



# WHANGANUI FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION NETWORK

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## Family Violence and Ethnic Communities

### WHANONGA PONO- GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- prioritising EQUITY and INCLUSION in all spaces, ensuring equity of resourcing and outcomes

Acting with AROHA, recognising that treating people with kindness and care enables healing and demonstrates what respectful relationships look like

All actions are TIKA and PONO, where people act with fairness and integrity, and are accountable for their actions.

People work together in an integrated way, reflecting KOTAHITANGA to provide support to others, and receive support in return.

KATIAKITANGA is practised - all people understand their roles and responsibilities to ensure the safety and wellbeing of people and their families and whanau

### Who is included under the umbrella of "ethnic community"?

Ethnic communities include migrants, former refugees, long-term settlers, and those born in Aotearoa who identify their ethnicity as African, Asian, Continental European, Latin American and Middle Eastern

### What do ethnic communities want?

They want better data on the distinctive forms of violence they experience, such as dowry related violence, combined with an abuser's control of visa/immigration status and finances. The context of racism and cultural beliefs, especially around gender norms, leads to underreporting and services that are not as helpful and useful as they should be. They want a commitment to safer services that understand cultural diversity and experiences.

They don't want to be shamed; they want more education and better government-led and community-led supports that also recognise how, in some communities, violence can be sanctioned by community leaders.

### Shift Four: Towards investment in primary prevention/ Action 23: Develop prevention programmes for ethnic communities

#### Impact on people:

- reduced tolerance for violence and inequity across Aotearoa New Zealand
- Ethnic communities can access tailored services and supports.

**GREEN PARTY MEMBERS BILL**  
**Protecting Migrant Victims of Family**  
**Violence Bill (via Jan Logie)**

See draft: 

<https://www.parliament.nz/media/8557/protecting-migrant-victims-of-family-violence-bill.pdf>

**What would this mean?**

1. Update **FAMILY VIOLENCE ACT 2018** to include **transnational abandonment** and **immigration related violence** as examples of family violence.

2. Update **Family Violence Visa:**

- remove requirement for victims of FV (whose partners are permanent residents or citizens) to prove they are unable to return home. Victims no longer have to be in a relationship for a minimum period of time.
- ensure dependent children are central to fv visa application assessment. The current policy can force women to leave NZ, and leave their children with an abusive father. This is a key reason why migrant women stay in abusive relationships.
- the evidence required to prove FV has occurred will be less onerous and victim-centered.
- remove barriers to access FV visa for women whose partners are no temporary visas, stopping partners being able to control women through their immigration status (threatening to revoke sponsorship, remove from joint application etc.).
- FV work visa will be extended from 6 months to 3 years (allow time to find work, accrue savings, make custody arrangements).

**Action 23 Activities:**



- develop a range of programmes with community
- develop culturally appropriate and accessible prevention resources
- set up initiatives with ethnic communities that provide information and share knowledge on family violence and sexual violence.
- improve capability in mainstream family violence and sexual violence prevention programmes to better respond to the needs of ethnic communities.
- design specific prevention programmes to meet the needs of ethnic communities, including new migrant and resettled communities.

**"The bill hopes to ensure migrants aren't caught between the rock and the hard place of an abusive spouse and complete financial uncertainty"**

- Jan Logie

**"Currently for migrant women leaving unsafe relationships with temporary visa holders, they risk their visa being cancelled, being liable for deportation, they have no access to social welfare, no work rights and no visa pathways available"**

**" Visa status affects the victim survivor's eligibility for services such as Work and Income, housing support and healthcare, so this bill cannot be underestimated"**

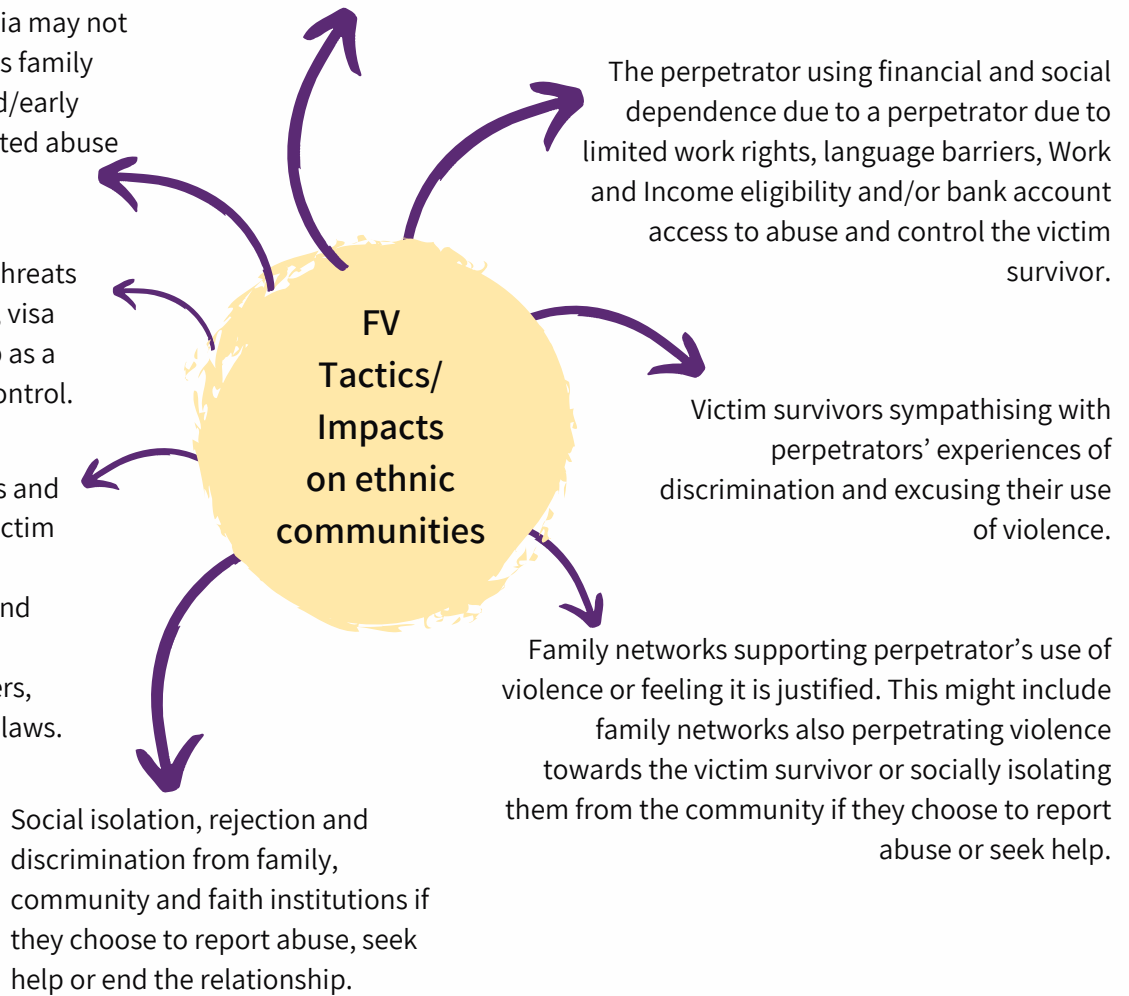


Some forms of abuse experienced by victim survivors from culturally, linguistically, and faith-diverse communities in Australia may not be readily recognised as family violence, such as forced/early marriage or dowry-related abuse

The perpetrator using threats related to immigration, visa status and sponsorship as a form of isolation and control.

Lack of support options and limited rights and for victim survivors without permanent residency and uncertain visa status, including asylum seekers, due to NZ immigration laws.

Service access barriers relating to a lack of services' understanding of the complexities of family violence for culturally, linguistically, and faith-diverse communities.



- Speaking no or limited English and having limited access to interpreters or translated information.
- Service access barriers relating to a lack of services' understanding of the complexities of family violence for culturally, linguistically, and faith-diverse communities.
- Limited access to information about family violence, support services and their rights under NZ law and local support services that are available. This includes limited access to information translated into community languages, and limited access to technology.
- Fear or distrust of authorities, such as the police or legal system, due to previous experiences in NZ and/or overseas.
- Racism and discrimination from service providers and/or the broader community.
- Limited access to financial resources to be able to access support or leave the abuse. For example, no phone or ability to access public transport.
- Social isolation, particularly for recent immigrants who may not know other people in NZ beyond the family members abusing them.
- The NZ legal and service system not widely recognising and understanding forced marriage, dowry abuse and visa abuse as forms of family violence.

## FV Organisation practice considerations:

When supporting a victim survivor from culturally, linguistically and faith-diverse communities, including victim survivors from migrant, refugee and asylum seeking backgrounds consider the following:

The victim survivor's cultural context may affect their experience of family violence. This could include:

- Cultural stigma, norms, taboos, community pressures, social isolation, or dependency on partners/family members may all influence their experience of family violence.
  - Isolation from family and community because of family violence.
  - Cultural or faith-based beliefs discouraging separation or divorce.
  - Parenting norms and practices.
  - Impacts of experiences of racism and discrimination in NZ, including experiences of family members and friends.
- Take the time to work with the victim survivor to understand their visa status. Be aware of how visa or immigration status can impact on access to services. Visa status may also be used by a perpetrator as a tool of coercion or control

- Provide support in a culturally safe way. Work collaboratively with the victim survivor, with care and insight for their culture while being mindful of your own
- Some people from culturally, linguistically and faith-diverse communities may also present with physical and mental health issues exacerbated by displacement and exposure to violence and trauma in their country of origin.
- Some victim survivors may speak no or limited English. Consider whether you need to use an interpreter, communication aids, or provide information in their preferred language
- Some victim survivors may be fearful and hesitant about engaging with the legal system or police. Take the time to listen these fears and explain how the system works in a way that's accessible and relevant to the person.
- Partner with victim survivors to build understanding of their legal rights and entitlements, including supporting access to independent legal advice, financial assistance, compensation, and other support services. Provide information on duty of care, information sharing schemes and consent limitations to help the victim survivor make informed decisions.



## COMING UP:

### EXTRA VIN MEETING THURSDAY 25TH OF AUGUST

11 - 12:30pm ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87418130001?pwd=bENPcXQrZXRWWDNEa0dscUlrWnFKUT09>

**Emma Neilson and Denise Bethell:** Coordinators of the **Safeguarding Adults Response** team from the **Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust**.

Safeguarding Adults at Risk is an integrated multi-agency approach to referrals of harm, abuse or neglect for Adults at Risk. It adopts a person directed and whanau centred approach, ensuring that the individual remains in control of their decisions and wellbeing. Emma and Denise will talk about their roles, why their work is necessary, how the service works, how organisation's can refer people they are working with (or get support/and advice), as well as info on ways in which violence shows up differently for disabled people and where they are seeing gaps in service for disabled people within the f.v context

### NEXT VIN MEETING THURSDAY 8TH OF SEPTEMBER

11 - 12:30pm @ Brechin Lounge, St Paul's Church, 112 Guyton Street  
A Te Ao Maori Restorative Justice approach to Family Violence  
with Tracy Matthews

How to have the hard conversations that need to be had to uphold Tikanga and the process of Tapu, Muru and Utu.

(this session may be postponed due to speaker availability, but back up is in place and will be announced the week of September 5th.)

**CHECK  
OUT  
THE  
VIN  
WEBSITE**

[familyviolencewhanganui.org](http://familyviolencewhanganui.org)



## Are you safe?

We all have the right to feel safe and protected at home. If you're experiencing abuse of any kind, you do not have to face this alone.

Is it family violence?

Help is here

Getting help

It's easier than you think

Are you concerned for someone else?

You could make all the difference

## Family Violence Prevention Expo:

Free, public, half-day event (9:30 - 12pm) at Hakeke Street Community Centre where local family violence agencies (and members of the VIN Network) will have stalls (with info/ resources) to inform/ connect with the community around what is available in the family violence/ healthy, safe relationships space in Whanganui (and for agencies to strengthen their relationships with one another).

Guest speaker: Matt and Sarah Brown from *She is not your rehab* on normalising courageous vulnerable conversations and spaces to listen/share as an antidote to passing on intergenerational violence/ harm

Te Ora Hou is running an event in the afternoon with *She is not your rehab*, details around this event to be released at a later date. Watch this space!



**OCTOBER 11TH  
@ HAKEKE STREET  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

***THIS IS A  
COMMUNITY EVENT  
FOR FAMILIES AND  
WHANAU.  
FUN ACTIVITIES FOR  
KIDS & KAI WILL BE  
PROVIDED.***

## **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION EXPO**

**"WEAVING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE"**

**Please email Lorraine Sheenagh (VIN Coordinator):**  
**vin@jigsawwhanganui.org.nz** to register your  
organisation/ agency interest in attending the expo @  
Hakeke Street Community Centre. Stalls provided, set up  
from 8am October 11th. Assistance on-site for help with  
unloading/ set-up.



**Register  
your interest!**



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY WORKSHOP (SUITABLE FOR ALL PEOPLE)



# HAVING TROUBLE TALKING ABOUT MONEY?

 Good Shepherd  
New Zealand



## HEALTHY FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 1:30 - 3PM @ HAKEKE ST COMMUNITY CENTRE

## FAMILY VIOLENCE: THEORIES, PRACTICE AND CURRENT ISSUES

### About this Workshop

This introductory interactive workshop is primarily intended for new staff or non-specialists who engage with families and whanau who may be experiencing family violence and associated family harm. While several aspects of family violence will be introduced, the primary focus will focus on intimate partner violence (IPV). While the workshop serves as an 'introduction', feedback from more experienced staff attending has been they also found it useful to refresh and update existing knowledge.

By the end of this workshop participants will be able to:

- Consider some of the definitions, behaviours and frameworks associated with family violence
- Consider some of the past and contemporary theories relating to IPV including the cycle of violence, power and control, and coercive control
- Consider various factors impacting on safe practice when working with LGBTQ+, people with disabilities and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities
- Describe the signs and symptoms associated with IPV
- Start the 'difficult conversations with 'clients'
- Responding to positive disclosures or suspected family violence
- Have greater awareness about court orders, police safety orders and associated initiatives, and
- Other contemporary issues, including topics raised by participants.

**THIS SOLD OUT IN AUGUST, AND HAD A WAITLIST, SO WE ARE HOSTING THIS WORKSHOP AGAIN IN OCTOBER!**

TO BOOK PLEASE GO TO:  
[ROBVEALE.COM](http://ROBVEALE.COM)

OCTOBER 17TH  
9AM - 3PM

BRECHIN LOUNGE  
ST PAUL'S CHURCH  
112 GUYTON STREET

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In an emergency call 111 and ask for POLICE. Family harm is a high priority for Police. Police take every opportunity to prevent harm and reduce offending and victimisation. Police is committed to a prompt, effective and nationally consistent approach to family harm episodes in collaboration with other agencies/iwi and with community partners. When Police attend a Family Harm Investigation they do so with "eyes wide open", which means working to understand the wider dynamics of family harm, the patterns of harm and the adverse circumstances in which they occur. It is not a private matter, it is a crime. Preventing and effectively responding to family violence is one of the greatest opportunities to improve the wellbeing and safety of our communities, and we all have a collaborative approach where Police partner with Iwi, Community agencies and providers to meet the needs of our community and tailor responses based on what our community needs and wants. FLOW visits Whanau after the initial Police attendance. FLOW act as navigators, enabling Whanau to access the most relevant service that will assist them to be safe from harm.

PH: **111 24/7**

**"WORKING TOGETHER FOR A  
VIOLENCE FREE WHANGANUI"**

## AGENCIES IN WHANGANUI



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### WOMEN'S REFUGE

PH: 06 344 2204

PH: 0800 733 843

North Island Option 4

24/7 crisis and support line

We work with women, children and families/whānau experiencing the effects of family violence by providing advice, support and advocacy, risk assessments and safety planning. We also provide safehouse accommodation for women and children at high risk of further harm and support women, children and families/whānau in the community.

Email: [advocate@refugewhanganui.org.nz](mailto:advocate@refugewhanganui.org.nz)



kaupapa whānau – thriving children, flourishing families

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Suite 10, 236 Victoria Ave

PH: 06 345 1636

Our team journey alongside whānau and families to be safe, confident and proud in their relationships and parenting their children. We support whānau and families resisting violence, healing trauma, building safety, strengthening family relationships, enjoying parenting, and getting support you need from other services. Our services include social work support, parenting programmes, and family harm prevention programmes. We also provide information and advice to whānau and families who are not sure where or how to get help.

Website: [jigsawwhanganui.org.nz/](http://jigsawwhanganui.org.nz/) Email: [jigsawwhanganui.org.nz](mailto:jigsawwhanganui.org.nz)

## TUPOHO-IWI AND COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

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Services include social work support and intervention to reduce whānau/family harm, advocacy and negotiation with statutory and other support agencies, and financial mentoring and education services.

Whakapūmautia te mana o nga tangata i roto i ngā tāngata.

Nurturing . Sustenance. Empowering.

Tupoho House

249 Victoria Avenue

PH: 06 345 2042

IT IS **OK** TO ASK FOR HELP

SHINE (Domestic Violence Helpline):

9am - 11pm

PH: 0508 744 633

SHAKTI (for Migrant Women):

24 hours a day/ 7 days a week

PH: 0800 742 584

Safe to Talk (Sexual Abuse):

24 hours a day/ 7 days a week

PH: 0800 044 334 or

TXT: 4334



Family Violence It's Not OK campaign

information line : 0800 456 450

Hey Bro - He Waka Tapu

(for men who want to stop being violent)

24 hours a day/ 7 days a week

PH: 0800 439 276



### Family Works

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179 Wicksteed Street

PH: 06 345 6681

Provides free individual or group programmes for women and children affected by family violence; an eight-week parenting programme - a Boundaries course for women and general counselling for individual adults, couples, children, adolescents and families. There is a fee for general counselling but funding is available that may assist with this.

Caring...enabling...supporting

Email: [familyworks-whanganui@psc.org.nz](mailto:familyworks-whanganui@psc.org.nz)



TE ORANGANUI

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57 Campbell Street

PH: 06 349 0007

Korowaitia te puna waiora  
hei oranga motuhake mo te iwi  
Empowering whānau into their futures.

Te Oranganui's Whanau & Community Services support whānau experiencing family violence. They support whānau to build resiliency and live nurturing and cohesive lives. Te Oranganui's other services also have a zero tolerance to family violence: Mental Health & Addiction, Disability Support Services, and GPs.

### ORANGA TAMARIKI

Ministry for Children

Ingestre Chambers

74 Ingestre Street Whanganui

PH: 0508 (FAMILY) 326 459

24 hours a day,

seven days a week

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Statutory Child Protection Service. Investigates concerns about serious abuse of children (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect), and provides youth justice services.



Email: [VIN@jigsawwhanganui.org.nz](mailto:VIN@jigsawwhanganui.org.nz)

Phone: 022 541 8747

[facebook.com/VINWhanganui](https://www.facebook.com/VINWhanganui)

### Kaupapa:

We believe all services need to be culturally appropriate and informed by the principles of the treaty of Waitangi.

We believe we all have a right to live in homes free from violence and oppression.

We are committed to the wellbeing of whānau and families.

We believe violence in families occurs in a wider context of oppression and inequality.

We challenge the nature and quality of social response in a society that supports violence and oppression.

We believe family violence is socially learned and can be changed through effective community action that strengthens community relationships and networks.

We believe the best way to achieve our objectives are to work together to build safe, resilient, strong and connected communities which enable whānau to thrive.



164 St Hill Street

PH: 06 345 1799

PH: 0800 EA NOT OK

(0800 32 668 65)

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Serving the needs of older people

A free and confidential Elder Abuse Response Service for people experiencing, or at risk of, elder abuse and/or neglect.

### Whanganui Safe and Free

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Specialist therapy and counselling for children, adolescents, whanau and families, and individuals affected by the trauma of sexual abuse and rape. Whanganui Safe and Free also offer Kaiawhina/Family Support for those directly and indirectly affected, and preventative education programmes for children and their parents/caregivers, for families and for students.

Suite 4, 236 Victoria Ave

PH: 06 343 3416

Email: [administrationwhanganuisafe.org.nz](mailto:administrationwhanganuisafe.org.nz)



LAW

COMMUNITY LEGAL  
ADVICE WHANGANUI

Suite 2, 236 Victoria Ave

PH: 06 348 8288

Community Legal Advice Whanganui can provide those living with family violence information and advice on dealing with the police, protection orders, occupation or tenancy orders, relationship property, the process to end a marriage, civil union or de facto relationship, and seeking the services of a family lawyer.

Email: [claw@claw.co.nz](mailto:claw@claw.co.nz)

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