

# Canterbury Solutions to Sexual Violence

## Who We Are:

Canterbury Solutions to Sexual Violence Forum is a collaborative of local service providers working to raise awareness and prevent sexual violence. The group includes the following agencies:

STOP Trust, START Inc, Christchurch Women's Refuge, Te Puna Oranga, Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust, Sexual Abuse Survivors Trust/Monarch Centre, Pacific Trust Canterbury, He Waka Tapu, Stopping Violence Services Christchurch Family Safety Team, Police Child Abuse Unit and Child Youth and Family.

## What Are We Aiming To Achieve:

Our objective is to provide the Canterbury community (parents, young people and community professionals) with information and resources about sexual abuse and the relationship/connection between sexual and family violence.

Our goals are to:

- Put sexual violence back into the family violence context.
- Develop local solutions to the issue of sexual abuse, particularly in the context of domestic/family violence.
- To facilitate a coordinated, multi-agency response to family violence from incident to recovery.
- Improve community awareness of sexual abuse.
- Increase public's understanding of what they can do to protect children/families.
- Teach the community at a practical level, about how they can contribute to protecting children/reducing sexual abuse.

## Current Project:

Our first project is an education initiative looking at how people who sexually abuse children groom parents, caregivers, social systems and children in order to sexually abuse. This grooming campaign forms the first stage in a wider social marketing campaign that aims to make the community aware of sexual abuse as well as its connection to family violence. We want our sexual violence message to accompany the family violence messages currently being delivered to the community (e.g. through the It's Not Ok Campaign Women's Refuge, MSD initiatives).

The project includes:

- **Development of visual material:** (pamphlets and posters) for a grooming education campaign which will be displayed in places where people wait/congregate (GP's, schools, hospital waiting rooms, sports clubs, parents rooms, education providers, businesses, community centres, libraries etc).
- **Media Campaign:** We are working with local media to support the grooming awareness campaign and reinforce its key messages through provision of stories/interviews for publication.
- **Community Workshops:** A series of workshops are planned to be staged to increase the public's awareness and understanding of grooming strategies that perpetrators of sexual abuse use to groom parents/caregivers, systems and victims.
- **Further public events** are planned for later stages of this campaign

***Please get in contact if you have any concerns. We are here to help.***

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