



The New Zealand
Psychological Society

Te Rōpū Mātai Hinengaro o Aotearoa

The New Zealand Psychological Society
is proud to host:

Family Violence and the Family Court

presented by:

Dr Ruth Gammon & Angela Chaney

**Wellington 12 October, Auckland 17 October, Christchurch
18 October 2017, 9.00am - 4.00pm**



Intimate partner violence (IPV) and family violence in New Zealand continues to be one of the highest among OECD countries. Women with children are in a particular bind, especially when it comes to the legal system. Research shows women who leave violent relationships are often at much greater risk of serious harm (such as homicide or harm to their children) than staying in the relationship. The Family Court is charged with the protection of children and women in violent relationships through protection orders, parenting orders and custody agreements once the couple has separated. Unfortunately, the Family Court can become the avenue for abusive partners to continue their psychological abuse/power and control over their victims even after the relationship ends. Or the court uplifts children from women in violent relationships, due to "failure to protect", if she stays with her partner. Psychologists play a key role in the Family Court through their specialist reports. This workshop is designed to assist psychologists to adequately address and understand IPV and the dynamics of power and control. Research has shown that psychologists need to have a comprehensive understanding of the underlying psychological abuse in IPV and be aware of the risks to the victim even after the relationship ends.

This workshop is designed for all mental health workers and psychologists but especially those working with the Family Court or with families who experience IPV. Given the high rates of family violence in New Zealand (1 in 3 women experience IPV in their lifetime or 55% when psychological/emotional abuse is included), it is essential for all psychologists to have a thorough understanding of IPV and its impact on their clients.

Presenters



Ruth A Gammon,
PhD, MSW –
Sr Lecturer at
Massey University
Wellington. Dr
Gammon has
worked in the
area of family

violence for 25+ years, has conducted research on Women's Experiences in Family Court. She has done specialist reports for Family Court in NZ and works with Women's Refuge.



Ange Chaney, who
whakapapa to Ngapuhi and
Ngati Hine in the far North.
Graduated from Massey
University with a degree in
Social Work in 2006, She
has worked for the National
Collective of Independent
Women's Refuges for 3 years

as their service development coordinator before taking the position of Manager for Te Whare Rokiroki Maori Women's Refuge where she has been supporting Maori women and children to live free from violence and abuse for 8 years.

Workshop Outline

- Overview of Family Violence Stats
- Review of IPV Dynamics -In-depth review of Power and Control or psychological abuse – Duluth Model
- The dilemma for women in violent relationships – Should I stay or go????
- Family Court and IPV
 - a. Recent changes in law – Family dispute resolution
 - b. How various aspect of power and



control can be used in the Family Court

- Research on Parental Alienation - Protective factors or false allegations???
- Family Violence and the psychologist
- How does IPV impact on psychologists' recommendations regarding custody, access, placement of children
- Research on women's experience with Family Court process and psychological evaluations.

Venues

Wellington: Mercure Abel Tasman Hotel, 169 Willis Street

Auckland: Parnell Trust, Jubilee Building, 545 Parnell Road, Parnell

Christchurch: COCA Gallery, 66 Gloucester Street

Online registration available here: <http://www.psychology.org.nz/pd-events/nzpps-events/#cid=884&wid=301>

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PAYMENT

All prices are GST Inclusive - GST Number 42-486-864

NZPsS Member	FREE
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Cost (incl. GST) covers:

- m/tea, a/tea - please note: **lunch is not included**
- workshop materials

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