

LAW REFORM/POLICY DEVELOPMENT

FVPLS Victoria recognises the need to ensure that the legal/justice system is accessible and responsive to the ATSI community and particularly to victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault. FVPLS Victoria is committed to actively advocating for long term systemic change.

FVPLS Victoria has Deductible Gift Recipient Status. Donations are welcome.

CONTACTS

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria
Toll free: 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: 03 9322 3555,
or country toll free 1800 015 188

Elizabeth Hoffman House Aboriginal Women's Refuge
(9am – 5pm Monday – Friday)
03 9482 5744

Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA)
Crisis support, counselling and information for adults and children.
(24 hour crisis support) Ph: 1800 806 292

Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS)
Ph: 03 9419 3000
Ph: 03 9403 3300 Family Counselling Service

Royal Children's Hospital Gatehouse Centre
Specialist service for children
Ph: 03 9345 6391 (9am – 5pm Monday – Friday)
Ph: 03 9345 5522 (after hours emergency only)

St. Kilda Crisis Centre
(24 hours) Ph : 1800 627 727

Womens Information and Referral Exchange (WIRE)
Information, referral and support for women
(9am – 5pm) Ph: 1300 134 130

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
Ph: 1800 064 865 or 03 9419 3888

Victoria Legal Aid
Ph 03 9269 0120; country callers 1800 677 402

Federation of Community Legal Centres Victoria
(for your local Community Legal Centre)
Ph: 03 9652 1500

Police/Ambulance Ph: 000

Lifeline
(24 hour crisis support)
Ph: 131 114

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'FVPLS Victoria Standing Firm
Against Family Violence'

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BACKGROUND

The Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria) was established in October 2002 to provide assistance to victims of family violence and sexual assault and to work with families and communities affected by violence.

FVPLS Victoria is funded through a number of sources including Commonwealth and State Government funding, as well as philanthropic trusts.

FVPLS Victoria is an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander corporation managed by an elected Board of Directors which means we are completely independent. Community representation and input is ensured through Board membership.

CONFIDENTIALITY/ PRIVACY/ SAFETY

FVPLS Victoria is committed to confidentiality and safety is our priority. No personal information provided to our service will be disclosed to anyone without written permission.

WHO WE ASSIST

FVPLS Victoria is funded to assist Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault. We also assist non-Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander parents or carers of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children. We do not provide assistance to perpetrators of family violence or sexual assault.

WHERE WE ASSIST

Barwon South West – The FVPLS Victoria office and staff are based in Warrnambool. The region includes Geelong to Warrnambool, Framlingham, Heywood, Hamilton and Portland.

Gippsland – The FVPLS Victoria office and staff are based in Bairnsdale and cover the entire Gippsland region.

Mildura – The FVPLS Victoria office is located in Mildura. This office covers the Mildura Local Government Area, Wentworth, Dareton and Robinvale.

Melbourne Metro and other Victoria – The FVPLS Victoria head office is based in Collingwood, an inner Melbourne suburb, and services Metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Ph: 1800 105 303 Web: www.fvpls.org

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

FVPLS Victoria provides free legal advice, referral, ongoing casework and court representation.

The main legal problems we assist with are :

- Family Violence Intervention Orders
- Family Law
- Child Protection
- Victims Compensation
- Other legal problems related to Family Violence issues eg Child Support, Centrelink, fines. (We may refer to specialist legal services.)

Telephone Advice

Our solicitors can give urgent telephone legal advice through the **1800 105 303** toll free number.

COUNSELLING

FVPLS Victoria is funded to provide counselling sessions. Please contact our solicitors and paralegals to know if you are eligible for those sessions.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FVPLS Victoria works with communities and organisations to develop local initiatives to reduce family violence and sexual assault. We are happy to respond to community requests for assistance.

SISTERS DAY OUT ®

FVPLS Victoria is funded to conduct well-being workshops for Koori women around Victoria. The Sisters Day Out workshops are integral to strengthening the role Koori women have in relation to family and community. The workshops build self-esteem and identity, which reinforce women's entitlement to feel safe and secure in their roles as nurturers and leaders in the community.