.

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[Review of family violence laws: Government discussion document released](#) - 5 Aug, 2015

[Discussion document on review of family violence laws to be](#)

[released](#) - 3 Aug, 2015

Justice Minister Amy Adams has announced that a discussion paper on proposed...

[Ministerial group launches new family violence work programme](#) - 29 Jul, 2015

Justice Minister Amy Adams and Social Development Minister Anne Tolley have...

[Community Internship Programme 2015 applications open](#) - 29 Jul, 2015

Applications are open for community groups to gain a skilled professional free...

[Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence proceedings available online](#) - 29 Jul, 2015

The Royal Commission into Family Violence underway in Victoria, Australia, is...

[Call for inquiry into equality of access to justice](#) - 29 Jul, 2015

The Green Party has called for the Justice and Electoral Select Committee to...

[MSD trials Predictive Risk Modelling](#) - 29 Jul, 2015

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) is trialling the use of Predictive...

[Law Commission to review non-fatal strangulation and homicide by victims](#) - 16 Jul, 2015

Justice Minister Amy Adams has asked the Law Commission to review how best to...

[Report proposes way to evaluate family court reforms](#) - 15 Jul, 2015

The University of Otago and the New Zealand Law Foundation have published a...

[Harmful Digital Communications Bill passes into legislation](#) - 9 Jul, 2015

A Bill which seeks to prevent cyberbullying and better support victims passed...

Upcoming events

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11 - 20 August 2015 *NEW*

[Shakti 20th Anniversary celebrations](#)

Click to find dates and venues for events in Auckland, Tauranga, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia

13 August 2015 *NEW*

[Auckland Regional Wānanga](#)

Auckland

19 August 2015 *NZFVC event* *NEW*

[Creating change: Mobilising communities to prevent family and whānau violence](#) - Symposium

Auckland

31 August 2015 *NEW*

[Safe Relationships Seminar](#)

hosted by Rural Women New Zealand
Stratford, Taranaki region

31 August, 2 or 4 September 2015

[The Pain Paradox: Engagement, Acceptance, and Processing in a New Paradigm for Trauma Therapy with John Briere PhD](#)

One-day seminars organised by DSAC
Auckland (31 August),
Wellington (2 September) &
Christchurch (4 September)

1, 8, 15 & 22 September 2015 *NEW*

[Prevention of violence in family and whānau](#)

Courage to Grow - Training
Auckland

2 September 2015 *NEW*

[Safe Relationships Seminar](#)

hosted by Rural Women New Zealand
Te Kuiti

2 September 2015

[Responding effectively to domestic abuse](#)

Shine - Training
Auckland

8-9 September & 5 October 2015

[Working with Parents' Anger](#)

Kairos Development - Training workshop
Auckland

15-17 September 2015

[SVRI Forum 2015](#)

Stellenbosch, South Africa

13-14 October 2015

[Domestic abuse - Safety first](#)

Shine - Advanced training
Auckland

2016

18 - 21 September 2016

[Safety 2016 - 12th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion](#)

