



Government of Western Australia
Department of the Attorney General

Are you a victim of

**FAMILY
VIOLENCE?**



Need help?

Family Violence Court

DO YOU FEEL WORRIED, SCARED OR UNSAFE?

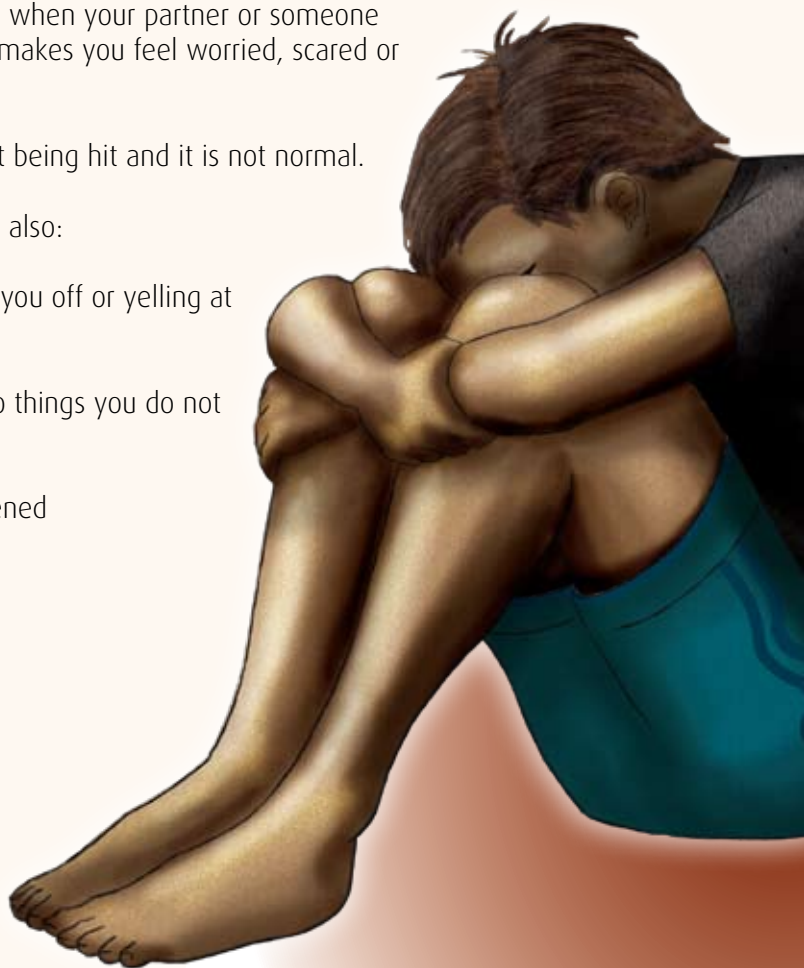
What is family violence?

Family violence is when your partner or someone from your family makes you feel worried, scared or unsafe.

It is not just about being hit and it is not normal.

Family violence is also:

- always telling you off or yelling at you
- making you do things you do not want to do
- feeling threatened
- jealousy.





WHAT IS THE FAMILY VIOLENCE COURT?

What is the Family Violence Court?

The court is there to help stop family violence and keep you and your family safe.

The Family Violence Court:

- is where offenders of family violence go to court
- is only for offenders who admit they did it (plead guilty)
- gives offenders the chance to go to programs so they stop hurting others
- provides services and programs specifically created for Aboriginal people
- keeps checking on the offender and helping you for up to six months or longer
- helps you tell your story in court if you want to
- works with a team of people called the case management team who help you and offenders living in family violence affected relationships.

Aboriginal support staff are available in some Family Violence Courts to help Aboriginal people with family violence problems.



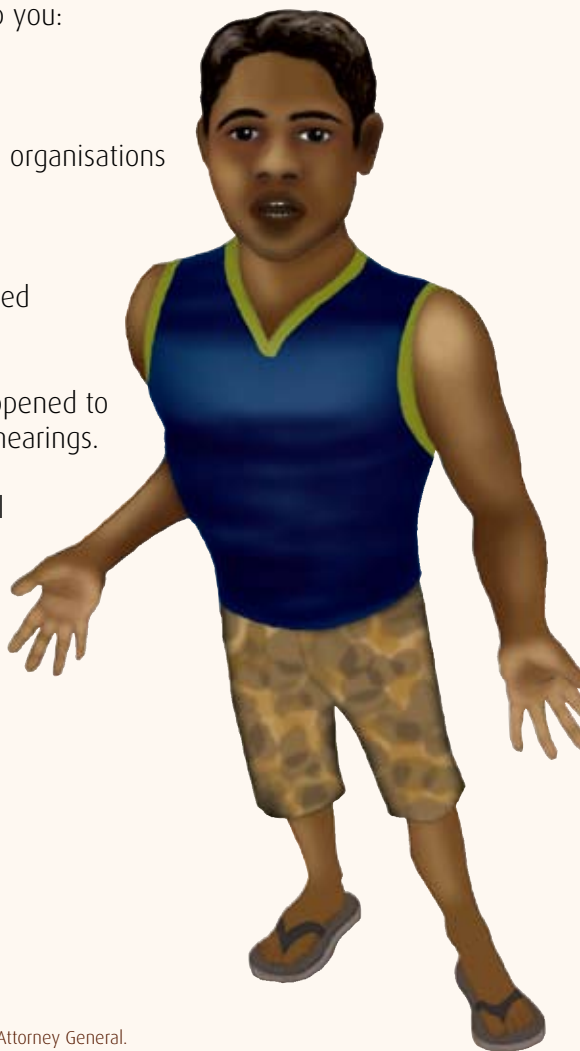
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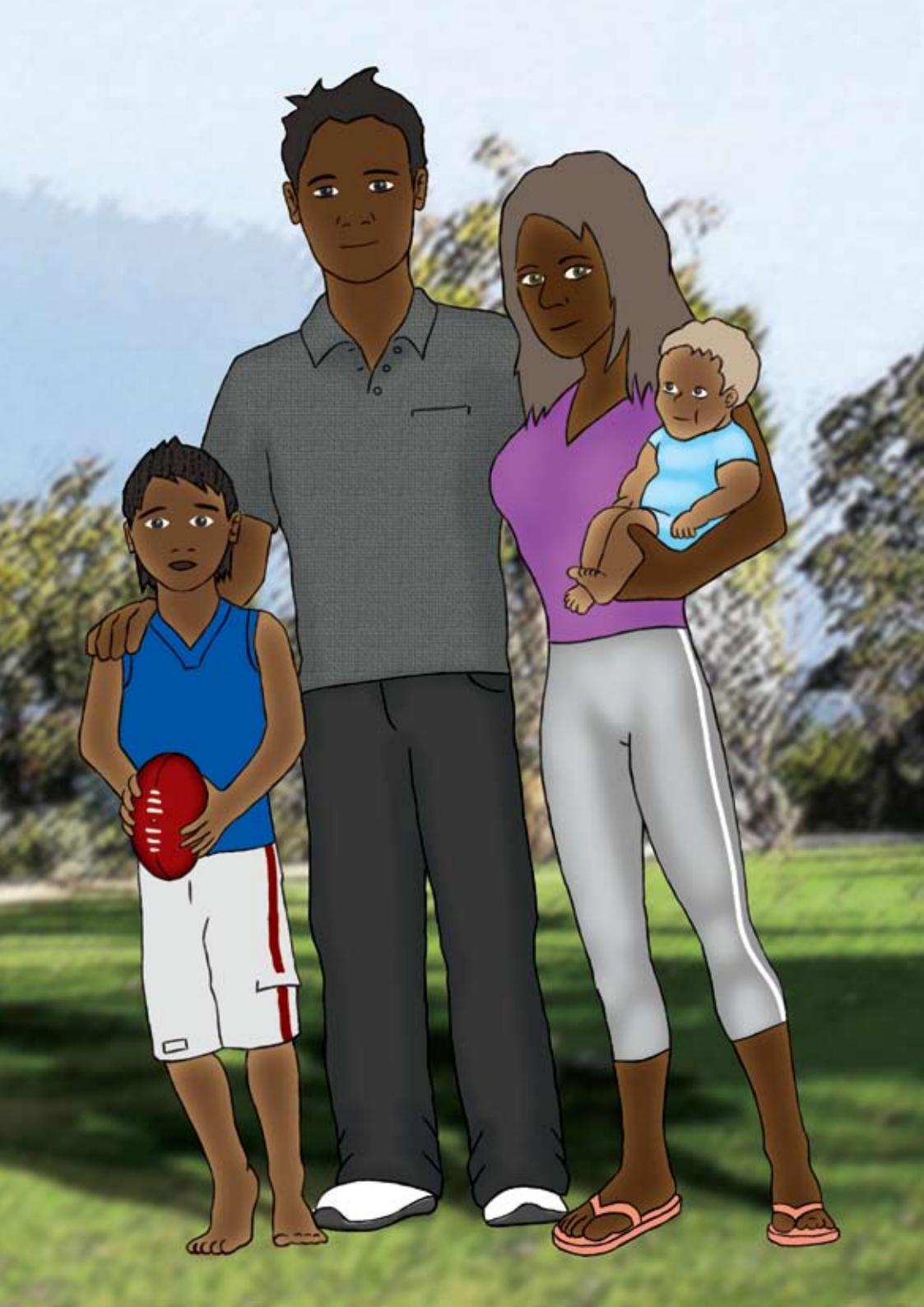
How the Family Violence Service can help you

The Family Violence Service can help you:

- keep you and your family safe
- get help from trained people and organisations
- tell your story about being hurt
- find out what the court has decided about your case
- tell the court about what has happened to you before and during the court hearings.

In some courts there is an Aboriginal support worker who can help you.





WHO CAN HELP?

Who can help you at Family Violence Court

The Family Violence Court has a team of people who help victims and supervise the offender. This is called the case management team.

The team:

- talks about how to keep you safe
- suggests programs and other help for you
- works out programs for the offender
- tells you how the offender is going on programs to stop them hurting people
- helps you have your say
- makes suggestions to the court on what they think should happen next.



Who is on the case management team

- Family Violence Service
- Community Justice Services
- WA Police
- Department for Child Protection.



CONTACT US IF YOU NEED HELP

Contact the Family Violence Service if you need help

Perth Family Violence Service

Perth Central Law Courts
Level 5, 501 Hay Street
PERTH WA 6000
Phone: 9425 2459
Fax: 9425 2465

Fremantle Family Violence Service

Fremantle Justice Complex
8 Holdsworth Street
FREMANTLE WA 6160
Phone: 9431 0324
Fax: 9335 9783

Joondalup Family Violence Service

Joondalup Courthouse
21 Reid Promenade
JOONDALUP WA 6027
Phone: 9400 0707
Fax: 9400 0728

Midland Family Violence Service

Midland Courthouse
24 Spring Park Road
MIDLAND WA 6056
Phone: 9250 0229
Fax: 9274 6676

Armadale Family Violence Service

Armadale Courthouse
109 Jull Street
ARMADALE WA 6112
Phone: 9399 0722

Rockingham Family Violence Service

Rockingham Justice Complex
Whitfield Street
ROCKINGHAM WA 6168
Phone: 9592 4018
Fax: 9527 9280



OTHER USEFUL SERVICES

24-hour help lines

WA Police (Police attendance)	131 444
Crisis Care (after hours Department for Child Protection)	1800 199 008
Women's Domestic Violence Helpline	9223 1188
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline	9223 1199
Kids Helpline (www.kidshelp.com.au)	1800 55 1800

Other helpful services

Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support Central	9226 2370
Patricia Giles Centre – Children's Counselling Service	9328 1888
Multicultural Women's Advocacy Service	9226 2370
Women's Health Services	9227 8122
Derbal Yerrigan Health Service	9421 3888
Family Court Counselling Consultancy Service	1800 199 228
Yorgum Aboriginal Counselling	9218 9477
Victims of Crime website	www.victimsofcrime.wa.gov.au

Legal services

Victim Support and Child Witness Service	1800 818 988
Central Law Courts Registry	9425 2222
Domestic Violence Legal Unit	9261 6254

www.dotag.wa.gov.au