



# New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse Pānui

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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 Government has made some major announcements in the last month.

News, views and happenings in brief:

- [Government announces major reforms to Child, Youth and Family](#) (media coverage of the announcement is collated at this link)
- [Government supports select committee recommendations on sexual violence services](#)
- [NZ Defence Force launches action plan to address harmful sexual behaviours](#)
- [Issues around sexual violence and young people](#) have again been topical following a decision in the Opotiki case
- [Victoria Royal Commission into Family Violence makes 227 recommendations](#)

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## Tip of the month

### Timeline updated

The [Timeline](#) on the NZFVC website documents progress and setbacks on the journey towards the prevention and elimination of family, whānau and sexual violence in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Timeline has recently been updated to include national and international milestones and significant research over the past two years.

Use the timeline to:

- trace policy developments over time



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Vaithianathan, R., Wilson, M., Maloney, T., & Baird, S. (2016). **The impact of the Family Start home visiting programme on outcomes for mothers and children: A quasi-experimental study**. Wellington, New Zealand: Ministry of Social Development.

*Summary:* A number of studies and reviews of Family Start have been conducted over the years. These have tended to find that families selected to be interviewed value the programme. But they have also highlighted variation in practice and performance across providers. None of these previous studies has been able to establish the effectiveness of Family Start in improving outcomes. This new study was commissioned to fill that gap... [Read more](#)

#### Journal articles

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Allenby, R., Dobbs, T., Diesfeld, K., Nada-Raja, S., Wilson, D., & Koziol-McLain, J. (2016).

**Safety in online research with women experiencing intimate partner violence: What about the children?**

*Ethics & Behavior*, Advance online publication, 30 March 2016. *Summary:* The significant co-occurrence between men's violence against female partners and child abuse and neglect is well documented. It is less clear how child safety should be managed in family violence research with their mothers. This issue is salient to isafe, a New Zealand-based Internet intervention study testing improvement in safety decisions and mental health outcomes for women experiencing intimate partner violence... [Read more](#)

Cerda, M. Moffitt, T.E., Meier, M.H., Harrington, H., Houts, R., Ramrakha, S., Hogan, S., Poulton, R., & Caspi, A. (2016).

**Persistent cannabis dependence and alcohol dependence represent risks for midlife economic and social problems: A longitudinal cohort study.**

*Clinical Psychological Science*, Advance online publication. *Summary:* With the increasing legalisation of cannabis, understanding the consequences of cannabis use is particularly timely. The authors examined the association between cannabis use and dependence, prospectively assessed between ages 18 and 38, and economic and social problems at age 38. The authors studied participants in the Dunedin Longitudinal Study, a cohort (N = 1,037) followed from birth to age 38. Study members with regular cannabis use and persistent dependence experienced downward socioeconomic mobility, more financial difficulties, workplace problems, and relationship conflict in early midlife... [Read more](#)

Denny, S., Peterson, E.R., Stuart, J., Utter, J., Bullen, P., Fleming, T., Ameratunga, S., Clark, T., & Milfont, T. (2015).

**Bystander intervention, bullying and victimization: A multilevel analysis of New Zealand high schools.**

*Journal of School Violence*, 14: 245-272.

*Summary:* This study examines the association between schools and student bullying behaviors and victimization among a nationally representative sample (N=9,107) of New Zealand high school students. In particular, the study sought to explore the role of characteristics of schools and school culture with respect to bystander behavior, while controlling for individual student factors related to victimization and bullying behaviors... [Read more](#)

Kljakovic, M., Hunt, C., & Jose, P.E. (2015).

**The incidence of bullying and victimisation among adolescents in New Zealand.**

*New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 44(2): 57-67.

*Summary:* It has been established that bullying and victimisation have negative outcomes for those involved. However, this problem has received little research attention in New Zealand samples, particularly with longitudinal designs. The incidence of four types of bullying was assessed in a large adolescent New Zealand sample including; traditional bullying inside the school, bullying outside the school, bullying via text message and bullying via the internet. The same categorisation of victimisation was also assessed... [Read more](#)

Munford, R., & Sanders, J. (2016).

**Finding meaningful support: Young people's experiences of "risky" environments.**

*Australian Social Work*, 69(2): 229-240.

*Summary:* This paper reports on the qualitative phase of a New Zealand study of young people who had been exposed to "risky" environments from a young age. These young people had experienced traumatic events such as abuse, violence, addictions, mental health issues, and many had been excluded from school. The young people (aged between 13 and 17) were users of multiple services (statutory and nongovernmental services including: child welfare, juvenile justice, remedial education, and mental health services)... [Read more](#)

Sills, S., Pickens, C., Beach, K., Jones, L., Calder-Dawe, O., Benton-Greig, P., & Gavey, N. (2016).

**Rape culture and social media: Young critics and a feminist counterpublic.**

*Feminist Media Studies*, Advance online publication, 23 March 2016.

*Summary:* Social media sites, according to Carrie A. Rentschler, can become both "aggregators of online misogyny" as well as key spaces for feminist education and activism. They are spaces where "rape culture," in particular, is both performed and resisted, and where a feminist counterpublic can be formed (Michael Salter 2013). In this New Zealand study, the authors interviewed seventeen young people who were critical of rape culture about their exposure and responses to it on social media and beyond... [Read more](#)

Sudderth, Lori K. (2016).

**Bringing in "the ones who know them": informal community and safety planning for victims of intimate partner violence in New Zealand.**

*Violence Against Women*, Advance online publication, 15 March 2016.

*Summary:* Victim advocates help victims of intimate partner violence to plan for their safety and encourage them to find social support. In New Zealand, however, victims often bring supportive allies with them to safety planning meetings, and those allies help to plan for the victim's safety... [Read more](#)

**Thesis**

*This NZ thesis and the first two reports below* from the UK and Ireland, respectively, explore how young people understand and negotiate consent in the context of sexual relationships.

Perry, H. (2015).

**"All consent is to me, is not stopping them": A qualitative study of how young women negotiate consent to heterosexual.** Thesis: Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) (Honours), University of Waikato.

*Summary:* Sexual consent is a topical and valuable issue to research because acquaintance sexual violence remains a stubborn problem on university campuses as well as elsewhere.

Sexual consent is defined in many ways within the literature and in public discourses. Most campaigns to address acquaintance sexual violence and consent draw on the miscommunication hypothesis in assuming that women need to communicate more clearly and men need to listen more carefully; however, some research has shown that men are quite capable of interpreting even the subtlest of consent cues and that verbal direct consent or non-consent is not normative sexual behaviour for young people... [Read more](#)

## International

Coy, M., Kelly, L., Elvines, F., Garner, M., & Kanyeredzi, A. (2013).

**"Sex without consent, I suppose that is rape": How young people in England understand sexual consent.** London: Office of the Children's Commissioner.

*Summary:* This research into young people's understanding of consent to sex was conducted by the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU) at London Metropolitan University for the Office of the Children's Commissioner, as part of its national Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Gangs and Groups (CSEGG)... [Read more](#)

MacNeela, P., Conway, T., Kavanagh, S., Kennedy, L.A., & McCaffrey, J. (2014).

**Young people, alcohol and sex: What's consent got to do with it? Research report.** Galway, Ireland: Rape Crisis Network Ireland.

*Summary:* This qualitative study explores the intersection of university students' attitudes to alcohol use and consent to engage in sexual activity. The study was carried out by researchers at the School of Psychology, National University of Ireland, Galway, commissioned by Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI), between March and December, 2013... [Read more](#)

**Royal Commission into Family Violence: Report and recommendations.** (2016).

Commissioner: Marcia Neave; Deputy Commissioners: Patricia Faulkner and Tony Nicholson. Melbourne, Vic: Royal Commission into Family Violence.

*Summary:* In February 2015 the state government of Victoria, Australia established the Royal Commission into Family Violence. The Commission published its report in March 2016. The Commission's multi-volume report canvasses the many views heard by the Commission during its consultation processes and covers a broad range of topics including risk assessment, information sharing, service system pathways, police, courts, offences and sentencing, housing, financial security, recovery, the experience of children and young people and people from diverse communities, system governance and oversight, industry planning, primary prevention, and the role the health system, faith communities and workplaces can play in addressing family violence...

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Arango, D.J., Morton, M., Gennari, F., Kiplesund, S., & Ellsberg, M. (2014).

**Interventions to prevent or reduce violence against women and girls: A systematic review of reviews** (Women's Voice, Agency, & Participation Research Series, no.10). World Bank.

*Summary:* This paper, a systematic review of reviews, breaks new ground by synthesizing evidence on the effects of VAWG prevention interventions. It examines the diversity of geographical context, the types of violence addressed, and the numerous approaches that have been used to combat VAWG. Additionally the review summarizes the quality of evidence on efficacy and effectiveness in order to highlight

strengths and gaps of interventions on a global scale and could serve as a point of reference for those intending to undertake future design, implementation, and evaluation of interventions...

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Bywaters, P., Bunting, L., Davidson, G., Hanratty, J., Mason, W., McCartan, C., & Steils, N. (2016).

**The relationship between poverty, child abuse and neglect: An evidence review.** York, England: Joseph Rountree Foundation.

*Summary:* This report identifies and discusses evidence about two key aspects of the relationship between poverty and child abuse and neglect: the impact of poverty on a child's chance of being abused or neglected and the impact on adult poverty of abuse or neglect in childhood... [Read more](#)

Division of Violence Prevention. (2016).

**Preventing multiple forms of violence: A strategic vision for connecting the dots.** Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control.

*Summary:* The different forms of violence - child abuse and neglect, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, elder abuse, and suicidal behavior - are strongly connected to each other in many important ways.

Understanding and addressing the interconnections among these forms of violence is the central tenet of this 5-year vision to prevent violence developed by the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP). This document describes this vision... [Read more](#)

Kaspiew, R., Carson, R., & Rhoades, H. (2016).

**Elder abuse: Understanding issues, frameworks and responses** (AIFS research report, no.35). Melbourne, Vic: Australian Institute of Family Studies.

*Summary:* This report provides an overview of elder abuse in Australia - including its characteristics, context, and prevention. First, it considers definitional issues and what is known about prevalence and incidence, risk and protective factors, and the dynamics surrounding disclosure and reporting... [Read more](#)

On, M.L., Ayre, J., Webster, K., & Moon, L. (2016).

**Examination of the health outcomes of intimate partner violence against women: State of knowledge paper** (ANROWS Landscapes, 2016, Issue 3). Sydney, NSW: ANROWS.

*Summary:* This paper systematically reviews evidence on the health outcomes for women in Australia experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV), noting that causal pathways are complex and subject to a rapidly growing body of knowledge. It also describes current data sources on the prevalence of IPV and possible ways to address the gap in exposure data for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women... [Read more](#)

## Journal articles

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Abramsky, T., Devries, K.M., Michau, L., Nakuti, J., Musuya, T., Kyegombe, N., & Watts, C. (2016)

**The impact of SASA!, a community mobilisation intervention, on women's experiences of intimate partner violence: secondary findings from a cluster randomised trial in Kampala, Uganda.**

*Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*, Advance online publication, 8 March 2016.

*Summary:* This secondary analysis of data from the SASA! Study assesses the potential of a community mobilisation IPV

prevention intervention to reduce overall prevalence of IPV, new onset of abuse (primary prevention) and continuation of prior abuse (secondary prevention). Methods: A pair-matched cluster randomised controlled trial was conducted in 8 communities (4 intervention, 4 control) in Kampala, Uganda (2007 - 2012)...

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Powell, A., & Henry, N. (2016).

**Policing technology-facilitated sexual violence against adult victims: Police and service sector perspectives.**

*Policing and Society*, Advance online publication, 8 March 2016.

*Summary:* To date, the majority of attention to technology-facilitated sexual violence (TFSV) in both policy and practice has been on child sexual exploitation and abuse. Far less attention has been paid to digital sexualised violence against adult members of the population. The aim of this paper is to examine police responses to these serious and emerging harms, which we identify as including the following: (1) online sexual harassment; (2) gender and sexuality-based harassment; (3) cyberstalking; (4) image-based sexual exploitation (including 'revenge pornography'); and (5) the use of communications technologies to coerce a victim into an unwanted sexual act... [Read more](#)

## In the news

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[Government announces major reforms to Child, Youth and Family](#) - 8 Apr, 2016

The Government has announced its initial plans for "major state care reforms..."

[Victoria Royal Commission into Family Violence tables report with 227 recommendations](#) - 7 Apr, 2016

The Royal Commission into Family Violence in Victoria, Australia has tabled its...

[Government supports select committee recommendations on sexual violence services](#) - 6 Apr, 2016

The Government has responded to the Social Service Select Committee report on...

[Sexual violence, social media, students and schools - court decision, IPCA statement, media](#) - 1 Apr, 2016

A number of reports of sexually abusive behaviour by school aged young men have...

[It's not OK releases new toolkit for community champions campaigns](#) - 24 Mar, 2016

The It's not OK Campaign has released a toolkit to support local communities ...

[Social Services Committee reports on Child Sex Offender register](#) - 21 Mar, 2016

The Social Service Committee has reviewed the Child Protection (Child Sex...

[NZ Defence Force launches action plan to address harmful sexual behaviour](#) - 17 Mar, 2016

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has announced Operation RESPECT, an action...

[Govt announces new Better Public Services measure on family violence](#) - 17 Mar, 2016

Justice Minister Amy Adams has announced a new Better Public Services (BPS)...

[Shine to merge with Presbyterian Support Northern](#) - 17 Mar, 2016

Shine and Presbyterian Support Northern (PSN) have announced that Shine with...

[Ministry of Justice appoints Dr Ian Lambie as Science Advisor](#) - 14 Mar, 2016

The Ministry of Justice has appointed Dr Ian Lambie as the inaugural justice...

[Corrections to advise CYF if prisoner convicted of child abuse is released](#) - 14 Mar, 2016

Corrections Minister Judith Collins has announced a new process under which...

[Family violence organisations required to have Child Protection Policies](#) - 14 Mar, 2016

The Government is requiring more organisations that work with vulnerable...

[Law Commission recommends making non-fatal strangulation a specific crime](#) - 10 Mar, 2016

The Law Commission has released its report looking at how best to respond to...

## Upcoming events

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**16-17 April 2016 \*NEW\***

[Understanding Trauma and Dissociation](#)

Workshop 1: Effective Work with Trauma Survivors  
Wellington

18 April 2016 \*NEW\*

[Introduction to working with clients with sexual violence trauma](#)

- Workshop  
Christchurch

**30 April - 1 May 2016 \*NEW\***

[Understanding Trauma and Dissociation](#)

Workshop 2: Working with Dissociation  
Wellington

**5 May 2016 \*NEW\***

[TOAH-NNEST Regional Hui 2016](#)

Dunedin

**12-13 May 2016**

[Working With Parents' Anger. Stage One: Taking the heat off the child](#)

Training workshop  
Auckland

**16 May 2016 \*NEW\***

[Sexual Violence Prevention Workshop](#)

Porirua

**23 May 2016 \*NEW\***

[TOAH-NNEST Regional Hui 2016](#)

Auckland

**25-27 May 2016**



[Dignity 2016 Conference](#)  
Vancouver Island, Canada

**6-10 June 2016**

[Australian Childhood Foundation's Second Bi-annual Childhood Trauma Conference](#)  
Melbourne, Australia

**10 June 2016 \*NEW\***

[TOAH-NNEST Regional Hui 2016](#)  
Christchurch

**28 June 2016 \*NEW\***

[Sexual Violence Prevention Workshop](#)  
New Plymouth

**6-8 July 2016**

[AIFS \(Australian Institute of Family Studies\) Conference 2016](#)  
Melbourne, Australia

**2-3 September 2016 \*NEW\***

[Women's Studies Association / Pae Akoranga Wahine - Conference](#)  
Auckland

**14-17 September 2016 \*UPDATED\***

[3rd Global Indigenous Say No to Family and Domestic Violence Conference](#)  
Adelaide, South Australia  
Registration and call for papers open

**18-21 September 2016**

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

**19-22 September 2016 \*UPDATED\***

[Prevalent and Preventable: AWAVA and Our Watch International Conference on Violence Against Women](#)  
Adelaide, South Australia  
Save the date

**26-28 October 2016**

[The Nursing Network of Violence Against Women International \(NNVAWI\) 2016 Conference](#)  
Melbourne, Australia  
Call for abstracts closes 1 April 2016  
Registration open

**15-18 November 2016**

[International Indigenous Research Conference 2016](#)  
Auckland  
Call for abstracts closes 9 May 2016