



# Te Puna Aonui

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## Joint Venture E-Update

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## Introduction from Hon Marama Davidson

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Kia ora koutou

Today, the Joint Venture becomes [Te Puna Aonui](#). Te Puna Aonui is a beautiful name, gifted by tangata whenua to represent our collective work. Te Puna Aonui is the Joint Venture of government agencies that will deliver Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence. Te Puna Aonui is focused on ways to strengthen families, whānau and communities through whole-of-government work, in partnership with tangata whenua, specialists and communities.

Cabinet has mandated Te Puna Aonui to align whole-of-government strategy, policy and investment to eliminate family violence and sexual violence. It includes:

- [Ara Poutama Department of Corrections](#)
- [Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga Ministry of Education](#)
- [Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health](#)
- [Te Tāhū or te Ture Ministry of Justice](#)
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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Emma Powell on her appointment as the Chief Executive, Joint Venture for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence. Since 2010, Emma has worked closely with the sexual violence and family violence sectors. She is committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of New Zealanders and I'm glad to have her onboard.

It was a great privilege to have the Kaitiaki Rōpū working on nominations for the Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group over the first half of the year. The members of the Kaitiaki Rōpū are Lisa Smith (Te Kupenga Whakaoti Mahi Patunga – National Network of Family Violence Services), Dr Charlotte Moore (New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse), Ngarongo Eaton-Brown (Whānau Ahuru Mōwai – Gisborne Rape Crisis), Sheryl Horomona-Gardyne (Te Puna Oranga - Kaupapa Māori Services Christchurch) and Rolinda Karapu (Te Rau Ora – Strengthening Māori Health and Wellbeing). I want to again thank the rōpū for managing the nominations process and for their care, commitment and diligence in doing so.

This week we announced appointments to the Ministerial Advisory Group, and information about the MAG is available in this newsletter and [online](#). I'm looking forward to building a strong relationship with the Ministerial Advisory Group members. They are an important part of enabling the Māori-Crown relationship that will shape how we implement [Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence](#).

Another important milestone was the release of the [Family violence workforce and organisational capability frameworks](#) in May. These frameworks were co-created by government and community, with family violence and tangata whenua specialists, and I was proud to announce their release alongside Ang Jury and Merran Lawler. The frameworks will guide practitioners and organisations to deliver effective responses to family violence and support people to understand all forms of family violence. This is an important step towards ensuring everyone in Aotearoa has access to specialist responses in times of crisis, or on their journey of healing.

Finally, I'm looking forward to the first Te Aorerekura Annual Hui that will take place online on 27-28 July 2022. Communities have asked us to hold the event online given the current COVID situation, to enable wide participation. I'm excited to join you all at this event so please make sure you save it into your calendars.

Ngā mihi nui,



Marama Davidson

**Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence**

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This name change reflects the growing maturity of the joint way of working, and our new legal status as an Interdepartmental Executive Board under the Public Service Act 2020.

We are named after the star, Aonui. Aonui is a pathway of enlightenment, creating the markers on the journey from te kore (darkness) ki te ao marama (into the light). Te Puna Aonui contains the tools and resources to sustain the implementation of Te Aorerekura to achieve wellbeing for current and future generations.

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***New Chief Executive appointed at the Joint Venture for Family Violence and Sexual Violence – Emma Powell***

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On the 1st June 2022, Emma Powell was announced as the new Chief Executive, Joint Venture for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence. Emma joined the team in December 2021 as the interim Director and is leading our work to implement Te Aorerekura.

Previously, Emma worked at ACC for 11 years, in a range of leadership roles including Chief Customer Officer, ACC's Injury Prevention Strategy and she also led Whāia Te Tika, ACC's Māori Strategy, which resulted in significant new funding, services, partnerships and initiatives spanning prevention to recovery.

Emma is an engaged, positive, and outgoing executive leader who is committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of people by placing communities, tangata whenua and specialist sectors at the centre of design and decision making.

## **Annual Hui – Save the Date**

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The Annual Hui is happening soon! Registrations will be open from 5 July and we'd love to have you there. The hui is online, but some of you may wish to come together in your region to participate in the hui.

This is the first hui for Te Aorerekura, and will focus on how we learn and share, and ensure we've got a shared understanding about the strategy and the shifts its looking to achieve.

The hui will see a range of community leaders, advocates sharing what's working for them, alongside government leaders, tangata whenua and sector leaders. The days will be a mix of networking, breakout conversations, very short talks.

If you would like to attend this event, then please get in touch via [contact@tepunaaonui.govt.nz](mailto:contact@tepunaaonui.govt.nz) so we are able to add you to the list for registration.

## **Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group appointed**

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Cabinet has appointed the [Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group \(MAG\)](#) that will provide independent advice in support of implementing Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence.

The MAG contributes to the [Shift Two: Towards mobilising communities - Action 8: Establish a Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group of the National Strategy.](#)

The MAG will have a significant role in creating family violence and sexual violence systems and supports that are appropriately governed and led, by and for, tangata whenua in the best interests of their whānau, hapū, iwi and all communities.

The MAG members are:



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- Dr Maria Baker
- Kim Eriksen-Downs
- Dr Moana Eruera
- Lorraine Hawke
- Denise Messiter
- Katie Murray
- Amokura Panoho
- Hera Pierce
- Tā Mark Solomon
- Poata Watene
- Professor Denise Wilson

## Workforce Tools launch

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New family violence workforce capability tools are available for people working in specialist family violence organisations and in generalist workforces, such as lawyers, midwives and people working in retail.

The frameworks provide a shared understanding of family violence, set standards and provide essential knowledge to guide people and organisations to respond to family violence in safe and effective ways.

[The Specialist Family Violence Organisational Standards \(SOS\)](#) and the [Family Violence Entry to Expert Capability Framework \(E2E\)](#) are the first step in delivering on [Shift 3: Towards skilled, culturally competent, and sustainable workforces.](#)

The frameworks reflect the enormous contribution made by the specialist family violence and sexual violence sectors to the safety, autonomy and wellbeing of tangata whenua and tauwiwi, whānau and families, and diverse communities in Aotearoa New Zealand. They were developed collaboratively by people who work in the specialist sector including tangata whenua, alongside representatives of victim-survivors, diverse communities, and government.

People wanting to strengthen their responses to family violence and enable safety can apply these frameworks. They are easily accessible and Te Puna Aonui will continue working with communities to support new tools and ways of working in support of workforce capability.

If you have any questions or feedback on these frameworks or suggestions about how we can support people and organisations to use them, please contact us at [contact@tepunaonui.govt.nz](mailto:contact@tepunaonui.govt.nz)

## **A duty to care | Pūrongo tuawhitu: Me manaaki te tangata – the 7<sup>th</sup> report of the Family Violence Death Review Committee**

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The recent report from the Family Violence Death Review Committee urges government agencies to fulfil their legal duty of care for people who are impacted by family violence; be good partners with community organisations; focus on wellbeing; and to take a duty to care for people through a wiser, more respectful approach to people, families, whānau and community organisations, essentially letting them become the experts in their own lives.

This means addressing:

- the potential for alternative care pathways and partnerships for hapori/community services and government agencies to work better together
- the impact of failing in the duty of care for disabled people
- the need for an ongoing duty to care for those who have been impacted by a family violence death.

The report states that 292 deaths resulted from intimate partner violence, child abuse and neglect or intra-familial violence between 2009 and 2019 in Aotearoa New Zealand, with 295 offenders responsible for the deaths.

The full [Family Violence Death Review Committee's Seventh report: A duty to care | Pūrongo tuawhitu: Me manaaki te tangata report](#) is available now alongside four videos which capture reflections from a range of communities and committee members.

## **Oranga Tamariki – Pilot raises awareness of harmful sexual behaviour**

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Oranga Tamariki has partnered with Te Rūnanga o Waihao and Te Rūnanga Arowhenua, the Ministry of Education and STOP, a Christchurch-based non-government organisation, to deliver a pilot raising the awareness of concerning harmful sexual behaviour.

The early intervention pilot will train educators across the takiwa of Arowhenua and Waihao (Mid and South Canterbury) primary schools (Year 1-8), Early Childhood Centres and Kohanga Reo.

This is a first-time collaboration between STOP and manawhenua and an important kaupapa that aims to assist children and their parents through educators and kaimahi to reduce and prevent concerning sexual harmful behaviour from occurring.

The training includes:

- understanding what normal sexualised play and behaviour is and when to be concerned
- understanding why children may initiate sexual play and behaviour
- understanding the influences and impact of social media and explicit material
- the interface between services when incidents become complex
- best practice and process and when to consult and refer.

You can learn more about the Pilot through the [Oranga Tamariki website](#).

### **Bright Sky App to assist victim-survivors**

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The Bright Sky App was officially launched in Aotearoa last month. Ministry of Social development partnered with Te Rourou - Vodafone Foundation Group to make the App available in New Zealand after its initial launch in the UK.

The Bright Sky App provides support and information to anyone who may be experiencing family or sexual violence, or those concerned about someone they know.

Key features of the app include:

- Accessible, plain language information about different types of abuse
- A quiz helping users to assess harmful behaviours they may be experiencing in their relationship
- A secure journal feature that allows users to send evidence (photos, voice memos etc) to a safe email address, removing the need to store info on the device, or in your email sent items
- Information of support services locally and nationally. This is searchable by the location of your device if you choose to provide it, or by post code/location
- Hidden mode disguising the app as a working weather, gaming or calendar app. The user can choose the hidden mode they prefer and acts as a level of security for having the app installed.

A huge amount of work has gone into this app and getting it ready for release in Aotearoa. The Safe, Strong Families and Communities (Family Violence) team at MSD were key in supporting the rollout of the app and advocating for its release. Using their own knowledge as well as key connections with the sector and other government agencies to ensure the information included in the app is safe, consistent with best practice and relevant for the context in Aotearoa New Zealand.



## About Te Puna Aonui – the Joint Venture for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

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[Te Puna Aonui](#) brings 10 government agencies together to align whole-of-government strategy, policy and investment to eliminate family violence and sexual violence.

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- Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whare ACC

Te Tari O Te Pirimia Me Te Komiti Matau (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet), Manatū Wāhine (Ministry for Women), Te Manatū mō Ngā Iwi o Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa (Ministry of Pacific Peoples). Te Tari Mātāwaka (the Ministry for Ethnic Communities) are associate agencies of Te Puna Aonui.

Te Puna Aonui reports to the Minister for Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Hon Marama Davidson.

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