Working with perpetrators

A selected bibliography

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**Introduction**

This selected bibliography has been produced by the New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse to provide a guide to research literature on working with perpetrators of intimate partner violence. References are arranged chronologically, most recent first, within the sections. The key readings, overviews and reviews/meta-analysis address the question: “Do perpetrator programmes work?” The main section presents New Zealand and international research covering topics such as engagement, evaluation, retention, recidivism, outcomes and typologies. The New Zealand section includes all research we are aware of within the scope of this bibliography. The international literature is drawn from a range of sources and should be seen as a sample and starting point for the wealth of reading available on this topic. The strength of evaluation studies has not been ascertained. Readers are urged to read the meta-analyses for guidance on the most robust studies. A brief list of resources, including websites, completes the bibliography.

This selected bibliography focuses on interventions related to perpetrators. It does not cover primary prevention, or issues relating to court or Police practices (e.g. protection orders), except where these are covered as part of more comprehensive reviews. The main focus of the literature is on male perpetrators, as intimate partner violence is predominantly perpetrated by men and as there is limited literature on perpetrator programmes for female perpetrators of intimate partner violence.

Most of the report literature is readily available on the internet or from the New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse. Permanent links to journal article abstracts are provided.

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**Key readings**


**Overviews**


See Volume III, chapter 18: Perpetrators


Reviews and meta-analyses


Interventions – evaluations, strategies and issues

New Zealand

General population


Tangata whenua


Pasifika


Please note the literature review does not specifically address working with perpetrators.

Ethnic minority communities

Ministry of Women’s Affairs. (2010). *Speak up, seek help, safe home: A review of literature on culturally appropriate interventions for intimate partner violence in ethnic communities*. Wellington, New Zealand: Ministry of Women’s Affairs. Available from the library

Includes a section ‘Treatment for offenders’.

International


**Resources**


Wivell, J., & Pentecost, M. (2014). "It doesn't have to continue": A collection of stories about transforming family violence (an educational resource). Napier, New Zealand: Eastern Institute of Technology. Available from the library


**Standards, manuals and policy documents**

**Australia**


**Websites**

**New Zealand**
Te Kupenga Whakaoti Mahi Patunga | National Network of Stopping Violence  
[www.nnsvs.org.nz](http://www.nnsvs.org.nz)

It’s Not OK Campaign  
[www.areyouok.org.nz](http://www.areyouok.org.nz)

**International**
Ending Violence  
[endingviolence.com](http://endingviolence.com)

No To Violence: Male Family Violence Association (Australia)  
[www.ntv.org.au](http://www.ntv.org.au)

Project Mirabal  
[www.dur.ac.uk/criva/projectmirabal](http://www.dur.ac.uk/criva/projectmirabal) and  

Respect  
[www.respect.uk.net](http://www.respect.uk.net)

Work with Perpetrators European Network  
[www.work-with-perpetrators.eu](http://www.work-with-perpetrators.eu)
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