



The Future of Family Violence Sector Funding

On 1 April 2011, the Hon. Tariana Turia, Associate Minister for Social Development announced that the Government will undertake a substantial and significant reorganisation of funding for Family Violence (FV) initiatives from 1 July 2011. There has been no consultation with the FV sector prior to this announcement. WAVES Trust is deeply concerned about the implications of these changes for the sector, its agencies, and the clients we all serve.

Funding for four current allocations will be discontinued as at 1 July, these initiatives are:

1. Te Rito Collaborative Community Violence Prevention Fund,
2. Advocates for Children and Young People Who Witness Family Violence Initiative,
3. FV Education Services,
4. FV Whanau Ora Fund

The bulk of the current funding allocated to these initiatives will be rolled into one fund to expand the \$2 million *Family Violence Whanau Ora Fund* renamed as the **Family-Centred Services Fund***. The total amount of this fund is \$10.535 million. Of this, \$2.8 million is allocated for one year only to support 'innovative and joined up family violence co-ordination'. In her press release announcing the Fund, the Minister stated that over the next year 'the Taskforce for Action on Violence within Families will complete its review on how best to achieve good coordination of family violence services and initiatives across New Zealand communities.'

Service providers currently funded under the discontinued streams have until **29 April 2011** to apply to the Ministry of Social Development for funding under the new *Family-Centred Services Fund*, except for current providers of *FV Whanau Ora Fund Services* who will have their contracts renewed if they meet outcome-based criteria. Funding is capped at a maximum \$100,000 per agency (or more if done collectively). They say that funding can be used to deliver services direct to families and whanau, to support them to access other services they may need, and reduce service fragmentation, duplication and gaps through better integration of current service responses and that the key goal of this Fund is to deliver 'more effective frontline services to families'.

What does this mean for the FV Sector in Waitakere?

At WAVES Trust we are very concerned about the lack of consultation prior to this announcement. There is no information provided to demonstrate how the Government has reached the conclusion that the services currently being delivered are ineffective, nor do we know why they believe this new model will be better. Furthermore, the details of funding priorities are vague and insubstantial.

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In particular, we are concerned about the 'corporatising' of the sector signalled in this announcement. Agencies are being forced to reapply for funding at short notice and under new terms. If this process is not handled by MSD with a view to controlling the impact of funding changes on the sector as a whole, it has the potential to destabilise established agencies, diminish our sectoral knowledge base and expertise, and create the very gaps that the Minister seeks to minimise. We are also concerned that established FV services will now be required to compete for funding with Whanau Ora providers in the same region who have been given priority in this new funding regime. This situation has the potential to create a highly individualistic, competitive funding environment despite the Minister's aspirations for collaborative and collective initiatives.

Of most concern to WAVES Trust is the loss of the *Te Rito: New Zealand Family Violence Prevention Strategy* and the lack of a clear commitment within this new Fund, or any other, to maintain funding for strategic direction or oversight beyond a promise to fund collective initiatives for 12 months. Funding frontline services alone will not be sufficient to maintain inter-agency networking and sector-wide strategic development that is responsive to the needs of our region and which links us into a wider, national network. The emphasis on frontline services has the potential to limit the sector's funding to supporting 'reactive' responses to FV. These losses to the sector may stifle rather than support opportunities for innovation, capacity building, and new service development. Where will the funding come from to support the so-called 'backroom' processes that are necessary to develop and implement new programmes? Changes to the coming Budget in relation to other areas of funding crucial to the sector remain unclear. For example, we do not know how this new Fund will interact with other funding initiatives such as the Community Response Model and whether the latter will be maintained at current levels, increased, or reduced.

On the plus side, we know that Ministry of Social Development staff are well aware that community-based prevention initiatives and strategic development and oversight for the sector are important components of a locally coordinated community collaboration that addresses violence at all levels: prevention, early intervention, and crisis intervention. We urge the Minister and her advisors to approach their decision-making with caution and with an eye to the long term impacts on local and regional FV sectors and the people they serve.

*Information on the new Family-Centred Services Fund and information about briefings can be found at:
www.familyservices.govt.nz

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WAVES UPDATE

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. Sadly it has been a sombre start to 2011 with too many natural disasters occurring far too close to home. Our heartfelt sympathies go to the people affected by the latest earthquakes in Christchurch and Japan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

We have headlined our newsletter with an article about changes to funding of the Family Violence sector. We can but wait and see how these changes impact the sector in Waitakere. Due to the uncertainty around WAVES Trust's funding this may be the last newsletter for a while. But we will continue to advocate on behalf of the network and will communicate with you all via email as usual.

On a more positive note, after a hot and sticky start to the year WAVES has had a heat pump/air conditioner installed in our meeting room. We hope that this will improve our guests' experience of our facilities.

Readers will note the newsletter has a strong theme around Family Violence and children. WAVES is supporting a number of initiatives aimed at addressing some of the issues faced by children in our community and we intend to continue making children a priority in our work.

Please note also that the next inter-agency meeting date has changed to 19 April, and the venue has changed to the Glen Eden Baptist Church for this and future meetings.

INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS

Note the New Venue!

Glen Eden Baptist Church, 97 Glendale Rd,
Glen Eden

Time: bi-monthly on Tuesdays 10am-noon

Dates: **19 April; 14 June; 9 August;
4 October; 6 December.**

Do put these dates in your diary now!

NEW AND NEWS FROM WAITAKERE

Big Changes for Refuge



Viviana/Western Refuge service has changed name and moved to new office premises.

We have reclaimed our whakapapa by reverting to **Western Refuge Society** as the name for our organisation. This name goes back some 30 odd years to the formation of a victim

service in Waitakere and we are proud of our history.

As you can see from our logo above we also would like to honour **Viviana** and this name will continue to be used for our work in FV Court.

The other names are being developed to support the work we are doing with LIFEWISE and also we are looking to name our refuge safe house.

In March the team moved to new premises on the ground floor at 10 Pioneer St, Henderson. This is a wonderful space that will better suit our clients' needs for a safe, confidential meeting space.

Our thanks to the network and others for their support.

You can contact us at:

Western Refuge Society Inc.

10 Pioneer St, Henderson

Ph 836 1987 Fax 835 1850

PO Box 21593, Henderson, Auckland 0650

www.westernrefuge.org.nz



The Team at Western Refuge Society Inc. in their new offices

Waitakere Police News

Iain Chapman has moved from leading the Waitakere Police Family Violence (FV) and Problem Solving Teams back to front-line duties. Detective Sergeant Kelly Farrant-Alofa has returned to head the Family Violence Team. Kelly led the FV Team from its formation in 2008 before taking a year's maternity leave. Sergeant Wendy Pickering has moved from front-line policing to lead the Problem Solving Team.



Detective Sergeant Kelly Farrant-Alofa, Constable Denisa Diaconescu, and Constable Kellie Osborne from the Waitakere Police Family Violence Team.

For the next three to six months the Problem Solving Team will be assisting the work of the Child Protection Team. The Police have made child protection a priority in response to increased reporting of suspected child abuse, which may be related to public concerns raised by recent cases and the current economic climate.

In addition to child abuse FV continues to be an area of concern for police. January saw a record high number of police FV callouts at 503, the usual numbers are in the range of 350 to 400. There were 413 FV callouts in February but double the number of cases required investigation: 60 compared to 27 in January. March is forecast to be similarly high with 30 files under investigation by the 21st.

On April 8th, Waitakere Police and Auckland Council are hosting local FV victims at a lunch and afternoon with Jude Simpson (It's Not Okay champion). The aim is to encourage victims to make positive changes supporting violence-free relationships in the future. Kelly says a similar lunch held two years ago was very successful and none of the attendees has subsequently contacted police about FV.

If organisations have goods to donate to help fill gift bags for the participants at Jude's lunch, these would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kelly at

Kelly.Farrant.Alofa@police.govt.nz or ph. 839 0709

Tikanga Whakatipu Ririki: A Way of Raising Children

Maori child advocacy organisation Te Kahui Mana Ririki has been working towards the goal of eliminating Maori child abuse and over the past four years the organisation has been developing a Maori parenting model, *Tikanga Whakatipu Ririki*. The model is directed at Maori families and uses Maori language and concepts to convey positive parenting information.



The principles of *Tikanga Whakatipu Ririki* are supported by research into Maori parenting pre-European contact. Hitting was not a disciplinary technique for children in traditional Maori society. Instead, Maori child-rearing practices were characterised by collective, gender-specific parenting that did not segregate children from adult forums. Children's sense of belonging was instilled through learning whakapapa from adults singing lullaby and 'chanting', which often began when children were still in the womb.

Development of the model was supported by dialogue with Barnadoes, Plunket, and Epoch, and in consultation with Maori providers from around the country at 25 workshops held last year. Te Kahui Mana Ririki are currently developing a handbook explaining to providers how to use the material in either one-on-one sessions or at group programmes. WAVES Trust has contributed \$5,000 from FACS funds to the production of resources.

Tikanga Whakatipu Ririki combines modern principles of positive parenting with the philosophical underpinnings of traditional Maori parenting practices to build an indigenous parenting model suitable for 21st century families. The model consists of three parts:

1. the goals of parenting
2. beliefs around parenting
3. parenting techniques

The model is currently being piloted with providers at 8 sites: Gisborne, Hastings, Palmerston North, Hamilton, Manukau, Waitakere, Whangarei, and Kaitia. The aim is develop a strategy to roll the model out to Maori families across Aotearoa, and Te Kahui Mana Ririki will continue to provide support for the model.

At a local level there will be a Hui on 25 May at Corban Estate Arts Centre in Henderson which will give Waitakere providers an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the materials and develop a roll-out strategy for Waitakere.

Te Kahui Mana Ririki is enormously proud of this model and grateful to the many organisations and individuals who have supported its development.



New Family Violence Project Leader at Auckland Council

At the end of April, we are saying farewell to Anton Blank who has held the role of Family Violence Project Leader within Council for the past 18 months. However, Anton will remain in contact with the family violence sector here in Waitakere, working with Tatai Atawhai, the Maori arm of the Family Violence Taskforce.



Anton Blank



Kelly Maung is the new FV Project Leader. She will begin work with Council on 11 April 2011. Kelly has been working with ACC as an Injury Prevention Consultant. She brings to the role a wealth of experience in project development and relationship management. Feel free to call Kelly on 836 8000 xtn 8048, or email her at: kelly.maung@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Kelly Maung

Domestic Violence and Disabled People Booklet

On International Women's Day, March 8th, the Minister of Women's Affairs, the Hon. Hekia Parata, launched an innovative new information booklet focusing on family violence and disability.



Developed by a collaborative group from the disability and family violence sectors, the *Domestic Violence and Disabled People* booklet is the first of its kind in NZ. The booklet provides important information for disabled people, their friends and families and those who work with them, about how to recognise domestic violence and how and where to get help.

WAVES Trust coordinator Debbie Hager was part of the DVD (Domestic Violence and Disability) coalition that developed the booklet. Debbie says "This resource will make a difference to the lives of disabled women and we hope it is the first of many measures to help disabled women find safety from abuse."

The booklet has been funded by MSD through the family violence project – *It's Not OK* with the support of the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand, Shine*, and WAVES Trust. It is available in two sizes, A4 or A5. Copies can be ordered online from www.areyouok.org.nz/publications.php

RESEARCH*

**Fully referenced literature reviews are on WAVES Trust's website, copies of references are available from our library*

Children & Family Violence Literature Review

This year WAVES Trust's projects will continue to make a priority of initiatives supporting children from homes affected by family violence (FV). In 2009, approximately 3,500 children were identified as usually living with adult FV victims by Waitakere Police attending callouts. We believe that this figure is only the tip of the iceberg in relation to children who live in homes where there is violence between adult household members. Longitudinal studies suggest that one to two in every five New Zealand children witnessed violent incidents between adults in their home during childhood, and up to half of these children lived with violence at home for long periods. Based on figures from the 2006 census, we estimate that during their childhood between 6,000 and 11,000 Waitakere children will witness violent incidents between adults at home, with as many again likely to live with ongoing violence between adults at home for long periods of their childhood.

Children who live in homes where there is FV are not generally isolated from the violence. Children will be affected by the experience regardless of their relationship to the aggressor, the aggressor's gender, or whether the violence is uni-directional or bi-directional. These children will live with the ongoing consequences of violence in a variety of ways. Their households are often characterised by high levels of stress and chaotic or inadequate parenting. During their lifetimes, these children are 3 to 9 times more likely to be victimised either within or outside the family than those from non-IPV-affected homes. And between 30% and 70% of the children living in FV-households are also likely to experience some form of maltreatment from adults in the home including physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, or neglect.

As a consequence of their home life, these children face more difficulties than their peers. Living with violence at home has been associated with a range of adverse outcomes for children across all age groups. These outcomes include attachment problems in infants; behavioural problems, mental health problems such as anxiety and depression, difficulties in their relationships with peers, and low educational attainment in preschoolers and school aged children. These children are also likely to be impacted into adolescence and adulthood. They are more likely than their non-FV peers to engage in crimes against property, to abuse alcohol or other substances, to experience or perpetrate violence within intimate relationships, and live with chronic mental or physical health problems including depression, obesity, cardiovascular or lung disease, diabetes, and other inflammation-related conditions.

Despite the adversities these children face, few will be eligible to have child protection services intervene on their behalf. In 2009, around one quarter of children identified at police FV callouts were notified to CYF and only one third of these

notifications were picked up by CYF for further action (around 10% of all the Waitakere children identified). This means that the vast majority of children living in FV households will continue to be live in their violence-affected home even after interventions by the police and FV sector services.

Not all children will be affected in the same way by these experiences: overseas research suggests that up to half of FV-household children will be resilient in the face of such adversities. Resilience is 'a dynamic developmental process ... or progression in which new strengths and vulnerabilities emerge over time and under changing circumstances'. Recent studies suggest that protective factors which enhance resilience include the absence of child abuse and neglect, having supportive family

relationships, particular child and/or parent personality traits, and environmental factors such as supportive neighbourhoods and schools. These protective factors can contribute to children's ability to develop normally in spite of their stressful home lives.

However, this means that significant numbers of children are likely to be or become maladjusted as a result of their home lives. Some children are more vulnerable to maladjustment than others particularly those who do not have a high IQ or a positive temperament. But the stresses FV places on children are cumulative meaning that the advantages gained from IQ and temperament can be eroded as the number of stressors in children's lives increase. The children most at risk of maladjustment are those living with ongoing violence and other stressors such as maltreatment, parent(s) with mental illness or addictions, lack of household stability and the experience of living in high-crime/low socially cohesive neighbourhoods. The quality of children's relationships with their parents are also a factor: children are at higher risk of maladjustment if their parents are not competent in their parenting, or are unwilling/unable to register the relationship between the violence and their children's behaviour or to understand their children as adversely affected by their home life.

Gewirtz & Edleson have argued that 'minimizing the number of risk factors to which children are exposed, while simultaneously encouraging protective processes can be highly effective in reducing negative outcomes' for children. Currently in Waitakere, the FV sector works well at the first part of this statement by providing services to minimise risk factors — working with victims to enhance family safety, encouraging abusers to stop violence at home, and offering counselling and programmes to those affected by violence including children. These activities also promote at least one protective factor by reducing some children's exposure to violence.

But victims and abusers do not always engage with helping services and even when they do this does not always reduce





their children's experience of violence at home. So what can services and communities do to support these children? WAVES' current focus is on expanding the range of protective factors for children encouraged by the FV sector and our wider communities.

Recent overseas research has begun to focus on investigating the characteristics of resilient children and examining the influence of environmental factors on resilience. These studies suggest there are a number of protective factors for children that can be fostered through the actions of agencies and wider communities, even if children continue to be exposed to violence at home. Interventions should be tailored to meet individual children's needs but might include:

1. identifying child maltreatment and addressing the trauma it causes
2. encouraging open, honest engagement between parent(s) and children that acknowledges the children's experience of violence.
3. promoting parental warmth and functioning including addressing relationship difficulties between parent(s) and their children and supporting parent(s) to seek help for impediments to good parenting such mental health issues or poor parenting skills.
4. empowering children with safety plans and the knowledge that violence is not their fault.
5. encouraging the development of relationships with other adults who are aware of the child's exposure to violence and are able to respond appropriately and supportively.
6. encouraging the development of socially cohesive neighbourhoods with high levels of informal social control where FV is not okay.
7. encouraging children's development of self esteem, e.g. at school.
8. schools recognising the signs of children living with violence at home and providing safe spaces for children to express their grief, provide education on how to deal appropriately with anger, and give children opportunities to engage with appropriate adult role models.

Some of the activities listed above focus on changing parent(s) behaviour or addressing their needs. Although it is sometimes tempting, using children as a stick to beat their parents with is not helpful. But children deserve attention beyond their need for good parenting. Despite the limitations on children's autonomy imposed by their status as dependents, they are still agents in their own lives and their lives intersect with a number of agencies.

Over the coming year WAVES will continue to disseminate information about recent research and look at practical ways that the FV sector and child-focused services can contribute to the wellbeing of children living with FV at home.

FV & Ethnic Communities Literature Review

Another WAVES project for 2010/11 has been looking into the needs of our local ethnic communities in relation to FV services. Recent cases in the news media have underscored that the FV sector needs to develop an understanding of migrant/refugee experiences of FV and to improve knowledge within ethnic communities about where to get help.

The ethnic communities in Waitakere City are diverse, made up mostly of peoples from the Asian subcontinent, extending from Afghanistan in the north-east to Japan in the north-west and including India, China, and south-east Asia to Indonesia. As at the 2006 census, Asians made up 16% of Waitakere City population whilst Middle Eastern, African and Latin American peoples made up just 2%. Statistics NZ project that Waitakere City's Asian population will increase from 28,323 to around 61,000 by 2021.

International research conducted on the experience of FV by migrants to western receiving countries suggests that the incidence of family violence is not higher in migrant communities than among locally-born residents. But researchers also acknowledge that migrants from non-western, patriarchal cultures may accept and even promote the use of violence in the home as a discipline or conflict resolution strategy. The pattern of family violence in ethnic communities is highly gendered with women most often the victims. However, perpetrators may be male or female as violence may be intergenerational, for example perpetrated by mothers-in-law on daughters-in-law or by adults upon children and young people as discipline.

Many believe that the acceptance of violence as discipline and the socialisation of women as submissive contributes to the underreporting of family violence among NZ's ethnic communities. This situation can lead to concerning ramifications for victims. Overseas research suggests that migrant women may experience higher levels of extreme violence and are more likely to suffer severe injury as a result. In NZ, Asians born overseas were over-represented in couples-related homicides (all femicides) between 2002 and 2006: 17% of victims and 13% of perpetrators compared to 9% of the national population.

Settlement issues are frequently identified as triggers for family violence, especially male unemployment or underemployment. Some men are believed to be triggered by wives' and daughters' desire to participate in the opportunities available to women in western receiving countries, leading to men becoming 'more traditional' than they had been in their home countries. Family members may also react negatively to young peoples' desire to adopt local behaviours that would be considered offensive in their home country.

Care must be taken, however, to avoid minimising family violence as simply a consequence of settlement issues. Many of these issues, like unemployment and financial stress, are known triggers for FV among the locally-born population. Likewise, many migrants and refugees experience settlement issues but do not harm their families.

NZ immigration policies and rules contribute to the problem by creating an underclass of 'sponsored' dependents including women, children, and elders. These policies reinforce male privilege and are known to be abused allowing a range of illegal behaviours including theft of dowries and fraud, prolonging victims' experience of abuse because leaving the relationship may mean losing the legal right to remain in the country, especially if they have children born here. Whilst some changes have been made to immigration policies to mitigate these risks, there remain concerns that the changes are not far-reaching enough.

WAVES is currently working with a group of service providers towards expanding the FV sector's capacity to respond to FV in ethnic communities.

NEW IN WAVES' LIBRARY

Children

Hidden in Front of Us, (Child Matters, Hamilton, 2010)

Inquiry into Police Conduct, Practices, Policies and Procedures Relating to the Investigation of Child Abuse, (IPCA, Wellington, 2010)

Preventing Child Neglect in New Zealand: A Public Health Assessment of the Evidence, Current Approach, and Best Practice Guidance, (Office of the Children's Commissioner, Wellington, 2010)

School-based Violence Prevention Programmes: A Literature Review, (ACC, 2007)

The Support Needs of Children and Young People who have to Move Home Because of Domestic Abuse (Scottish Women's Aid, Edinburgh)

In addition we have a large number of articles on the following themes:

- Children as witnesses to family violence
- Impact of FV on children
- Patterns of resilience in children
- Initiatives that foster resilience

Ethnic Communities

Family Resilience: The Settlement Experience for Asian Immigrant Families in New Zealand, (Families Commission, Wellington, 2010)

Speak Up, Seek Help, Safe Home: A Review of Literature on Culturally Appropriate Interventions for Intimate Partner Violence in Ethnic Communities, (MWA, Wellington 2010)

Family

Arotake Tukino Whanau: Literature Review on Family Violence, (Te Puni Kokiri, Wellington, 2010)

Learning From Tragedy: Homicide Within Families in New Zealand, 2002–2006, (MSD, Wellington, 2010)

Men

Questioning Accountability: A Statistical Description of Programme Effectiveness as an Intervention through the Waitakere Family Violence Court, (Massey University, Albany, 2010)

Sexual Violence

Insights into Sexual Assault Perpetration: Giving Voice to Victim/Survivors' Knowledge, (Australian Institute of Family Studies, ACT, 2010)

Pacific Pathways to the Prevention of Sexual Violence, including Niue, Tuvalu, Tonga, Fiji, Tokelau, Samoa, (University of Auckland, Auckland, 2010)

Women

It Could Be You: Female, Single, Older and Homeless, (Homelessness NSW, NSW, 2010)

Living at the Cutting Edge: Women's Experience of Protection Orders, (MWA/University of Waikato, Hamilton, 2007)

Preventing Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Against Women: Taking Action and Generating Evidence, (WHO, Geneva, 2010)

NOTICEBOARD

Accounting/Administrator position sought

I am a qualified accountant seeking a position with a non-for-profit organisation in the West Auckland or North Shore areas.

I have been in finance roles within the corporate sector but am now looking to use my experience in the non-for-profit sector. I enjoy being hands-on and able to contribute in any area of the organisation.

I can be contacted on: email, fleazz@gmail.com; mobile, 021 2232592

David Wilson



Invitation to The Couch

The Families Commission has set up online panel The Couch to hear the views of New Zealanders on issues relating to families.

It is part of their wider community engagement programme where they regularly seek feedback from families, as well as community groups and organisations, through forums and meetings.

The responses from their polls and questionnaires on The Couch help them in their advocacy work to improve services and support for families, and improve their advice on proposed government policies.

To sign up for their online panel, or to view previous results, visit www.thecouch.org.nz.

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> Giving New Zealand families a voice Te reo o te whānau

Tui Glen Centre For Hire

4 large rooms for hire in the evenings, weekends or school holidays. 1 large room and 1 small office available during the days in term time

Accessible, suitable for AGM's, seminars, meetings, social events. Each room can be set up for many different purposes. Park surroundings, kitchen available, and plenty of parking.

2 Claude Brookes Drive, Henderson

Contact Janet ph 836 6830 email admin@inrf.org.nz

WHAT'S ON

EVENTS & COURSES:

Advanced Training in Trauma Treatment using PsychoSomatic Integration (PSI) with Judy Lightstone

Eating and Body Image Issues Introduction: Saturdays
7th & 28th May 2011 at HD&T

New PSI Seminar series: Fortnightly from 9 August 2011 at Youthline Ponsonby

For more information visit:

www.psychotherapist.org.nz/PSIinstituteTraining.htm

or contact Judy Lightstone,

jlightstone@gmail.com ph 027 657-2106

The Incredible Years

This popular 14 week programme explores ways for parents to build good relationships & positive behaviour in their children.

26th May – 31st August 2011, 9.30-12.00

3 Montel Avenue Henderson

***Limited Childcare Available**

For more information or to register ph 835 1288 or email waitakere@northern.familyworks.org.nz



Responding Effectively to Victims of Domestic Violence

Introductory One Day Training
Wednesday 27 April 2011, 9am-4pm
Lunch and refreshments provided

- Understanding the dynamics of domestic violence
- Identifying the effects of domestic violence
- Understanding the complexities of why women stay
- Learning how to intervene safely and effectively
- Clarifying professional boundaries and ethical issues

Venue: shine*, Ground Floor, 409 New North Rd, Kingsland, ph 815 4595 email trainer@2shine.org.nz
Cost: \$105-\$235 depending on circumstances, earlybird discounts available.

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Tikanga Whakatipu Ririki workshop

9.30am – 3.00pm, Wednesday 25 May
Corban's Estate Arts Centre

Enquiries: helen-harte@xtra.co.nz

Come and learn about this unique parenting model – and contribute to an implementation strategy for Waitakere.



Waitakere Abuse and Trauma Counselling Service FV Groups



Moving on from Violence – a group for women

- Learn how violence affects your children
- Understand rights in relationships
- Have fun and be supportive of yourself and other women

Art Xpress – creative art therapy groups for Youth aged 12-17 or Adults

1. Explore, express and communicate feelings;
2. Clarify, identify and organise feelings;
3. Contain or free emotional energy;
4. Find new ways to think about feelings;
5. Rehearse new ways of dealing with feelings.

For more information contact WATCS ph 837 2491

Creating Peaceful Pathways Workshop

Run by Alternatives to Violence Project Auckland.
Open to all adults (subsidies available).

2011 Workshop Dates Include:

May 27-29, August 19-21

September 30 – Oct 2

To register or discuss further please contact

Darian Smith, AVP Coordinator, PO Box 70099
Ranui 0655, ian.avp@vodafone.co.nz ph: 8383392

Suicide Intervention Skills Workshop



April 26 and 27, 2011 9am-5pm,

A two-day, skills based interactive workshop teaching you how to:

- Recognise suicide signals
- Intervene and support with confidence
- Link those at risk to expert assistance in the community

Designed for anyone working with people in the community.

At Onehunga Community Centre, 1 Pearce St, Onehunga

Cost: \$370 incl GST, workbook provided

Contact: Ben 09 909 9207 email bens@lifeline.org.nz

Or register online at www.livingworks.org.nz



Know Your Rights At Work FREE Seminar

An overview of basic

rights and entitlements in the workplace. We will be covering a range of entitlements, including holidays and breaks. This presentation aims to ensure the community knows their basic rights. The prevalence of employer breaches of these basic rights is surprisingly high in the community. We wish to change that.

Wednesday 6th of April at 7pm (Free)

At Rutherford College in conjunction with Education West Auckland, with Shane Henderson (BA, LLB.)

To sign up contact Andrea ph 834 4099

Workshops on Creating Change to Prevent Family Violence

Auckland 12th May 1-4.30pm Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Rd, Manurewa

All over New Zealand people are working to increase understanding and mobilise communities to prevent family violence. More people than ever are undertaking initiatives aimed at stopping family violence before it happens.



The "It's not OK" Campaign have recently completed a toolkit that summarises what we have learnt from community action around the country. We now wish to share this through "Creating Change" workshops which will provide ideas and tools for strengthening family violence prevention work.

The workshops will focus on: developing partnerships with sports organisations, businesses, and local government; sharing examples of effective community action projects; and building the social movement to prevent violence. The toolkit also provides case studies, and information on social marketing and evaluation.

Each workshop will include presentations from local projects and time for focused discussion in small groups. Participants will receive the Creating Change toolkit.

RSVP - There is no charge for the workshop, but numbers are limited so please reply to let us know if you want to attend. Please RSVP to Ilona Rozner ilona.rozner001@msd.govt.nz and be sure to include which location you will be attending.

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Website: www.areyouok.org.nz or Facebook: www.facebook.com/ItsNotOK

Women's Health

Conference 2011

Saturday 21st— Sunday 22nd May

Lincoln Green Conference Centre,
Henderson, Auckland

Enquiries to Georgina McPherson ph 021 240 6420
Or Susan Rae 021 654 614



Toitō Manawa — Inspiring Change Hui

8th, 9th, and 10th June 2011 at Tapu Te Ranga Marae
Island Bay, Wellington (Cost ranges from \$250-\$350)

This Hui will bring together a wide cross section of innovative presenters and participants from the community and government to share, inspire, and lead thinking in preventing domestic violence and creating a safer Aotearoa/New Zealand.

For more information contact NNSVS at info@nnsvs.org.nz

WAVES TRAINING & SEMINARS

Introduction to Family Violence

2 days 9.30am – 4.30pm Lunch included Fee \$50pp, venue to be confirmed.

Dates: July 6 & 13; or November 1 & 7.

Participants must come for both days.

This introductory workshop will help participants understand:



- the dynamics of domestic violence
- the incidence of domestic violence in New Zealand and who is affected
- the effects, on women and children, of witnessing and experiencing violence and abuse in their homes
- Maori perspectives of domestic violence
- how to offer constructive help without in-depth intervention
- who does what in family violence service provision in Waitakere

WHO THIS TRAINING IS FOR:

Community workers, therapists, GPs and practice nurses, health and social service agency staff, police, lawyers, teachers, and early childhood workers.

For bookings contact Ann Ross at WAVES Trust
ph 838 4834, email ann@waves.org.nz

Bail in New Zealand: reviewing aspects of the bail system (Free)

WAVES and the Waitakere Community Law Centre will hold a seminar about the discussion document *Bail In New Zealand* on April 8th, 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

The Ministry of Justice has produced a discussion paper about reviewing aspects of bail provision in New Zealand. The proposed changes could have either a positive or negative effect on the work we all do to keep victims safe and hold offenders responsible for their actions. The purpose of the seminar is to discuss the proposed changes as they apply to the prosecution of domestic violence offences.

The link to the discussion document is <http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/criminal-justice/review-of-aspects-of-the-bail-system/?searchterm=bail%20review>

Seminar

Date: April 8th

Time: 2.00 – 4.00

Venue: WAVES Trust, 7 Henderson Valley Road

Shane Henderson, Legal Education Co-ordinator from the Waitakere Community Law Service, will present an overview of the proposed changes to the current legislation.

Please RSVP to ann@waves.org.nz

For more information contact Debbie at WAVES 838 4834

WHO IS IN THE WAVES NETWORK?

and what is the main focus of their family violence related activities?

Age Concern Focus: Elder Abuse. Contact: Maja Mumenthaler 57 Rosebank Road, Avondale 1026. ph: 820 2717 email: majam@ageconak.org.nz

AVP (Alternatives to Violence) Project Focus: Workshops to help people create healthy relationships, peaceful communities and alternatives to violence. Contact: Auckland Coordinator Darien Smith, PO Box 70099 Ranui 0655 ph: 838 3392 email: darien.avp@vodafone.co.nz

Auckland Council Contact: Family Violence Project Leader, Kelly Maung, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson. ph: 836 8000 ext. 8048 email: Kelly.Maung@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Barnardos Focus: "Children Come First", Child safety and family wellbeing, working across our services and with other agencies to ensure that the needs of the children and young people are best met and their families have the best opportunities to make a difference. Contact: Vicki Khoo, 13 Edsel Street, Henderson. ph: 838 0419 email: vicki.khoo@barnardos.org.nz

Brainwave Trust Focus: Child development and the importance of the first three years. Contact: Jane Valentine-Burt, 3-39 Hawera Rd, Kohimarama. ph: 416 5385 email: jane@brainwave.org.nz

CADS West 65+ Focus: Alcohol and drug counselling. Contact: David Fenn, CADS West Unit, Floor 1, 1 Trading Place, Henderson. ph: 837 9400 email: davidfenn@waitematadhb.govt.nz

Changeworks Focus: Counselling and group processes to support the development of

relationship skills to address issues of anger and abuse in children, young men, women and families. Contact: Ron Hepworth, Level 3, John Henry Building, Pioneer Street, Henderson. ph: 836 3773 email: ron@changeworks.org.nz Contact: Steve Deakin email: steve@changeworks.org.nz

Child Youth and Family Services Focus: Care and protection of children. **Contact:** Amritha Krishnamurthi, 1st floor, 22-24 Cabernet Crescent, Westgate, PO Box 93 117, Henderson, Waitakere 0650. Ph: (09) 926 8052 email: Amritha.Krishnamurthi003@cyf.govt.nz

Family Works Northern Focus: Supporting children aged up to 17, and their families, to make positive and lasting differences in their lives. Contact: Ian Tomkins, 3 Montel Ave, Henderson. ph: 835 1288 email: iant@northern.familyworks.org.nz

Helensville Women and Family Centre Focus: Services for women and families. Contact: Christine Salmon, 51 Commercial Road, Helensville. Ph: (09) 420 7992 email: info@hwfc.co.nz

Inner City Women's group Focus: Preventing violence against women by educating and supporting women to break cycles of abuse. Contact: Hazel Scott, 4 Warnock Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland. ph: 3604933 email: icwg@xtra.co.nz

Lifewise Focus: Preventing Family Violence by providing home based family support and advocacy, parenting programmes or just someone to talk to. Contact: Rose Harrop, 298 West Coast Rd, Glen Eden. ph: 818 0201

email: roseh@lifewise.org.nz

Man Alive Focus: Stopping violence groups for men. Contact: Karin Tautuhi, 11 Edmonton Road, Henderson. Ph: (09) 835 0509 ext: 833 or email: info@manalive.org.nz

Pacific Island Safety & Prevention Project (PISPP) Focus: Anti violence programmes for men. Individual and couple counselling for adults and youth. Programmes run in English, Tongan and Samoan. Contact: Cheryl Davis, 399 Don Buck Road, Massey. ph: 832 2555 email: PISPP@xtra.co.nz

Parent Trust Focus: Parenting programmes - being the parent you want to be. Contact: Helen Parkes, 13 Maidstone Street, Youthline House, Grey Lynn. ph: 376 0400. email: info@parenttrust.org.nz

Plunket Focus: The health and wellbeing of children. Screening for family violence. Contact: Caro Walker, 8a Woodford Ave, Henderson. ph: 838 0981 email: caro.walker@plunket.org.nz

Police District Child Protection & FV Coordinator Contact: Nadene Richmond, PO Box 33 1046 Takapuna. ph: 362 7573 mob: 027 501 5784 nadene.richmond@police.govt.nz

Police Waitakere Child Protection Team Contact: Megan Goldie, Tia Winikerei, 7 Buscombe Ave, ph 839 0600 email: Megan.goldie@police.govt.nz Tia.winikerei@police.govt.nz

Police Waitakere Family Violence Unit Contact: Hannah Goodburn, Kelly Farrant-Alofa, 7 Buscombe Ave, Henderson. ph: 839 0600 email: hannah.goodburn@police.govt.nz Kelly.Farrant.Alofa@police.govt.nz

Relationship Services

Focus: Counselling for couples.
Contact: Trish Goldstone, 11 Albert Pryor Ave, Henderson. ph: 837 2723 email: westauckland@relate.org.nz

Shakti Focus: Domestic violence intervention & refuge support for Asian, African and Middle Eastern women. Contact Tinsy Seethi, 153 Rathgar Road, Henderson. ph: (09) 636 8512. email: saws2@shakti.org.nz

Tika Maranga Focus: Refuge for Maori women Contact: Kathy Apiata, PO Box 21 735, Henderson. ph: 833 9653 email: tika1@xtra.co.nz

Tu Wahine Focus: Counsellors and Therapists for Wahine, Tamariki and Whanau who have been involved in Whanau and Sexual Violence. Provide Pepi/Tamariki/Rangatahi Advocacy Services and Primary Prevention projects and training. Contact: Stella Gukibau - Tumuaki/Director, 247 Edmonton Road, Te Atatu South. ph: 838 8700 email: stella@tuwahine.org.nz Ngaroimata Reid – Projects Manager email: ngaroimata@tuwahine.org.nz

Violence Free Waitakere Focus: Zero tolerance to violence and promoting positive parenting. Contact: Elaine Dyer, 7 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson. ph: 837 4849 email: vfw@xtra.co.nz

Waipareira Trust Contact: Paul Watkin, Cnr Edmonton & Great North Roads, Henderson. ph: 836 6683 email: Paul.Watkin@wai-trust.co.nz

Waitakere Abuse & Trauma Counselling Services Focus: A face to face counselling service for people whose lives have been affected by abuse, trauma or family

violence. Contact: Michelle Clayton, 247 Edmonton Road, Te Atatu South. ph: 837 2491 email: watcs@xtra.co.nz

Waitakere District Court Manager Contact: Debbie Masani, 9 - 11 Ratanui Street, Henderson. ph: 916 5230 email: Debbie.Masani@justice.govt.nz

Waitakere District Court Victim Advisors Focus: Victims of crime. Provide information about their rights within the criminal justice system, improve their understanding about proceedings, keep them updated about the progress of the case they have an interest in and prepare and assist them to participate in the process. Natalie Dillon, 9–11 Ratanui St, Henderson. ph: 916 5330 email: natalie.dillon@justice.govt.nz Regional Coordinator Pat Worthington ph: 916 9289 email: pat.worthington@justice.govt.nz

Waitakere Family Court Contact: Selina Vaifale, 9 - 11 Ratanui St, Henderson. ph: 916 5230 email: selina.vaifale@justice.govt.nz

Waitakere Health Link Focus: Ensuring that the community is heard in health care decision-making. Contact: Susan Armstrong, Health West Building, Waitakere Hospital, 55 - 75 Lincoln Road, Henderson. ph: 839 0512 email: susan@waitakerehealthlink.org.nz

Waitakere Probation Service. Focus: Monitor and manage offenders on community-based sentences, part of which is to address rehabilitative and reintegrative needs and prosecute offenders for non compliance with their sentences. Also, write pre-sentence reports, reparation reports and pre-release parole assessments. Contact: Teresa Smyth, 92

Railside Avenue, Henderson. ph: 837 8700
www.corrections.govt.nz

Waitakere Women's Centre. Focus: Family violence support group for women dealing with family violence in/out of the relationship. Contact: Mavis Seymour, 111 McLeod Rd, Glendene ph: 838 6381 email: wawc@xtra.co.nz

Waitemata District Health Board Focus: Policy development and the training of DHB staff about family violence and the DHB screening protocols. Contact: Margaret Devlin, Health West Building, Waitakere Hospital, 55-75 Lincoln Road, Henderson. ph: 486 8920 x 6359 email: Margaret.devlin@waitematadhb.govt.nz

West Auckland Victim Support Focus: Supporting victims and providing information about services and options. Contact: Maree Hemana & Lil Clark, Henderson Police Station, 7 Buscombe Avenue, Henderson. ph: 839 0677 email: waitakere@victimsupport.org.nz

Western Refuge Society Focus: Refuge and outreach services for abused women. Contact: Poto Williams, 10 Pioneer St, Henderson. ph: 836 1987 email: potow@xtra.co.nz

Work and Income Focus: Mentoring of staff to ensure equitable access to benefits and appropriate referral to specialised advocacy/ safety planning/ stopping violence groups for clients who are experiencing or perpetrating domestic violence. Contact: Jo Anne O'Connor, 36-44 Sel Peacock Drive, Henderson. ph: 913 0323 email: joanne.o'connor003@msd.govt.nz Contact: Mary Underwood, Level 2 Building A, 65 Main Highway, Ellerslie. ph: 917 7150 email: mary.underwood002@msd.govt.nz

Other Waitakere Contacts:

C.A.R.E Waitakere Trust. Focus: General counselling, including providing specialist grief therapy for children suffering from loss of a loved one. Contact: Kathy Clist, 64 Waipani Road, Te Atatu Peninsula, ph: 834 6480 email: admin@carewaitakere.org.nz

Dayspring Trust Focus: Support for women who have been abused - especially those with mental health problems. Contact: Jane Bruce, 2 Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn. ph: 827 6321 email: janedayspring@xtra.co.nz

Fatimah Foundation Focus: Family Assistance to Islamic Mothers and Homes. Provides support groups and advocacy for muslim women, children, and families based upon Islamic principals. Contact: Shamima Hafiz ph 276 7680 email: shamima@fatimahfoundation.org.nz

NZ Ethnic Social Services Focus: Helping refugee and migrant families settle into NZ, supporting women, men and children involved in family violence to lead non

abusive lives. Contact: Hassan Hosseini, 56a Covil Ave, Te Atatu South. ph: 834 6668. email: hosseini@nzess.co.nz

Post Natal Distress Support Network Trust. Contact: Wendy Taylor P O Box 21338, Henderson. ph: 836 6967 email: info@postnataldistress.org.nz

Strengthening Families Contact: Peter Toews, 36-44 Sel Peacock Drive, Henderson. ph: 913 0329 email: peter.toews@psn.org.nz

Sexual Health Clinic-Auckland District Health Board. Contact: Belinda Clapham, 2nd Floor, 362 Great North Road, Henderson. ph: 836 0838 email: bclapham@adhb.govt.nz

TANI The Asian Network Incorporated. Focus: Supporting and working with all Asian families for their wellbeing and life. Contact: Samuel Cho, Unit 8, Level 1, 49 Sainsbury Road, Saint Lukes. ph:

815 2338 Email: samuel.cho@asiannetwork.org.nz

Vision West Counselling Centre Focus: Qualified professional Counsellors are trained to meet individual needs; including counselling for family violence, sexual abuse and other types of abuse. Affordable rates: subsidies may be available. Contact: Leanne Frost, 97 Glendale Road, Glen Eden. ph: 818 0760 email: Counselling@visionwest.org.nz

Waitakere Community Law Centre Focus: Advice and help with anything relating to legal issues including those associated with family violence. Contact: Haley Epati -Magele, 1A Trading Place, Henderson. ph: 835 2130 email: haley@waitakerelaw.org.nz

Westside Counselling Services Contact: Willise Ruha, 8 Vadam Rd, Massey. ph: 833 3107 email: Westside@mcconline.org.nz

Women's Refuge, Kia Timata Ano Trust. Contact: Kath Salsone, P O Box 20608, Glen Eden. ph: 411 9394 email: kath.kiatimata@gmail.com

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Mary Watts Pacifica Representative