

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria

Free call – Ph: 1800 105 303 (not free from mobiles)

Head office: L3, 70-80 Wellington St, Collingwood 3066

Ph: 03 9244 3333 / Fax: 03 9416 0147

information@fvpls.org

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service Victoria

Crisis telephone support, safety plans and emergency accommodation

(24 hour crisis support) – Ph: 1800 015 188 (not free from a mobile)

Mildura Aboriginal Co-op

Ph: 03 5022 1852

Murray Valley Aboriginal Co-op Robinvale

Ph: 03 5026 3353

Mildura Aboriginal Health Service

Ph: 03 5021 0315

Coomealla Health Aboriginal Co-op – Dareton

Ph: 03 5027 4153

Mallee Sexual Assault Unit – Mildura

Ph: 03 5025 5400 (24 hours)

Mallee Sexual Assault Unit – Swan Hill

Ph: 03 5033 1786 (24 hours)

Free call number – 1800 806 292 (not free from mobiles)

Mallee Domestic Violence Service

03 5021 2130 (24 hours)

Mallee Accommodation Support Program

Ph: 03 5021 6500

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault National Help Line

(24 hours) Ph: Free call 1800 200 526 (not free from mobiles)

Harry Nunya Hostel – Mildura

Ph: 03 5022 2272

Victims Assistance Program – Mildura

Ph: 03 5022 5400

Far West Community Legal Service – Broken Hill

Ph: Free Call 1800 300 036 (not free from mobiles)

Murray Mallee Community Legal Service – Mildura

Ph: 03 5023 5966 – 1800 243 002 (not free from mobiles)

Emergency Police/Ambulance

Ph: 000

Western Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW)

Ph: 08 8087 3233

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

Melbourne number Ph: 03 9419 3888

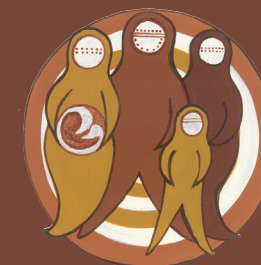
Mildura number Ph: 03 5023 0893 or

free call number 1800 064 865 (not free from mobiles)

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# Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria FVPLS Victoria

MILDURA,  
Wentworth, Dareton and Robinvale  
1800 105 303



'FVPLS Victoria Standing Firm  
Against Family Violence'

Mildura Office  
161 A Lime Avenue, Mildura 3500  
(PO Box 10059 Mildura 3502)

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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 & AVO's
- Family Law
- Child Protection
- Victim's Assistance/Compensation Claims (VOCAT & VCT)
- Other related legal problems

Telephone 1800 105 303 or 03 5021 3200.

## 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.

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Our Paralegal Support Worker based in the region will assist to arrange this. Telephone 1800 105 303.

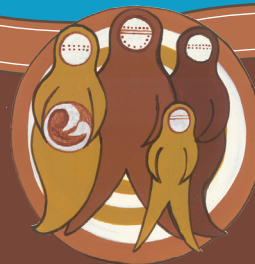
## COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND POLICY/LAW REFORM

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

### MILDURA

Ph: 1800 105 303



## 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 MILDURA OFFICE

A full time Solicitor and Paralegal Support Worker are based in the office to cover Mildura, Wentworth, Dareton and Robinvale.

## WHERE WILL THE APPOINTMENT BE?

We can either see you in the Mildura 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 where we will meet. We have a number of options in most towns.

## CONTACTING THE SERVICE

Appointments and enquiries for the areas we service can be made by calling our number 1800 105 303.

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

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

### Intervention & Apprehended Violence Orders

Assistance with applications, extensions and variations of intervention orders and AVO's in the Magistrates and Local Courts. Assistance for the victim where breaches of intervention and AVO 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 and the Department of Community Services NSW, 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 Victims Assistance and/or Compensation claims (VOCAT & VCT). 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 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.