



INTEGRATED FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES

Women, Men and Children

Goulburn Executive Committee

Family Violence is not part of our culture

a message from the *Hume Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group*

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Goulburn Family Violence Executive to present free community information sessions in Shepparton.

The Goulburn Family Violence Executive are delighted to again offer a series of monthly community information sessions about family violence.

On 20 March at 8.00am at FamilyCare in Welsford Street, Shepparton, the Goulburn Family Violence Executive are presenting a free community information session about Family Violence and Men's Behaviour Change Program.

The session will present general information to help you to understand how Uniting's Men's Behaviour Change Program, recognises and respects the experience of women and children as victims and survivors of family violence. The program challenges male privilege and entitlement by recognising the gendered nature of family violence - that male family violence is an expression of gendered power, which men have individually and collectively over women.

Information about local services will also be available.

For more information or to register call reception on 5823 7059.

If you or anyone you know needs immediate help with family violence call 000 or for some advice contact Safe Steps on www.safesteps.org.au or call 1800 015 188

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More information:

Family Violence statistics

- One in three women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15. Almost one in five has experienced sexual violence.
- Almost 17 per cent of women in Australia have experienced violence by a partner.
- On average, one woman is killed every week at the hands of their partner.
- Violence against women and their children doesn't just have a human cost. The economic cost to Australia is around \$13.6 billion each year. Without action, this will rise to 15.6 billion by 2022.