

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention  
and Legal Service Victoria  
Freecall: 1800 105 303 (not free from mobile)

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service of Victoria  
- Crisis telephone support, safety plans and  
emergency accommodation  
(24 hour crisis support) Ph: 1800 015 188

Elizabeth Hoffman House Aboriginal Women's Refuge  
Ph: 0438 528 525 / (03) 9482 5744

Centre Against Sexual Assault  
Ph: 1800 806 292 (24 hour crisis support)

Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative  
Warrnambool Toll free: 1800 629 729 / (03) 5564 3333

Kirrae Health Service  
Ph: (03) 5567 1270

Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation Heywood  
Toll free: 1800 009 967 / (03) 5527 2051

Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative  
Ph: (03) 5277 0044

Dhauwurd-Wurrung Elderly  
& Community Health Service Portland  
Ph: (03) 5521 7535

Kikkabush Aboriginal Organisation  
Ph: (03) 5567 1239 / 0404 248 517

Emma House  
- Family violence counselling and support,  
emergency housing, outreach service  
Warrnambool Ph: (03) 5561 1934  
Hamilton Ph: (03) 5571 1778  
Portland Ph: (03) 5521 7937

Barwon South West Homelessness Helpline  
Toll free: 1800 993 093

Barwon Domestic Violence Outreach Service (Geelong)  
Ph: (03) 5224 2903

Police/Ambulance  
Ph: 000

Victoria Legal Aid  
Warrnambool Ph: (03) 5559 7222  
Geelong - Toll free: 1800 196 200 or (03) 5226 5666

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service  
Toll free: 1800 064 865 or (03) 9419 3888

South West Community Legal Centre  
Ph: 1300 361 680

Barwon Community Legal Service  
Ph: (03) 5221 4744

Brophy Family Services (Warrnambool)  
Counselling and support for women and children  
includes - Victims of Crime Assistance Program  
(Warrnambool, Portland, Heywood, Hamilton)  
Ph: (03) 5561 8888

Barwon Victims Assistance and Counselling  
Program (Geelong)  
Ph: (03) 5278 8122

Community Connections Barwon South West  
Counselling and Support  
Ph: 1300 361 680

Lifeline  
Ph: 131 114

# Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria FVPLS Victoria

BARWON SOUTH WEST  
1800 105 303



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## ABOUT FVPLS VICTORIA

FVPLS Victoria is funded through a number of sources including the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department, Victoria Legal Aid and Department of Justice Victoria to provide assistance to Aboriginal victims of family violence and sexual assault and to parents/carers of Aboriginal children. We are not funded to assist perpetrators.

## WHAT SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE?

### LEGAL ADVICE

- Intervention Orders
- Family Law
- Child Protection
- Victims Compensation
- Other related legal problems

Telephone 1800 105 303 and explain that you are ringing from Barwon South West

## COUNSELLING

Counselling can be important for well being during stressful times. Having supports in place can also make the legal process less difficult to cope with.

FVPLS Victoria is funded to provide counselling in the Barwon South West region. Our Paralegal Support Worker based in the region will assist to arrange this. Telephone 1800 105 303.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND POLICY/LAW REFORM

FVPLS Victoria works with families and communities affected by violence through community projects such as our Sisters Day Out well being workshops. We are also committed to long term systemic change through policy development and law reform.

## FVPLS VICTORIA

### BARWON SOUTH WEST SERVICE

Ph: 1800 105 303

## WHAT AREAS DO WE SERVICE IN BARWON SOUTH WEST?

The FVPLS Victoria is based in Melbourne. We also service the Barwon South West Region which includes the Geelong to Warrnambool, Framlingham, Heywood, Hamilton and Portland areas.

## WHERE ARE WE BASED?

Barwon South West office is based in Warrnambool. A full time Paralegal Support Worker (Kaye Alberts) is based at the Warrnambool office and covers the whole region. There is a dedicated solicitor for the region also.

## WHERE WILL THE APPOINTMENT BE?

We can either see you in the Barwon South West Office or we will travel to an outreach location at or near where you live. We will make sure you are comfortable with the location we meet at. We have a number of options in most towns.

## CONTACTING THE SERVICE

Appointments and enquiries for the Barwon South West region can be made by calling 1800 105 303.

Visit our website for more information [www.fvpls.org](http://www.fvpls.org)

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

### Intervention Orders

Assistance with applications, extensions and variations of intervention orders in the Magistrates Court. Assistance where breaches of intervention orders occur.

### Family Law

In situations of family violence, assistance with parenting orders, property disputes, divorce and child support issues. Assistance in the form of advice, representation at mediation (if appropriate) and court applications.

### Child Protection

Legal advice as soon as Child Protection services make contact is important. Assistance to negotiate with the Department of Human Services, advocacy at case plan meetings and representation in the Children's Court in child protection cases.

### Victims of Crime

Advice and assistance for victims of family violence including sexual assault and childhood sexual assault. Assistance with applications to the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT). Referrals to specialist private solicitors for civil claims.

### Other Legal Problems

Advice, assistance or referral where other legal problems arise which relate to family violence such as Centrelink issues, debts or fines.

### Legal Aid

Assistance with applications to Victoria Legal Aid to cover legal costs. If Legal Aid is not available for some reason we will explore other options and discuss this with you.