

Family violence... it's everyone's business.

**LET'S MAKE
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Welcome to Marlborough Violence Intervention Project – a Marlborough based initiative aimed at removing family violence in our region.



**OUR VISION IS
TO MAKE MARLBOROUGH
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VIOLENCE AND ABUSE intrude on all aspects of our lives and stop us feeling safe.

VIOLENCE HAPPENS at home, at school, at work, on the streets, in residential care – it happens to people of all ages and in all socio-economic and ethnic groups.

WHILE VIOLENCE COULD COME FROM ANYONE, the reality is that violence by men is often the most serious and lethal type of family violence – and the victims are predominantly women and children.

MOST MEN DO NOT USE VIOLENCE against women but enough do to make it necessary for New Zealand to have national and local family violence campaigns.

FAMILY VIOLENCE INCIDENTS are on the increase in Marlborough. Women's Refuge, the police, doctors, hospital and health and social services see women and children every day whose lives have been damaged by violence; hundreds of people in our community trying to cope with physical injury, mental and emotional distress and fear, as well as shattered dreams. Some will never recover.

IN 2012 Police dealt with 15-20 cases of Family Violence each week in Marlborough.

FROM JULY 2011 – JUNE 2012 Women's Refuge worked with a total of 844 women and children; 95 women and children used the safe house and 749 women and children were supported in the community.

THE MARLBOROUGH VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT (MVIP) was started in over 12 years ago to bring a local focus to a national problem.

- ✱ We encourage all Marlborough groups and organisations to work together to help achieve our vision.
- ✱ We want to raise the awareness of whanau/ family related violence within the Marlborough community.
- ✱ We encourage all individuals and organisations to take what action they can when they become aware of any instance of violence.
- ✱ We prioritise the well-being and safety of the victims of violence and aim to promote a wide awareness of their experiences.
- ✱ MVIP promotes and supports initiatives that encourage violence-free living.

MVIP IS A NETWORK of local organisations that share the same vision and want to be involved in helping to make it a reality. Our network includes Marlborough Women's Refuge, Barnardos Marlborough, Maataa Waka ki te Tau Ihu, Age Concern, Relationship Services, Bread of Life, Zonta, Victim Support, Plunket, Marlborough Migrant Centre, Strengthening Families Marlborough, Marlborough Community Law Centre, Lifeline Marlborough, Marlborough District Council, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, New Zealand Police, Child Youth & Family, Work & Income, Community Probation, Marlborough Counsellors, ... and other community organisations.

THE NETWORK MEETS REGULARLY to share ideas and information, to plan and take action together to combat family violence in Marlborough.

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MVIP'S CURRENT WORK INCLUDES:

MVIP runs an imaginative **publicity campaign** throughout Marlborough with billboards, posters and car stickers. We co-publish a booklet on Positive Discipline and on Positive Relationships.

We organise **national conferences** here in the region and an on-going series of seminars which allow people to explore specific aspects of family violence in depth.

We are developing our work with **young people** by working alongside them, listening to their concerns and ideas and supporting them to find their own responses to violence.

We work with our **local media** to promote our messages as widely as possible throughout our region. We also work closely with the national **It's Not OK Campaign**.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER AGENCIES TO THE MVIP NETWORK. If your organisation would like more information about MVIP and our projects please contact:

The Administrator, marlbvip@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

IF YOU ARE AWARE OF ANY INCIDENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE please do not hesitate to contact your local police on 03 578 5279 or Women's Refuge on 03 577 9939.

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 111.

For further advice the Family Violence Information Line is available on 0800 456 450.



Violence is not OK



**but it is OK
to ask for help**



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