

Abuse of older people symposium: Research from attendees

The New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse and the Ministry of Social Development | Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora co-hosted the Abuse of older people research symposium in September 2024 to bring together specialists, researchers and policymakers working to address the abuse of older people. We have compiled a list of research reports and articles by attendees. See our website for [more information about the symposium including videos and slides from speaker panels](#).

Aged Care Commissioner. (2024).

Amplifying the voices of older people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Health and Disability Commissioner | Te Toihau Hauora, Hauātanga.

Online at: www.hdc.org.nz/our-work/aged-care-commissioner/amplifying-the-voices-of-older-people-in-aotearoa-new-zealand/

Dickson, S., et al. (2023).

Uplifting Takatāpui and Rainbow elder voices: Tukua kia tū takitahi ngā whetū o te rangi.

Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura - Outing Violence & Rainbow Hub Waikato.

Links to report, podcasts and fact sheets.

Online at: kahukura.co.nz/uplifting-takatapui-and-rainbow-elder-voices/

Family Violence Death Review Committee | He tao huata e taea te karo. (2023).

Responding to adults at risk who need care and support and who are experiencing family violence. Position paper.

Health Quality & Safety Commission.

Online at: www.hqsc.govt.nz/resources/resource-library/responding-to-adults-at-risk-who-need-care-and-support-and-who-are-experiencing-family-violence/

Family Violence Death Review Committee. (2023).

Summary of Family Violence Death Review Committee (FVDRC) reports.

Links to FVDRC's annual, data and activity reports published between 2010 and 2023.

Online at: www.hqsc.govt.nz/resources/resource-library/summary-of-family-violence-death-review-committee-fvdr-reports/

Glasgow, K., & Fanslow, J. L. (2007).

Elder abuse and neglect: Family violence intervention guidelines.

Ministry of Health.

Online at: [Family-violence-guideliens-elder-abuse-neglect-1.pdf](#)

Hager, D. (2023).

Violence against disabled people: A view from New Zealand,

In: Ali, P. and Rogers, M. (eds) (2023). *A comprehensive guide to gender-based violence.*

Springer.

Online at: [doi: 10.1007/978-3-031-05640-6_36](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-05640-6_36)

Hall, Y, Smith, J., Turner, R. M., Greco, P., Hau, Kl, & Barak, Y. (2022).

Creating opportunities to improve detection of older adult abuse: A national interRAI study

BMC Geriatrics, 2022, 220.

Online at: [doi: 10.1186/s12877-022-02938-3](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12877-022-02938-3)

Henrickson, M., Cook, C., & Schouten, V. (2022).

Culture clash: Responses to gender and sexual diversity in residential aged care.

Culture, Health & Sexuality, 24(4). 548-563.

Online at: doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2021.1871649

Hickey, H.

Access Huhana Hickey's papers on Academia.

Online at: <https://independent.academia.edu/HuhanaHickey>

Hunter, A., Butler, R., Spee, K., Field, A. (2024).

Gathering insights from the Elder Abuse Prevention Fund: A learning and insights review prepared for the Office for Seniors

Office for Seniors.

Online at: officeforseniors.govt.nz/assets/Elder-Abuse-Prevention-Fund-Report-Final-v3.pdf

Hynds, A., & Leonard, C. (2023).

Prevention of the abuse of older people (AOP) within Aotearoa : a scan of the literature

Ihi Research.

Online at: <https://www.ihiresearch.co.nz/socialservices/aop>

Human Rights Commission. (2021).

Acting now for a violence and abuse free future | Whakamahia te tūkinō kore ināianeī, ā muri ake nei: Violence and abuse of disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand. Evidence and recommendations

Online at: [https://hrc-nz-resources.s3.ap-southeast-](https://hrc-nz-resources.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/files/9316/3822/4755/Acting_now_for_a_violence_and_abuse_free_future_FINAL.pdf)

[2.amazonaws.com/files/9316/3822/4755/Acting now for a violence and abuse free future FINAL.pdf](https://hrc-nz-resources.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/files/9316/3822/4755/Acting_now_for_a_violence_and_abuse_free_future_FINAL.pdf)

Human Rights Commission. (2021).

Whakamanahia te Tiriti, whahaumarutia te tangata | Honour the Treaty, protect the person: Violence and abuse of tāngata whaikaha Māori in Aotearoa New Zealand. Evidence and recommendations

Online at: https://hrc-nz-resources.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/files/6016/3822/4741/Honour_the_Treaty_Protect_the_person_Violence_and_abuse_of_tangata_whaikaha_Maori_FINAL_English.pdf

Ministry of Social Development.

Older people experiencing vulnerability and multiple disadvantage in New Zealand.

This webpage provides links to some recent research done by Ministry of Social Development on older people experiencing vulnerability and multiple disadvantage. This research does not specifically describe the abuse of older people, but it is a helpful reference to understand some of the needs of our older population.

Online at: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/research/older-people-experiencing-vulnerability-and-multiple-disadvantage-in-new-zealand/older-people-experiencing-vulnerability-and-multiple-disadvantage-in-new-zealand.html

Neville, S., Napier, S., Silulu, F. M. L., Wong Soon, H. N., & Tautolo, E-S. (2023).

The influence of spirituality and religion on health and well-being for older Pacific people.

Journal of Religion, Spirituality & Aging, 36(3), 293–308.

Online at: doi.org/10.1080/15528030.2023.2221872

Neville, S., Paterson, J., Dewes, O., Wong Soon, N. N., Tautolo, E-S.. (2022).

Barriers to older Pacific peoples' participation in the health-care system in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Journal of Primary Health Care, 14(2): 124-129.

Online at: doi.org/10.1071/HC21146

Peri, K., Fanslow, J. L., Hand, J., & Parsons, J. (2009).

Keeping older people safe by preventing elder abuse and neglect.

Social Policy Journal, 35: 159-172

Online at: www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/journals-and-magazines/social-policy-journal/spj35/keeping-older-people-safe.pdf

Peri, K., Fanslow, J. L., Hand, J., Parsons, J. (2008).

Elder abuse and neglect: Exploration of risk and protective factors.

Families Commission.

Online at: thehub.sia.govt.nz/assets/documents/elder-abuse-and-neglect-report_FC_08.pdf

Pouesi, F. (2012).

Te Puawaitanga o te Ngākau A case–study of Westside Counselling Services in West Auckland: A ‘community of care’ approach to working with Māori women and their whānau who have been impacted by domestic violence.

Thesis: Masters of Social Policy and Practice, Unitec.

Online at: hdl.handle.net/10652/1807

Pouesi, F. & Dewerse, R. (2023).

Paying attention to wairua: Healing the intangible.

New Zealand Journal of Counselling, 43(1): 9-22.

Online at: https://visionwest.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Article-1-NZAC-Journal_Vol43-Number-1_2023.pdf

Pouesi, F., & Dewerse, R. (2024).

Black Rain: A kaupapa Māori (a Māori approach) to addressing family violence and intergenerational trauma.

Australian & New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy, 45(1): 23-30.

Online at: doi.org/10.1002/anzf.1556

Turner, R., Glue, P., & Barak, Y. (2024).

Effects of changing criteria on improving interRAI assessment for elder abuse: Analysis of a national dataset from Aotearoa New Zealand.

BMJ Open, 14, e081791.

Online at: [doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2023-081791](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2023-081791)

Warahi, T P. (2022).

Carers of elderly whānau: Their invisible voices.

Thesis: PhD, University of Auckland.

Online at: hdl.handle.net/2292/67491

Publications that focus on the importance of accurate translations of health material/resources provided for the wider community including our mātua (elders):

Crezee, I., & Wong Soon, H. H. (2023).

Speak My Language!

In: Gonzalez, E., Stachowiak-Szymczak, K., & Amanatidou, D. (eds.). *Community translation*. Routledge.

Online at: [doi: 10.4324/9781003247333-6/speak-language-ineke-crezee-hoy-neng-wong-soon](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003247333-6/speak-language-ineke-crezee-hoy-neng-wong-soon)

Wong Soon, H. H., & Crezee, I. (2023).

Exploring the accuracy and appropriateness of the translation of important government information for Samoan-speaking communities in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia during the COVID-19 crisis.

In: Declercq, C., & Kerremans, K. (eds.). *The Routledge Handbook of translation, interpreting and crisis*.

Routledge.

Online at: doi.org/10.4324/9781003207580

Search the New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse library for more [research and information about older people and abuse](#)