



## Te Puna Aonui Pānui

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### Introduction from Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence



Kia ora koutou,

Happy Pride Month! This is a month to celebrate the rainbow people in our families and communities, to acknowledge the need for safety and inclusion so that all LGBTQIA+ people thrive and live free from violence.

Today, the [New Zealand Crime and Victim Survey 2023 \(Cycle 6\)](#) is published, and we provide an insight into the headline data on family violence and sexual violence. Evidence and insights through surveys like the NZCVS are key to understanding the complex issues of family and sexual violence, and people's diverse experiences. The NZCVS continues to show that rainbow people experience higher rates of violence than others, and that people often seek help through friends, family, and informal helpers.

The report shows that LGBT+ adults experiencing family offenses has decreased – from 7.1% in 2018, to 2.4% in 2023. It also shows that adults experiencing family offences has steadily decreased over time by 56% in offences perpetrated by family members that are not intimate partners (2.2% to 1.6%). Offences by intimate partners have also slightly decreased, from 1.3% to 1.2%.

We all know the importance of understanding and listening to those that experience disproportionate rates of violence. NZCVS data helps us learn, monitor, and evaluate progress in the work of government and communities.

As the survey interviews thousands of New Zealanders about their experiences, it gives a more accurate picture of the crime rate than Police records. Only about a quarter of crime is officially reported, but the NZCVS shows that **the proportion of victims who reported at least one family offence has increased from 38% in 2018 to 63% in 2023.**

In this newsletter you can read about the next Te Aorerekura Action Plan, the refreshed Tākai resources and a recent hui of the Whānau Centred Facilitation Initiative (WCFI). It's always heartening to learn about progress across the family violence and sexual violence system.

Wishing all the best to the kaimahi/workers across the system, who are working to improve the safety and wellbeing of people impacted by violence.



*Minister Chhour opening the National Family Violence Conference, 29 May 2024.*

Thanks,

Hon Karen Chhour

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence



## Supporting whānau with tamariki under-five

Tākai provides an online parenting resource for all supporters working with whānau who have tamariki under-five. While the website was originally designed to integrate with Family Start, it is available for everyone to use.

Tākai are working with partners and communities to build on their suite of prevention resources and tools. Keep an eye out on [www.takai.nz](http://www.takai.nz) over the next month for 6 new articles as part of their Te Aorerekura mahi and check out the latest info published.

### [Recordings from Aroha in Action Family Start Hui 2023](#)

Experienced kaikōrero and practitioners, specialising in family violence and sexual violence, share their knowledge focused on strengthening, responding, and healing.

### [The effects of adverse childhood experiences](#)

Research shows that exposure to adverse childhood experiences can have a lasting impact for some tamariki. Support from important adults in their lives can lessen the impacts.

### [Reducing risk factors](#)

Taking steps to reduce factors that have a negative impact on tamariki, and adding in things that will help their healthy development, will give tamariki the best chance of positive outcomes.

### [Aroha in action free pukapuka](#)

Children are our greatest treasure. This booklet has simple whānau tikanga to respect mokopuna and keep them safe.

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## Jade Speaks Up Educational Trust – Training and Courses



When internationally experienced prison and community violence prevention facilitator Elaine Dyer, and teacher of gifted children, drama in education expert and neuroscience

coach Andrea O'Hagan, got together to tackle the issue of family violence from a child's perspective - something innovative was bound to emerge. The subsequent programmes have been conducted in many schools and agencies around Aotearoa, fully researched and refined.

The [Jade Speaks Up Educational Trust](#) provides schools and communities with a strengths-based, trauma-informed, and experiential learning approach to responding to emotions and behaviours stemming from family violence. Teachers, Kaiako, and social workers are equipped with the skills to develop children's emotional literacy, providing strategies and tools to help primary and intermediate-aged students recognise and manage situations that stem from family violence, anxiety, and stress.

**The Trust will be holding two online offerings of two of their courses in August, and bookings are open now.** Both courses come with an E-manual of lesson plans and links to associated videos and clips to broaden engagement.

The first, *'Te Hanga Hononga/Building Belonging'* is the Trust's foundational programme, providing teachers of Year 5-9 students with activities for building a collaborative class culture, as well as positive strategies for responding to students' emotional and behavioural challenges. The programme's practical model is Aotearoa-specific, incorporating Te Ao Māori models of wellbeing. Both programmes are also appropriate for social workers and social service agencies wishing to deepen and strengthen their approach to child-centred prevention work.

Participants will learn:

- Tools for creating a culture which enhances learning and belonging.
- A range of activities and strategies to improve class collaboration and communication.
- How to foster trust and increase emotional literacy in students while providing them with evidenced-based self-calming strategies.
- Practical cross-curricular tools and strategies for teaching wellbeing.

The *'Te Hanga Hononga/Building Belonging'* online course will be held on **Tuesday 6th August, 9am - 2:30pm.**

The second online course, *'E Pai Ana Koe? E Pai Ana!/You Good? You Good!'* helps teachers equip their students with strategies to understand and manage stress and anxiety, incorporating Te Ao Māori, neuroscience, and embodied learning activities. Participants will be shown how to further develop children's self-awareness and emotional literacy and be able to offer more support when their behaviour signals that difficult emotions are rising.

Participants will learn:

- Insights into language patterns to improve behaviour, learning and communication
- Explanations of the structure of the brain and a neuroscience context for understanding student behaviour.
- Practical approaches to decrease student stress and anxiety, helping children shift to a calmer, more settled frame-of-mind in times of distress.
- Small group mahi and experiential activities to provide ākonga with tools for their mental health and wellbeing.

The 'E Pai Ana Koe? E Pai Ana!/You Good? You Good!' online course will be held on **Thursday 22nd August, 9am - 2:30pm.**

Both courses offer one additional group supervision/coaching session to review experiences of implementing the material if requested. Bookings are limited and can be made here: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/SVN>

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### **Whānau Centred Facilitation Initiative wānanga identifies next steps**

Eleven providers and Te Puni Kōkiri kaimahi gathered at Ōrongomai Marae in Upper Hutt, Wellington to support the kaupapa - 'E Tipu e rēa' - creating a space for those who work in the Whānau Centred Facilitation Initiative (WCFI) - which is due for an update in 2025.

“The first day was an opportunity for providers to share how they support their communities through the initiative,” says Jaclyn Williams, Te Puni Kōkiri Acting Director Wellbeing, Social Policy. “The second day gave providers the opportunity to wānanga about how the WCFI could be reframed in its final year of prototype as a mechanism of whānau-centred approaches.”

Tim Marshall, Co-ordinator for Tauawhi Charitable Trust, says it was great to be able to do that and to hear about the awesome mahi being done to support whānau. “For us as a provider, we rarely get the opportunity to come together and connect with others around the country who are part of the same kaupapa.”

Initially there were four providers – Waikato Coalition, Ōtautahi Co-Lab, Kōkiri Marae, and Ōrongomai Marae. In the 2022/23 financial year, 13 contracts were agreed with a few being collectives including 10 iwi groups, two marae and their communities, six mātā waka and six independent organisations.

“It was an excellent hui that provided the opportunity for providers to showcase and share how they have navigated funding from Te Puni Kōkiri into their mahi supporting whānau and communities,” says Jaclyn.

Over the two days, common findings from the providers noted two specific areas. Firstly, that funding was used as a conduit in joining other funds together and removing barriers and silos which are current realities when dealing with different government agencies. Secondly, the ability to manaaki and tiaki kaimahi wellbeing meant providers could upskill and protect their kaimahi who work in family violence and sexual violence spaces.



*Minister Pōtaka enjoying kai and kōrero during his visit with WCFI provider Whānau Mentoring services.*

Minister for Māori Development Tama Potaka also visited Waiariki Whānau Mentoring and Te Hou Ora services to understand how their work under the WCFI supports whānau in their community. Maree Tukukino, Te Puni Kōkiri Whanau Centred Team lead says the wananga gave us an understanding of what each provider is doing from implementation to challenges and to outcomes or results achieved.

“It was great having the earlier and newer providers together in one room to share how their programmes and services are making a difference to whānau in their communities.”

Charles Smith, Te Puni Kōkiri Senior Analyst, Social Policy says provider organisations can achieve great progress in communities when given the freedom to do whānau centred, locally led, government enabled work.

“The rich kōrero, and diverse range of prototypes presented, were really useful for providers, with many talking about the value of kotahitanga.” says Monique Zwaan, National hui facilitator, Zwaan Enterprise Group.

“We really appreciated providers gifting their time and kōrero so that we can understand what they do for whānau, iwi, hapū and their communities,” says Jaclyn.



The next steps include evaluating all the feedback from the wānanga, and investigating how the WCFI can be transitioned into sustainable, long-term delivery.

The WCFI has already contributed to meeting Te Puni Kōkiri responsibilities under Te Aorerekura (the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence).

**Te Aorerekura** is an all of government commitment and the first Action Plan set out 40 actions for agencies to complete. In early 2023, through the WCFI, Action 36 was completed - which was to extend and expand whānau-centred initiatives to more communities to support kaupapa Māori service providers to work with whānau experiencing low to medium levels of family violence.

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### **ACC Agents of Change Survey - Now Closed**

Thank you to everyone who completed the Agents of Change Survey – there were over 400 responses in total, which is an excellent sample size to work from.

Te Puna Aonui and ACC will use this information to report on how as a sector we are changing and progressing towards the moemoeā (vision) of Te Aorerekura – “All people in Aotearoa New Zealand are thriving; their wellbeing is enhanced and sustained because they are safe and supported to live their lives free from family violence and sexual violence”.

Keep an eye out for the results over the next few months, they will be featured in the next Pānui that comes out after publishing.

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### **Developing the Next Te Aorerekura Action Plan – Update**

Te Aorerekura is the first National Strategy that combines both family violence and sexual violence, launched in December 2021. It provides a framework for achieving intergenerational change over 25 years. Sitting alongside the Strategy is a more detailed Action Plan that sets out what government agencies will deliver together to improve the system in the medium term to make progress towards the Strategy.

The first Te Aorerekura Action Plan concluded in December 2023, having built the foundations for longer term change through interagency collaboration on 40 actions, and relationships across government and with the sectors to realise the long-term shifts of Te Aorerekura. The Action Plan delivered workforce capability frameworks, trainers and National System Practice Leads, investment into community-based responses and tangata whenua leadership, new 24/7 online help portals, improved court capability, social and emotional learning for children, community-led prevention of child sexual abuse, and more. Of the 40 actions, 22 have now been closed and 18 are still ongoing as part of larger work programmes.

Te Puna Aonui is now developing the next Te Aorerekura Action Plan, which will have fewer actions to drive change in the system and achieve impact on the ground. It will build on the work of the first Action Plan and will focus on actions that require the collective effort of government agencies to make a difference now and build towards long-term change.

To support this work, Te Puna Aonui engaged with government agencies and communities to identify lessons from the first Action Plan. That Strategic Review told us that the next Action Plan needs:

- Improved mechanisms and collaboration,
- Increased focus on prevention and healing,
- Continued effort on workforce capacity and capability,
- Improved pathways for victims and survivors in the Justice system,
- Improved pathways for people who use, or have used, violence,
- Enhanced focus on addressing sexual violence, particularly child sexual abuse,
- Mana Motuhake/self-determination, and
- A mechanism to agree and address system barriers.

Te Puna Aonui is conducting targeted engagements through a Critical Friends' Group and discussions with communities of interest, to test the direction for the next Action Plan before it goes to Cabinet for final sign off.

If you have any questions about this work, please email: [contact@tepunaaonui.govt.nz](mailto:contact@tepunaaonui.govt.nz).

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## Stalking Petition Presented

Advocates for a new stalking law presented their petition at Parliament on 26 June. The Minister of Justice, Hon Paul Goldsmith, and Members of Parliament Ginny Andersen and Marama Davidson, received the petition.

[Minister Goldsmith announced that the government would introduce legislation](#) to criminalise stalking before the end of the year.

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## About Te Puna Aonui

[Te Puna Aonui](#) brings government agencies together to align whole-of-government strategy, policy, and investment to eliminate family violence and sexual violence. The Board is supported by a small Business Unit that coordinates the collective actions of government agencies.

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