

Family Violence Research and Evaluation Directions 2016

Research topics (priorities in bold)

Family Violence (FV) Research and Evaluation themes:

1. A systems approach to reducing family violence

Objective: To develop system-wide perspectives and evidence to support the reduction of family violence

2. Effective programmes and interventions – What Works in NZ including economic analyses

Objective: To develop and implement effective programmes and interventions

3. Family violence workforce development

Objective: To gather evidence to support development of an effective and resilient family violence workforce

4. Family violence and Māori perspectives

Objective: To understand Māori perspectives on promoting wellbeing and reducing family violence

5. Family violence and specific population groups

Objective: To understand family violence in relation to children and young people, seniors, Pasifika, migrant and refugee, disabled and LGBTQI groups

6. Family violence perpetrators

Objective: To understand the characteristics of family violence perpetrators and pathways into and out of family violence and offending

7. Family violence data collection

Objective: To improve the quality and availability of family violence data

8. Different types of family violence and how they inter-relate

Objective: To increase our understanding of the nature of family violence

9. Changes in social norms and community attitudes towards the use of family violence

Objective: To assess the impact of family violence prevention measures at community and societal levels

Primary Prevention

Identify Early

Protect and Respond

Perpetrator and victim interventions

1.1 Develop ways to define and measure success at a system level (link to FV/SV outcomes framework)

1.2 Identify factors that promote effective collaboration and cross-agency working

1.3 Develop appropriate research and evaluation strategies to address FV system-level questions

1.4 Examine how family violence initiatives link together to create a cohesive response to FV

1.5 Assess people's access to services/supports and family violence system entry points

2.1 Assess the collective impact of FV prevention and response programmes and supports

2.2 Undertake cost-benefit analyses of family violence interventions

2.3 Evaluate the impacts of interventions targeting other social issues on the occurrence of Family Violence, including in low income areas

3.1 Evaluate the effectiveness of the Family Violence and Sexual Violence workforce

4.1 Compare approaches towards addressing FV in indigenous communities and identify approaches that may be useful in NZ

4.2 Assess the effects of witnessing Family violence on tamariki and rangatahi

4.3 Identify the effectiveness of interventions with Māori, including kaupapa Māori initiatives

4.4 Explore the distinct experience and role of Māori in relation to whānau violence

5.1 Explore the prevention of intimate partner violence in adolescents, including dating violence and violence towards young women

5.2 Assess the effectiveness of FV interventions for specific population groups

5.3 Identify risk and protective factors for FV in relation to: elder abuse, children and young people, LGBTQI relationships, disabled people, women linked with gangs, migrants and refugees (including the prevalence of forced marriages and 'honour-based' FV in New Zealand)

5.4 Explore ways to build resilience and stop violence in families with inter-generational FV

6.1 Identify types of perpetrators, risk factors and pathways in out of FV

6.2 Assess the geographic location of FV perpetrator programmes in New Zealand in relation to need

6.3 Develop, trial and evaluate perpetrator programmes for different types of FV

7.1 Identify factors influencing disclosure and under-reporting of FV

7.2 Estimate the prevalence of family violence in different population groups

7.3 Collate prevalence data on family violence in New Zealand

8.1 Explore the role of technology in perpetrating family violence

8.2 Compare different types of family violence perpetrated, in terms of the situational characteristics and dynamics of each

8.3 Describe the links between types of family violence and other social issues (eg, alcohol and drug use, mental health, material hardship)

9.1 Evaluate the impacts of family violence prevention measures on attitudes and social norms