

USEFUL CONTACTS

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention
and Legal Service Victoria

Freecall: 1800 105 303 (not free from mobile)

Head Office: L3, 70-80 Wellington Street, Collingwood 3066

Ph: 03 9244 3333 / Fax: 03 9416 0147
information@fvpls.org

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: 03 9482 5744

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

Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault (GCASA)
Morwell: 03 5134 3922

Victoria Police - Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Units
Morwell: 03 5131 5000 (Police main line)
Sale: 03 5143 5022 (direct)
Bairnsdale: 03 5150 2675 (direct)

Aboriginal Cooperatives (including health services)

Central Gippsland Aboriginal Health & Housing
Cooperative (Morwell)
Ph: 03 5136 5100

Ramahyuck Aboriginal Cooperative (Sale)
Ph: 03 5143 1644

Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative
(Bairnsdale)
Ph: 03 5152 1922

Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust
Ph: 03 5156 5554

Moogji Aboriginal Council (Orbost)
Ph: 03 5154 2133

Wanjana Lidj Family Preservation Program (Morwell)
Ph: 03 5133 8200

Yoowinna Wurnalung Healing Service (Lakes Entrance)
Ph: 03 5155 8420

Victims Assistance and Counselling Program Gippsland
Ph: 1800 777 423

Victoria Legal Aid
Morwell: 03 5134 8055
Bairnsdale: 03 5153 1975

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
Ph: 1800 064 865 or
Bairnsdale: 03 5153 0445
Morwell: 03 5133 9853

Gippsland Community Legal Service
Ph: 1800 004 402 / 03 5133 0411

Lifeline (24 hour crisis support)
Ph: 131 114

Domestic Violence Outreach Services Crisis support, Housing

Quantum Support Service
Morwell/Sale: 1800 243 455 / 03 5120 2000
Warragul: 03 5622 7000

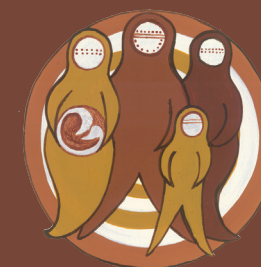
Gippsland Lakes Community Health
Ph: 03 5152 0052

GippsCare Leongatha (Sth Gippsland/Bass Coast)
Ph: 1800 221 200 / 03 5562 4502

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Against Family Violence'

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ABOUT FVPLS VICTORIA

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. We do not practise criminal law.

WHAT SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE?

LEGAL ADVICE

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

Telephone 1800 105 303 or 03 5153 2322.

COUNSELLING

Counselling sessions 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 sessions. Our paralegal support worker based in the region will assist to arrange this. Telephone 1800 105 303 or 03 5153 2322.

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.

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WHAT AREAS DO WE SERVICE?

FVPLS Victoria services metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Our offices are based in Collingwood (Head Office), Bairnsdale, Warrnambool and Mildura.

OUR GIPPSLAND OFFICE

A full time Solicitor and Paralegal Support Worker are based in Bairnsdale to cover Gippsland region including Warragul/Drouin through to Morwell, Moe, Traralgon, Sale, Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Lake Tyers and Orbost. We also cover South Gippsland.

WHERE WILL THE APPOINTMENT BE?

We can see you in the Gippsland office or we will travel to an outreach location at or near where you live to meet with you. 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 entire region can be made by calling 1800 105 303. Please say you are calling from Gippsland. You can also call 03 5153 2322.

Visit our website for more information 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.