



FAMILY LAW PATHWAYS NETWORK

Barwon South West Region

AUGUST 2020

August Edition of the BSW FLPN Bulletin

As we continue to adjust our work practices and service delivery in line with Covid-19 there have been many updates from across the sectors such as the development of new resources; Coronavirus (COVID-19) resources for community groups (pg 5), Covid-19 plan for Vic Community Services Sector (pg5) and changes to Court Proceedings (pg 9) to name of few.



Within this latest bulletin you will discover links to the above resources (and many more) along with heaps of available online trainings and articles which may be of interest.

THE FLPN's are in the midst of planning a **new National FLPN webinar series** - with a new webinar to be scheduled monthly until December! Make sure to keep an eye out for more details.

Upcoming Network Events

Next bulletin due for OCTOBER 2020
Please submit articles and information by 23rd SEPTEMBER 2020

- **Warrnambool**
- Federal Circuit week commencing 19 October 2020
- Meet & Greet with Judge Harland **TBC**
- **Geelong**
- Federal Circuit week commencing 12 October 2020
- Meet & Greet with Judge Carter **TBC**
- **Interagency/All Services Networking Meetings** ****See page 2 for details****
- **Warrnambool:-** Tues 18 Aug 10am-12pm via Skype
- **Hamilton/Portland (combined)-** Tues 18 Aug 2pm-3:30pm via Skype
- **Colac/Geelong (combined)-** Wed 19 Aug 2pm-3:30pm via Zoom/Skype

**** At the August Meetings we will also have a Guest Presenter Judy Avisar (Gambling Harm Prevention & Three Sides of the Coin Coordinator at Link Health & Community). Judy will be providing a brief presentation on the Intersection of Gambling, Law & Family Violence. ****

Barwon South West Family Law Pathways Network produces an E-Bulletin every 2 months if you have any news, training or events you would like included in the bulletin please send them through to the Project Officer—nhrabar@ozchild.org.au or VicPathwaysBarwon-SouthWest@ozchild.org.au

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The steering committee meets bi-monthly by phone conference. The role of the steering committee is to steer and drive the activities of the network and ensure the independence of the network.

If you are interested in joining the steering committee or being part of a sub - committee for organising specific events please contact the project officer.

Barwon South West Family Law Pathways Network

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Core hours of work
Tuesday & Wednesday
9am to 5pm

BARWON SOUTH WEST INTERAGENCY NETWORKING MEETINGS



Save the Dates:

Via Skype or Zoom

Warrnambool:
18 August
10am - 11:30am

Portland/Hamilton
(Combined):
18 August
2pm - 3:30pm

Colac/Geelong
(Combined):
19 August
2pm - 3:30pm

What is an Interagency Network Meeting?

These meetings are an opportunity to share information and to gain knowledge about local services and supports to improve outcomes for people in your service.

At the meetings, everyone has the opportunity to summarise their service, and identify resources available as well as the referral pathways.

All practitioners in the local community, welfare and legal professions are welcome to attend so please forward this information throughout your networks.

NOTE: At the August Meetings we will also have a Guest Presenter Judy Avisar (Gambling Harm Prevention & Three Sides of the Coin Coordinator at Link Health & Community).

Judy will be providing a brief presentation on the Intersection of Gambling, Law & Family Violence including 2 short videos of people with lived experience.

Please RSVP indicating the meeting you wish to attend to

nhrabar@ozchild.org.au

By the end of the week prior to the forum date

Look forward to seeing you there.



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NOTE: Please send an email to nhrabar@ozchild.org.au if you wish to attend any of the above scheduled Interagency Meetings and a link to join will be sent out closer to that date.



Employment Opportunities

BCLS are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Community Lawyer** - Fixed term contract to June 2021
- **Community Lawyer (Family Law)** – Two year fixed term contract (with possibility for ongoing)

Applications close Friday August 7, 2020. For more information refer to the job advertisements on [Seek](#) or visit [Barwon Community Legal Service](#) for a copy of the relevant position description.



Words matter: Getting the language of child mental health right

Wednesday, 12 August 2020, 1.00pm–2.00pm AEST

[This webinar](#) will discuss the importance of language in advancing child mental health. Building on a [past CFCA webinar](#) that focused on diagnosis in child mental health.

[Register for this webinar](#)

Words matter: How to use frames effectively to advance child mental health

Wednesday, 26 August 2020, 1.00pm–2.00pm AEST

[This webinar](#) will explore better ways of talking about child wellbeing. Building on a [past CFCA webinar](#) that looked at how to talk about parenting with parents, this webinar will:

- review what works when framing child wellbeing
- explore using frames when working with families and in communicating research to influence policy
- share how one community has been reframing child development to improve parental engagement and outcomes for kids.

[Register for this webinar](#)



Bethany COVID-19 Support Line

A new COVID-19 Support Line to support people living in the Geelong and Warrnambool areas has been launched by Bethany Group - Community Support and Kindergarten Services. You can call for free support with issues such as:

- Anxiety & stress impacting upon individuals, couples, children & families
- Financial stress and wellbeing including provision of emergency financial relief
- Parenting
- Relationship Issues
- Social Isolation
- Gambling Related Harm

Bethany COVID-19 Support Line counsellors will listen to you, provide support, advice and helpful strategies as well as guide you to other services that might be useful for your particular situation. **[Click here to find out more](#)**



Family Law Amendment (A Step Towards a Safer Family Law System) Bill 2020

Section 61DA of the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) contains a rebuttable presumption that it is in the best interests of the child for the child's parents to have equal shared parental responsibility of the child. Although this is not a presumption for equal time, many people assume it is. Numerous inquiries presented to Parliament have called for a scrapping of the presumption, due to the confusing wording.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE BILL](#)
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Articles



Government to pay back \$721m as it scraps Robodebt for Centrelink welfare recipients -ABC [VIEW](#)

Family violence has risen in Victoria during pandemic: report - The COURIER [VIEW](#)

Number of couples seeking separation advice soars during lockdown - The AGE [VIEW](#)

Assumed 'shared parental responsibility' of child is 'dangerous': MP - ABC [LISTEN](#)

Bill enabling life sentence for paedophiles set to pass parliament - SBS [VIEW](#)

In praise of the office: let's learn from COVID-19 and make the traditional workplace better - The Conversation [VIEW](#)

Inside the 'man box': how rigid ideas of 'manning up' harm young men and those around them - The Conversation [VIEW](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) resources for community groups



Services Australia has developed an **eKit** to help community groups connect their clients to payments and services. Including resources on:

- How Services Australia are helping people affected by COVID-19 (Easy Read)
- If you already get a payment from Services Australia - what to do if they're already getting one of our payments.
- If you need a payment - what to do if they're not getting a payment.
- How to claim a payment poster – use this to promote our streamlined claim in the community
- Talking points about our support for people affected by COVID-19 - to help you share information with the community
- Information for Disability Support Pension (DSP) customers thinking about JobSeeker Payment (JSP) - tells DSP customers what they need to consider if they're thinking about transferring to JSP.
- Information for Carer Payment (CP) customers thinking about JobSeeker Payment (JSP) - tells CP customers what they need to consider if they're thinking about transferring to JSP.
- Information for families and separated parents.
- Family and domestic violence checklist - a guide for your conversations with clients affected by family and domestic violence.

Click here to access the eKit.



UPDATED PLAN FOR THE SECTOR
The [COVID-19 plan for Victorian Community Services Sector](#) has been updated. Changes to the plan include clarification of the difference between pandemic response stages and physical distancing stages, AND a new DHHS community sector issue resolution process. For more information visit [this website](#).

Mental Health NDIS Access Support

A new way to get help accessing NDIS services

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing support to people with a disability, including people with severe mental illness. NDIS support can help with doing everyday activities and connecting with community.

The Mental Health Community Support Services (MHCSS) Intake Service are assisting people with a mental illness to access the NDIS. We work collaboratively with other services to help people to understand, engage in and complete the NDIS access process.

What can the service do?

- Assist you to gather supporting evidence and complete the Access Request form
- Liaise with health services and general practitioners/private psychiatrists
- Act as a contact person for NDIS queries, at your request
- Collect and collate additional evidence, if required by the NDIS, to ensure timely completion of the access process
- Follow-up with the NDIS on the status of the application
- Assist you to understand and seek a review of the NDIS decision or appeal the decision (if required)

Who is this service for?

You may be eligible for this service if you:

- Have a mental illness
- Have severe difficulty with day to day tasks
- Need help to apply for access to NDIS for support

Referrals must meet some eligibility criteria to be accepted and people must not be clients of the clinical mental health service system (Area Mental Health Services).

The service has limited availability and will prioritise referrals based on target population groups.

Accessing the service

Contact the MHCSS Intake service providers (also known as the NDIS Access Project) in your area to access this support.

EACH

1300 003 224

NDISAccess@each.com.au

LGAs: Boroondara, Moonee Ponds, Moreland, Whitehorse, Knox, Maroondah, Shire of Yarra Ranges, Greater Dandenong, Cardinia, Casey, Bayside, Dandenong, Warrnambool and Murrumbidgee.

Neami National

1300 379 462

intake@neaminational.org.au

LGAs: Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Frankston, Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Yarra, Boroondara, Hume, Maribyrnong, Hobsons Bay, Wyndham and Melton.

ACSO

1300 022 760

NDISAccess@acso.org.au

All local government authorities in regional and rural areas across Victoria.



Free access to an interpreter

Call VITS on (03) 9280 1941 and ask them to call us 1300 379 462.



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RELATIONSHIPS ONLINE
HELPING FAMILIES BUILD BETTER RELATION



An Australian Government Initiative

Geelong:

7-9 Ryan Place, Geelong

Ph: 03 5246 5600

Warrnambool:

19 Jamieson Street Warrnambool

Ph: 1300 661 790

Family Relationship Centres are a source of information and confidential assistance for families at all stages in their lives. Centres have a focus on providing family dispute resolution (mediation) to enable separating families achieve workable parenting arrangements outside the Court system.



What is 'Let's Talk'?

Let's Talk is a community-driven initiative that arose in response to the rising death toll by suicide in Victoria's south west region. In 2015, ABS figures show that 3,027 Australians took their own lives by suicide.

Let's Talk Contact Detail:

LET'S TALK FOUNDATION LTD

P.O. Box 164

Warrnambool Vic 3280

hello@letstalkaustralia.org

@letstalksouthwest/

Webpage: <https://letstalkaustralia.org/>



Family violence intervention orders in Victoria

In Victoria, an applicant (affected family member) may now apply for a family violence intervention order online. The online application form was developed to make it safer and easier for applicants to submit an application, without the need for them to make an appointment with the court to complete their application.

An application can be made online by visiting fvio.mcv.vic.gov.au. The brochure can be viewed [here](#) and there is also an information sheet for support services, which can be viewed [here](#).

Changes to family law duty lawyer services commencing next week

Practitioners are reminded that [changes to our general family law duty lawyer services](#) will take effect from 1 July.

Robo-debt refunds must not repeat the mistakes of the past

We're pleased at the Australian government's recent announcement that at least 470,000 unlawful robo-debts will be paid back to people whose money was wrongfully taken. It comes after we took the government to court over the flawed scheme last year. We have updated our [legal information](#) in light of the refund announcement.



Learn to use WebEx for online hearings

In response to COVID-19, Victorian courts are using CISCO WebEx to conduct online hearings. [Our new guide](#) covers key functions, including how to set and participate in an online hearing. We also have a guidance note on adopting a client-first approach to legal assistance and proceedings.

Prioritising help for children in personal safety intervention order matters

We have recently made changes to eligibility for our help with personal safety intervention order matters, so we can [prioritise the help we provide to children](#). The changes encourage the use of mediation and they will give children earlier access to ongoing help from a lawyer so they don't have to re-tell their story.

COVID-19 justice sector updates

There are [further updates](#) (correct as at 16 July 2020) about how the justice sector is operating during the pandemic. Latest updates include the [announcement that anyone in Victoria's court or tribunal buildings will be expected to wear a face mask](#).



South Coast VLA's duty lawyer services:

- In line with the directive we've received from VLA's chief executive, as of 23 March we are not permitted to provide face to face legal advice to any person until otherwise notified. Sarah Westwood and I will continue to deliver duty lawyer services during the COVID19 restrictions [by phone or Skype link](#).
- We're available to be contacted by those in the community wanting legal advice in relation to civil justice issues on **(03) 5559 7222**. If we're not available to answer a call, we'll respond to a message and ring back.
- We're also happy to take calls from or provide advice to other professionals or advocates where specific issues with Centrelink, NDIS or tenancy arise for any consumers. This is particularly where these issues increase risk to already highly vulnerable people in the community.
- VCAT - there will be no face to face hearings until further notice. We are available to be contacted by any housing or other service to assist tenants who live in public or community housing in the South West with VCAT hearings or any other civil justice issues. VLA is currently advocating to government that public housing authorities take no action in VCAT against tenants that puts vulnerable people at risk of homeless during the COVID19 restrictions.

Barwon Community Legal Service is very much still assisting disadvantaged people in the Geelong, Bellarine Peninsula, Surfcoast and Colac Otway regions.

Our phone number for all services is
1300 430 599.

We are adapting our service to increase the amount of phone appointments and advice we can give while working remotely.

The areas of law we cover are quite broad and include:

- Family Violence / Personal Safety;
- Fines/Infringements;
- Consumer/Credit/Debt;
- Social Security and Centrelink;
- Paternity/Child Support;
- Elder Law – Guardianship/Wills/Power of Attorney; and,
- General Law.

In each area of law we offer once off legal advice and then ongoing casework only a case by case basis.

Family Law Pathways Networks

is a national program for professionals working with families who are separating, or have separated. It is funded by the Attorney-General's Department. The aim is to support practitioners to work collaboratively, maintain strong working relationships and develop appropriate referral mechanisms, across the broader Family Law system.

LINK TO NATIONAL FAMILY LAW PATHWAYS [WEBSITE](#):

The communal Username to log into the above is: **inner** and Password: **circle17** in case your machine requests it.

Resources and interviews are available under the members section.

<https://youtu.be/IBNmQInR5Aw>



Why parenting matters for children in the 21st century

An evidence-based framework for understanding parenting and its impact on child development

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FAMILY COURT
OF AUSTRALIA

FEDERAL
CIRCUIT COURT
OF AUSTRALIA

Update to the Profession

[COVID-19 Registrar and Child Dispute Services \(CDS\) listing measures arrangements](#) Published 25 June 2020

[Child Dispute Services \(CDS\) - in-person interview protocol \(updated\)](#) Published 25 June 2020

[Updated face-to-face in-court protocol](#) Published 12 June 2020

[Increase to family law court fees - 1 July 2020](#) Published 18 June 2020

Senate Select Committee On Covid-19
Australian Government's response to
the COVID-19 pandemic

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SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

(Hansard)

WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2020

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Why choose Wellways

Wellways works with individuals, families and the community to help them imagine and achieve better lives. We provide a wide range of services and assistance for people with mental health issues, disabilities, youth and those requiring community care.

Our work is based on inclusive and connected communities.

We understand that navigating the NDIS can be confusing and it can be difficult to find the right provider. Wellways has the knowledge and experience to help get the most out of NDIS plans. We can also help with the transition to the NDIS for those who want to make a start.



"Wellways helped me with my NDIS plan and matched me with a reliable and consistent support worker." - LEAH

Choose different

- Wellways has expertise in mental health and disability
- Wellways has been working with and advocating for people with mental health issues and disabilities for more than 40 years
- Wellways specialises in assisting people with complex needs
- Many of our workers have lived experience, people who have 'been there' and can relate
- We have experienced support workers who identify as LGBTQ+
- We work with participants to achieve the best life that they want
- Wellways is flexible in providing support where and when it's needed
- We can help families and carers to maintain their wellbeing and develop skills to provide effective support to others



Find out how Wellways can assist by calling our Helpline on 1300 111 500.

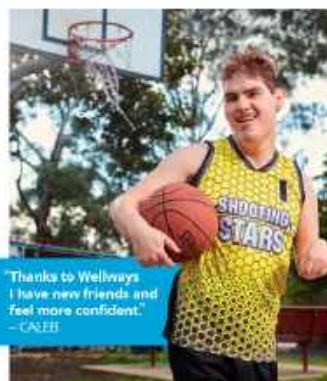


Scan the code, call 1300 111 500 or email enquiries@wellways.org for your free NDIS information toolkit.

Our NDIS services

We offer a large number of high quality supports to choose from:

- Support coordination. Experienced assistance to access your NDIS needs and implement your plan
- Improving daily living skills, including home help such as shopping, cooking and cleaning
- Assistance with personal care, such as showering, dressing, high needs continence care
- Appointment support, including transport to appointments
- Increased social and community participation and companionship
- Improved relationships, inclusion and social support
- Assistance to find and keep a job



"Thanks to Wellways I have new friends and feel more confident." - CALEB

Amica is an initiative of the Australian Government and National Legal Aid. It is an online platform to help amicable separating couples to work out parenting arrangements and to record their agreement about dividing their money and property simply. For more information, visit the website at amica.gov.au



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID.

Dates	Location	Course Type	Link
18/08/2020 - 19/08/2020	Highton	Standard MHFA	View
15/09/2020 - 16/09/2020	Highton	Standard MHFA	View
21/09/2020 - 22/09/2020	Ballarat	Standard MHFA	View
29/09/2020 - 30/09/2020	East Geelong	Standard MHFA	View
09/10/2020 - 09/10/2020	Ballarat	Refresher Standard MHFA	View
27/10/2020 - 28/10/2020	Highton	Standard MHFA	View

Damn Good Advice on Creating a COVID-19-Safe Workplace: A guide for NFP boards and managers

About the guide

This comprehensive guide sets out the steps your organisation needs to take when you're thinking of bringing your people - your staff, managers and volunteers - back to their usual workplace. Included are template checklists you can tailor that cover:

- Building modifications
- Policies and practices
- Events and meetings
- Dealing with the public
- Incident procedures



[Download free 44-page guide here](#)

WEBINAR SERIES

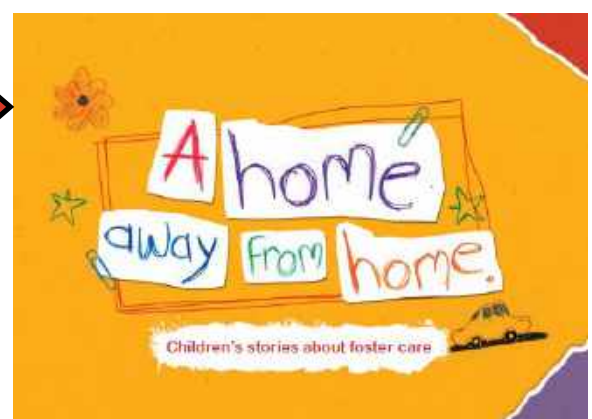
Name	Date	Time	Location	Cost	
Professor Judy Atkinson	13 August	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Webinar	\$25.00	Register
Dr Dan Siegel	17 September	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Webinar	\$25.00	Register
Dr Ruth Lanius	13 October	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Webinar	\$25.00	Register
Dr Christine Courtois	17 November	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Webinar	\$25.00	Register

Name	Date	Time	Location	Cost	
Trauma Responsive Practice with Children	14 August	10:00 am - 01:30 pm	Virtual Classroom	\$165.00	Register
Trauma Responsive Practice with Children	1 September	10:00 am - 01:30 pm	Virtual Classroom	\$165.00	Register

Name	Date	Time	Location	Cost	
Trauma Responsive Practice with Families	17 August	10:00 am - 01:30 pm	Virtual Classroom	\$165.00	Register
Trauma Responsive Practice with Families	2 September	10:00 am - 01:30 pm	Virtual Classroom	\$165.00	Register

Name	Date	Time	Location	Cost	
Understanding the neurobiology of complex trauma	29th & 30th September	09:30 am - 04:00 pm	Level 1, 675 Victoria St, Abbotsford 3067	\$330.00	Register

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Exploring the client-worker relationship in men's behaviour change programs



Judicial officers' understandings of DFV perpetrator interventions



Parliamentary Newsletter, N°1



New Phone Service Announced to Support Court Users

MEDIA RELEASE 16 July 2020

This is the first edition of the Court Network's new Parliamentary Newsletter.

The newsletter is aimed to keep parliamentarians informed of the work of the Court Network and recent announcements of new developments in our service to court users in your state.

This edition contains our recent media release announcing our new telephone service.

We hope you find this information useful.

If you would like any further information on the issues contained in this newsletter or the Court Network in general, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Court Network has announced the operation of its new telephone service to help vulnerable and distressed court users navigate the court system in Victoria and Queensland. The new service has been established to respond to the challenge of our new COVID-19 situation, with many community and court services being forced to suspend face-to-face support to court users. The new telephone service will enable the Court Network's 500 volunteers to continue to assist thousands of people using the court system in these two states.

Ms Maya Avilabegovic, the Court Network's Executive Director, states the COVID-19 crisis has significantly impacted courts and court users' access to justice has been compromised and in particular, from those experiencing family violence.

"Very quickly we realised that we needed to adapt and established a new service model to support all court users. Setting up a free 1800 number was the ideal solution," she said.

"Our trained Court Networkers are only a phone call away; they are there for victims, witnesses, accused, family and friends."

"Over the phone our Networkers navigate the court user, providing non-legal information and support.

For many people, going to court can feel like it is the worst possible day in their life."

"A calm, gentle and informative voice is so powerful" said Ms Avilabegovic.

The new telephone support line number is 1800 571239 and is available Monday to Friday between 9 - 4pm.

Court Network is a not-for-profit community organisation that has been funded in Victoria and Queensland to support court users through its hundreds of trained and experienced volunteers. It has been in operation for 40 years. Until the advent of the COVID-19 situation, these volunteers have operated through the courts in these states to assist any court user who may be distressed or seeking support as they attend court. It has been recently announced that government support for the service in both states will be withdrawn. Court Network is currently lobbying government to restore its funding.

For further comment or information contact Ms Maya Avilabegovic on 0466 888 448

For further information please contact: Vicki Kyrtia, Court Network, National Communications Officer. Mobile: 0404875325 Email: vicki@courtnetwork.com.au

Family Law System Inquiry – public hearing



Past Public Hearings and Transcripts

Date	Location	Transcript	Program
27 May 2020	Canberra, ACT	(HTML & PDF)	
24 Jun 2020	Canberra, ACT	(HTML & PDF)	

Upcoming Public Hearings

Date	Location	Program
19 Aug 2020	Via videoconference	
16 Sep 2020	Via videoconference	

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FATHERHOOD AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SUPPORT



Working With Dads

A webinar series for professionals working with dads and families.

Join our webinar series and gain knowledge, practical advice and strategies to engage dads and families in positive and effective ways.

Over three sessions, you'll learn in depth about our fatherhood resources and professionals' toolkit. Each session includes interactive elements, group discussion and Q&A.

Session 1

- What makes dads important?
- 7 different ways to be a dad
- Dad-focused programs, research and work across Australia

Session 2

- Promoting to dads effectively
- Dads creating positive family relationships
- Work and family balance for dads

Session 3

- Creating a dad-focused service
- Working from home - how are dads going?
- Future work with dads

For more information on Support for Fathers or to access free resources for professionals and fathers, visit our website at www.supportforfathers.com.au

Dates

Wednesdays in 2020

Session 1: August 5 and October 7
Session 2: August 12 and October 14
Session 3: August 19 and October 21
All sessions run from 11am - 12:15pm (please log in at 10:50am)

Format

Delivered via Zoom video-conferencing. Register for one, two or all three webinars. Save up to 20% when you attend multiple sessions!

Cost

One webinar: \$25 incl. GST
Two webinars: \$45 incl. GST (save 10%)
Three webinars: \$60 incl. GST (save 20%)

Bookings and enquiries

Bookings are essential as places are limited. To reserve your place, visit bit.ly/WorkingWithDadsWebinar2020

For more information, call Dom Allford, Support for Fathers Project Coordinator on 0437 305 881 or email supportforfathers@swg.org.au

DadStuff

FREE monthly webinars for dads

Join one of our FREE webinars and get options for being a dad, the relationship with your partner and connecting with your kids.

We'll share our resources developed for dads on:

- 7 types of dad
- Healthy family relationships
- Bonding with your kids
- Connecting with other dads
- Dads at work
- Plus we'll talk about what else is going on for dads in Australia

Sessions:

- Wednesday 19 August 2020
- Friday 18 September 2020
- Wednesday 21 October 2020
- Friday 20 November 2020
- Wednesday 16 December 2020

All sessions run from 2pm-3pm via Zoom. A link will be sent shortly before the sessions commences.

BOOK DADSTUFF

Relationships Australia Victoria is funded by the Department of Social Services, as part of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022. It delivers the Support for Fathers project.

Relationships Australia
VICTORIA



Australian Government

Australian Institute of Criminology

The prevalence of domestic violence among women during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) have released a report on women's experiences of domestic violence during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. In May 2020, the AIC surveyed 15,000 women using an online panel methodology. They were asked about their experiences of domestic violence by a current or former partner in the three months prior to the survey. View findings at:

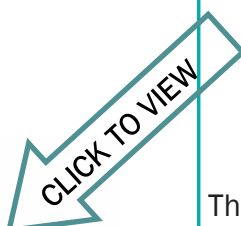
<https://www.aic.gov.au/publications/sb/sb28>



Australian Government

Australian Institute of Criminology

The prevalence of domestic violence among women during the COVID-19 pandemic: Findings from a survey of 15,000 women



Caring Dads program:

Helping fathers value their children

This is an evaluation of the Caring Dads program which was designed to reduce harmful fathering practices among fathers who perpetrate or are at risk of perpetrating family violence.



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Caring Dads program
Helping fathers value their children

Three Site Independent Evaluation 2017-2020

Final Report

This report was made up of three different chapters and was written by three different people. It was written by the researchers who conducted the evaluation. It was written for the researchers who conducted the evaluation. It was written for the researchers who conducted the evaluation.

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Department of Social Services

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Child Safe Organisations - Melbourne

9 September 2020 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Save the Children Office,
33 Lincoln Square South, Carlton

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Community Legal Grants

You can apply for a Community Legal Grant at any time – there are no closing dates.

Priority	Improving community understanding of civil legal issues and the Victorian justice system, where there is evidence of community need
Amount (excl. GST)	Up to \$20,000
Guidelines	View

Small Grants

You can apply for a Small Grant at any time – there are no closing dates.

Priority	Improving community understanding of the law and justice system
Amount (excl. GST)	Up to \$5,000
Guidelines	View

Knowledge Grant applications are open

Grants of up to \$50,000

Supporting community legal organisations and not-for profits build capacity in research and data

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through investigation into important community legal issues.

Applications close **Monday 24 August.**

[Find out more](#)

Event Name	Date	Venue	Register
Family Sensitive Practice in Working with Disability	11 August	8 Gardiner St, Brunswick	Book now
Family Work Where Family Violence is Present	18 August	8 Gardiner St, Brunswick	Book now
Single Session Family Consultation	24 - 25 August	8 Gardiner St, Brunswick	Book now
Introduction to Family Therapy	7th, 8th, 9th and 10th September	8 Gardiner St, Brunswick	Book now
Building Team Resilience	8 September	8 Gardiner St, Brunswick	Book now
Single Session Work	20 - 21 October	8 Gardiner St, Brunswick	Book now

Mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect

CFCA Resource Sheet - June 2020



This [resource sheet](#) provides answers to common questions asked about mandatory reporting, outlines the challenges and benefits of mandatory reporting and covers the various legislation across Australian jurisdictions.



VACCHO regularly run open sessions of our standard cultural safety training package
Introduction to Aboriginal Cultural Safety Training.

In 2020, we will be running open sessions on the following dates:

- August 6
- October 1
- December 3

TIME: 10.00am – 2.30pm (inclusive of 1/2hr lunch break)

LOCATION: VACCHO: 17-23 Sackville Street, Collingwood

Catering: Tea/coffee and a light Lunch will be provided. Please ensure to advise of any dietary requirements.

Cancellations: Where possible, please provide 24hrs notice if you are unable to attend a session.



For more information, costing and quotes, or to make a booking,
please [contact](#) our Cultural Safety Team.

MARAM Comprehensive Family Violence Specialist – Renewing Practice from CRAF to MARAM ONLINE

4 & 5 Aug 2020 - A - Morning Start	4 & 5 August 2020	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Enrol
5 & 6 Aug 2020 - B - Afternoon Start	5 & 6 August 2020	02:00 pm - 04:00 pm Enrol
6 & 7 Aug 2020 - Morning Start	6 & 7 August 2020	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Enrol
11 & 12 Aug 2020 - A - Morning Start	11 & 12 August 2020	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Enrol
11 & 12 Aug 2020 - C - Afternoon Start	11 & 12 August 2020	02:00 pm - 04:00 pm Enrol
12 & 13 Aug 2020 - Afternoon Start	12 & 13 August 2020	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Enrol

Morning Start

Day 1

Session 1: 10 am – 12 pm and

Session 2: 2 pm – 4 pm

Day 2

Session 3: 10 am – 12 pm

Afternoon Start

Day 1

Session 1: 2 pm – 4 pm

Day 2

Session 2: 10 am – 12 pm and

Session 3: 2 pm – 4 pm

You must attend all three sessions in the correct sequential order to receive a certificate. We will only issue certificates to participants who have attended all of the training sessions. **Click here for more dates & [MORE INFO](#)**



COVID-19 MARAM PRACTICE NOTES

Family Safety Victoria

Are you a family violence practitioner working with victim survivors or perpetrators during the COVID-19 crisis? Family Safety Victoria has developed a video to explain the new MARAM Practice Notes in the context of COVID-19.



A new wellbeing resources website called '[WellMob](#)' was recently launched. WellMob brings together over 200 videos, apps, podcasts and other websites in the one place and is free to access. The easy to use visual format will support those who work in mental health, family support, education and youth services.

This **FREE** online training module aims to help practitioners conduct video home visits with their clients.

This online learning module is for professionals in non-government organisations (NGOs) conducting virtual home visits with children, young people and families who may be experiencing vulnerability.

The training takes about 40 minutes to complete.

[More information available via the NGO Learning Centre website.
http://ngolearning.com.au/courses/online-classroom/](http://ngolearning.com.au/courses/online-classroom/)

Engaging Families

This **FREE** online course consists of four modules on client engagement:

1. Building Effective Working Relationships with Clients
2. Building Further Engagement
3. Effective Engagement with Aboriginal Clients
4. Effective Engagement with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Clients.

[LINK](#)

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The FLPN is updating our iRefer Vic application to improve its functionality and make it more accessible - this includes **desktop compatibility**! If you use the app and have any ideas for improvements please get in contact with us: vicpathwaysmelb@ccam.org.au

iRefer VIC is a resource for clients and professionals within the area of family law to self-select and contact services to assist them. The iRefer VIC app can be downloaded on both Apple and Android devices.

[For more information about our iRefer Vic application click here](#)

The **iRefer App** aims to provide easy access to programs and services for pre and post separation all in one place. These services include, but are not limited to, Parenting Orders Program, Family Relationship Centre's, CALD services and Children's Contact Services. The App is available on iPhone, iPad, Android and tablet devices.



iRefer Vic App
Click below to download



Complex Case Analysis and Assessment Skills

13 October 2020

Melbourne

[Find out more](#)[Book now](#)**Attachment Trauma & Recovery**

14 October 2020

Melbourne

[Find out more](#)[Book now](#)**Take Two Practice Series**

Therapeutic Principles & Practice:

An introduction to the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT)

26 October 2020

Ballarat

[Find out more](#)[Book now](#)Australian
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SOCIAL RELATIONS**Available Online Anytime****AVERT Family Violence Online Basics**

Introduction to working with family violence.

Duration: 8 hours approx. | FREE

AVERT Family Violence Screening and Safety

Introduction to universal holistic screening to detect risks early, respond effectively and safety plan.

Duration: 3 hours approx. | FREE

Child Focused Practice Online

Supporting workers to respond to vulnerable children and their families.

Duration: 7.5 hours approx. | FREE

TO ENROL:Tuning
in to
Teens[Tuning in to Teens](#)[Online via Zoom](#)[Sept 3,4 & 7](#)[Facilitator training](#)**September 3 @ 9:00 am - 1:30 pm**[Find out more »](#)[Tuning in to Kids](#)[Online via Zoom](#)[October 8,9 &12](#)[Facilitator training](#)**October 8 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**[Find out more »](#)Tuning in to
Kids

Parenting Research Centre

Free online training launchesOur new online course on [Reframing Parenting](#) is now available!

It's free and designed to assist anyone who works with families to communicate about parenting in ways that have a positive impact.

Critical Legal Issues Map

Identification of legal issues (foundation)

FREE ONE-DAY TRAINING | ONLINE | MULTIPLE DATES

Who should attend

Family Violence practitioners

You will learn:

- the legal essentials in:
 - family violence,
 - family law (parenting and financial property settlement); and
 - child protection
 including emerging COVID-19 issues
- how to identify critical and urgent legal issues, in order to:
 - provide legal information
 - identify timely legal referral pathways
- how to work collaboratively with lawyers, and support your clients through the court process

You will receive a copy of the Critical Legal Issues Map training manual specifically tailored to use in your workplace

For more information and registration
click here



Funded by the Centre for Workforce Excellence
at Family Safety Victoria

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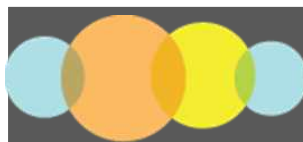
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3 SEP

Thu, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM AEST

7 SEP

Mon, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM AEST



DV-alert

Domestic Violence Response Training

[e-Learning Working with Women with Disabilities](#)

(Course Duration 6 weeks)

Recognise, Respond and Refer to Domestic Violence effectively when working with women with disabilities

Online

[Enrol now](#)

[e-Learning General](#)

(Course Duration 6 weeks)

Recognise, Respond and Refer to Domestic Violence effectively

Online

[Enrol now](#)

Family Law Property - Complex property settlements

CPD UNITS 5.5

13 Aug 2020 9:00am - 3:30pm (Melbourne)

Live stream only

Learn more

Family Law Practice

CPD UNITS 11.0

Monday, 19 October 2020 9:00am -

Tuesday, 20 October 2020 3:30pm

Leo Cussen Centre for Law, Level 16, 15 William Street, Melbourne

Learn more

Family Law Property - Complex property settlements

CPD UNITS 5.5

Monday, 26 October 2020

9:00am - 3:30pm (Melbourne)

*Location TBA

Learn more



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TRAINING CALENDAR 2020

SAFER FAMILIES

women's legal
service victoria

Safer Families is a professional development program that supports community legal centre lawyers to provide high quality, effective advice and representation to clients experiencing family violence. For more information please email

admin@womenslegal.org.au

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families

FAMILY VIOLENCE FOR GENERALIST LAWYERS

17 SEPTEMBER 9:30am - 4:30pm

MELBOURNE

\$50 + bf

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women's legal
service victoria

TRAINING CALENDAR 2020

WOMEN AND THE LAW

Our Women and the Law training program is specifically designed for family violence support and community health practitioners. It aims to help practitioners identify potential legal issues their clients might be facing and confidently provide accurate legal information to them. For more information please contact admin@womenslegal.org.au

FAMILY LAW - SEPARATION

13 AUGUST 9:30AM - 4:30PM

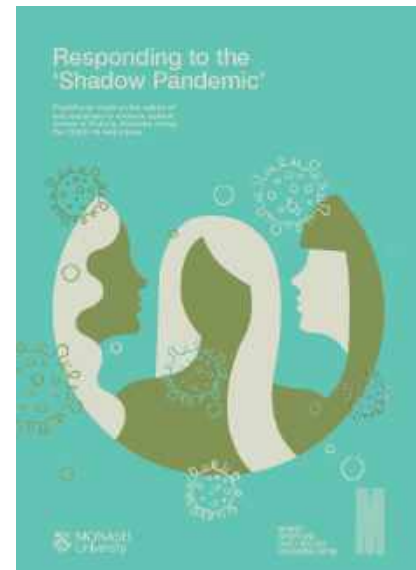
MELBOURNE CBD

\$200

[BOOK NOW](#)

Responding to the 'shadow pandemic': practitioner views on the nature of and responses to violence against women in Victoria, Australia during the COVID-19 restrictions

CLICK TO DOWNLOAD



Forensicare

Working with young people at risk of violence
Wednesday 7 October

9.30am - 4.30pm

Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre, 505 Hoddle Street, Clifton Hill

Cost: \$330 incl. GST

Book your place



Register now for upcoming webinars!

Modern Slavery and Anti-Trafficking Laws

5/8/2020 at 11:00am

[Register](#)



Parenting Research Centre

FREE Webinar: Reframing Parenting in the context of COVID-19

Children thrive when parents are supported and, as we move towards recovery, issues around parenting support, work, childcare and child wellbeing are front and centre. What we say and how we say it will shape the choices that are made about how children and families are supported into the future. In this free webinar recording, PRC Director of Policy and Practice, Annette Michaux, along with Frameworks Institute CEO Nat Kendall-Taylor discuss the challenges and opportunities for supporting children's wellbeing through effective framing in the context of COVID-19. [Watch](#).

Download webinar slides:

[Reframing Parenting in the context of COVID-19 Slides Nat Kendall-Taylor](#)

[Reframing Parenting in the context of COVID-19 Slides Annette Michaux](#)



Parenting Research Centre

Telepractice in parenting support

Learn more about telepractice and how to use digital technology to connect with clients for the purpose of delivering services and supports. [LINK](#)



FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Quick Links

Family Law Matters

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Forms & Fees

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- ⇒ [Notice of Child Abuse, Family Violence or Risk of Family Violence](#)
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Judgments on the Family Court website have been updated.

First Instance Judgments at the following link:

<http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/fi-judgments/>

Full Court (Appeals) Judgments at the following link:

<http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/full-court-judgments>



FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

[Workshop: Advanced Training in Property and Financial Matters in Family Dispute Resolution Practice](#)

9:30am Monday 12 October 2020

Address: 1183 Toorak Road, Camberwell
> [VIEW](#)

[Online Workshop: Managing Challenging Behaviours](#)

9:30am to 1pm

Thursday 8 September 2020

Online via Zoom

\$200 (inc GST)

> [VIEW](#)

[Workshop: The Casual Counsellor](#)

9:30am Tuesday 20 October 2020

Address: 1183 Toorak Road, Camberwell
> [VIEW](#)

FOLEY'S LIST

Foley's is proud to be the FIRST List to provide CPD seminars via our **FREE PODCASTS**, Think Foleys. In March 2020, we launched with an assortment of **CPD resource topics** available on major podcast hosting platforms with free supporting documentation. We will regularly update our podcast by releasing new episodes so be sure to [subscribe to our Think Foley's podcasts](#).



Drafting Affidavits in Family Law Matters | by [Anna Parker](#)
20/09/2020



Contravention Applications in Parenting Matters | by [Anna Parker](#)
22/04/2020



Practical tips for solicitors working remotely during COVID-19 | by [Emma Meggle](#)
09/04/2020



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Family Violence Intervention Order Proceedings | by [Daniel T Cash](#)
05/03/2020



MARAM Training 2020



Workers in Alcohol and Other Drugs, Homelessness, and Designated Mental Health Services:

[Click here to register for Module 1](#) of MARAM Training

[Click here to register for Module 2](#)

[Click here to register for Module 3](#)

[Click here to register for Module 4](#)

Workers in ChildFirst and Family Services:

[Click here to register for module 1](#)

[Click here to register for module 2](#)

[Click here to register for module 3](#)

[Click here to register for module 4](#)

UPCOMING WEBINAR DATES

Parentshop
lifelong behaviour change

Tough Conversations for Frontline Staff	Webinar	• August 17, 2020 9:00 am	Register
No Scaredy Cats	Webinar	• August 18, 2020 9:00 am	Register
1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching	Webinar	• August 19, 2020 9:00 am	Register
Engaging Adolescents	Webinar	• August 26, 2020 9:00 am	Register
No Scaredy Cats Geelong - October 7, 2020	Geelong RSL	• October 7, 2020 8:30 am	Register
1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching Geelong- October 8, 2020	Geelong RSL	• October 8, 2020 8:30 am	Register



Free webinar
5 August 2020
12.00pm AEST

The case for investing in the brains of children & young people to break the cycle of disadvantage

FREE [Webinar](#)
Wednesday, 5 August 2020
12.00-1.00pm AEST
[Register.](#)

Emerging Minds.

New podcast: *Positive post-separation parenting*

How can parents separate or divorce in a way that supports their children? After discovering that there was no specific research in this area, Dr Priscilla Dunk-West conducted a study to find out for herself. Priscilla is a social worker and sociologist, and currently teaches at Flinders University. Join us for an exploration of her findings, and a discussion of the key elements that support positive parenting after divorce or separation.

Listen on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or [online](#).

[Listen now](#)

New short course: *Building Blocks for Children's Social and Emotional Wellbeing*

This short course replaces the longer *Building Blocks for Children's Social and Emotional Wellbeing* and explores important concepts and ideas related to child mental health and development. The course investigates the child's social and emotional wellbeing within the context of their family, community, and networks.

[Register here](#)

New practice paper: *Making use of practitioners' skills to support a child who has been sexually abused*

This resource highlights the issue of child sexual abuse (CSA) and the ways in which practitioners can support children who have been abused. Child sexual abuse is a subject that practitioners, particularly those who do not work in CSA-specialist services, can find confronting. Working in the area of CSA does come with challenges and there is a clear role for specialist services. At the same time, however, there is a great deal that all practitioners can do to support children who have experienced CSA and ensure their healing journey starts early.

[View practice paper](#)



Virtual Training (Australia-wide)

Mediation + Conflict Resolution

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Difficult Conversations (DC)

REGISTER!

Emotional Intelligence (EI)

REGISTER!

Mindful Team Culture (MTC)

REGISTER!