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NEWS AND INFORMATION LINKS UPDATE

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Welcome the No To Violence / Men's Referral Service *News Links Update*. See below for a list of links to information, stories, articles, analysis and commentary about family violence issues published in the Australian and overseas media across the month.

References, literature and policy

[The impact of domestic violence on children and infants](#)

Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse, Fast Facts 4.

[USA: Comparing sex buyers with men who don't buy sex:](#)

Farley M, Schuckman E, Golding J.M, Houser K, Jarrett L, Qualliotine P and Decker M. Paper presented at Psychologists for Social Responsibility Annual Meeting July 15, 2011: This study compared 101 men who buy sex with 100 men who did not buy sex.

[Attitudes toward dating violence among Israeli and Thai youth.](#)

Pradubmook-Sherer P, Sherer M. J. Soc. Pers. Relat; 28(6): 809-828, 2011: This article assesses the extent and severity of attitudes toward dating violence among Jewish, Arabs, and Thai male and female adolescents.

Conferences, Workshops and Events

Family Law and Domestic Violence in the Muslim Community seminar

Thursday afternoon October 20 (1.00pm - 3.00pm), Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room, Level 1, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne. Speakers include Cathy Lamble, Magistrate Abdullah Saeed, Professor at NCEIS Tasneem Chopra, Social Worker at Islamic Women's Welfare Council and Helen Chetcuti, Family Lawyer at Pearsons. No charge, but all attendees must register. To book, please contact Clare Johnson at Pearsons City Office on 9642 1620 or RSVP by [email](#) by no later than Monday, October 14. Presented by Pearsons Lawyers in association with the National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies.

Dads Putting Kids First

Anglicare's 10 week group program for fathers who have completed a Men's Behaviour Change program is now interviewing for the third group to be run on Wednesday nights at Anglicare Lilydale from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, beginning Wednesday October 12, 2011. For more information, please contact Program Co-ordinator Carina Holmquist on 9735 4188.

[USA: Preventing Violence Against Women and Children: Workshop Summary \(2011\)](#)

Board on Global Health (BGH) (US - The National Academies Press)

Campaigns

[Submission To The Victorian Government about proposed 'failure to protect' laws.](#)

The DVVic, NTV and four other agencies' submission detailing opposition to the introduction of these laws.

Opportunities

[Female Family Violence - Family Casework Counsellor](#)

The Inner South Community Health Service Ltd. (ISCHS), Primary & Mental Health, Mitford Street, St Kilda. 0.5 EFT, applications close Monday 10 October 10, 2011 @ 5pm.

Australian news, features and comment

[Prejudice weighs on verdict of jury](#)

Myths and negative stereotypes about female victims persist even when jurors in sex crimes trials end up finding the accused guilty, according to a study that lifts the veil on the jury room. (The Age)

[Migrant domestic violence targeted](#)

Whatever your background, assaulting your partner is wrong. But getting that message through to men who resort to violence in migrant communities isn't that easy. (SBS News)

[Porn: just a bit of harmless fun?](#)

Despite the growing international research highlighting serious problems with mainstream pornography, in this country anyone who dares suggest there may be harms associated with the production or consumption of pornography is generally greeted with hoots of derision and accusations of wowsersism. (Meagan Tyler - ABC's The Drum)

[Many victims of crime unhappy with criminal justice system](#)

A new study into victim's satisfaction with the criminal justice system has found many victims feel their involvement in the justice system adds to their feelings of loss and trauma. (Melbourne University media release)

[Delivering justice through white-tinted glasses](#)

Last week actor David Gulpilil was sentenced to 12 months prison (seven months suspended) for assaulting his wife. It was a high-profile case ... (ABC's The Drum)

[Violence Against Women affects us all](#)

In a world full of acronyms 'VAW' is one that is not well known. It refers to events that impact the lives of millions of women every day, is one of the most widespread violations of human rights in the world, devastates communities, families and economies and in Australia alone will cost an estimated \$15.6 billion in 2021-22.

[Financial stress linked to violence](#)

Women who are under financial or personal stress are more likely to experience violence, a new study has found. More than 7000 women across Australia were surveyed by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics. (Sydney Morning Herald)

[A Serbian Film](#)

Calls for the movie to be banned for depictions of child rape and extreme sexual violence against women. (melindatankardreist.com)

[Support for Mount Isa domestic violence victims](#)

The North Queensland Domestic Violence Resource Service will receive more than \$157,000 in funding over three years to support people involved in domestic violence Magistrates Court proceedings. Further funding for domestic violence services of \$213,497 has been allocated for the Coalition on Crime Assault in the Home (North Queensland) to deliver the Domestic and Family Violence Men's Perpetrator Behaviour Change Service from next year. (seniorau.com.au)

[State domestic violence applications in federal family law matters](#)

Federal courts like the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia are able to make orders in conflict with an order made by state courts due to the structure of the Australian judicial system.

[Commonwealth appoints global ambassador for women and girls](#)

Career diplomat Penny Williams will be Australia's first Global Ambassador for Women and Girls. The new role will help the Government build partnerships with other nations and advocate for the rights of women and girls – particularly in the Pacific region where 60% of women who are victims of domestic or family violence. (probonoaustralia.com.au)

[Award-winning feature 'Home is Where the Hurt is'](#)

With 4707 domestic violence applications in the past financial year, Southport Magistrate's Court is "the busiest DV court in Queensland", says the manager of the groundbreaking Men's Domestic Violence Education and Intervention Program, Rosemary ... (Brisbane Courier Mail)

[Funding call](#)

Welfare services and politicians are calling on the State Government to urgently fund family violence services in the West ... the Sunshine Magistrates' Court is dealing with 150 cases of family violence a week, but could deal with 100 cases every day if they had more resources. (Star News)

International news and features

[Verizon and National Domestic Violence Hotline launch 'Monsters'](#)

A short animated video that depicts devastating view of domestic violence from a child's perspective ... (Verizon media release). Watch it on [Youtube](#).

[Guam deferred plea program](#)

Recently, the Legislature passed Bill 214 ... to replace the current diversion program and to allow for a deferred plea program, where the defendant would plead guilty, but the court will dismiss the case if the offender successfully completes the mandatory treatment programs... (Guam media)

[Deanne Bray's rude awakening](#)

Domestic violence video with sign language on Youtube. Lavender Revolution, a social media movement to end violence against women, and [Deaf-hope](#).

[Domestic violence gets evolutionary explanation](#)

Two researchers in the US suggest domestic violence has ancient origins and that establishing evolution's role could help to better identify those at risk. (New Scientist)

[More policewomen required to curb domestic violence](#)

As crimes against women increase and remain at a very high level in Pakistan, the dearth of women police officers makes the situation even worse. (pakistantoday.com.pk)

[Online rape video angers Nigerians](#)

In the grainy video, a Nigerian woman repeatedly asks her attackers to kill her as they take turns raping her at a university dormitory. (Mail & Guardian online South Africa)

[Thousands of immigrant women forced into marriage](#)

A new study finds 3,000 cases of young immigrant women being forced into marriage – across 47 U.S. states – and it suggests the issue is dramatically underreported. (US National Public Radio)

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