

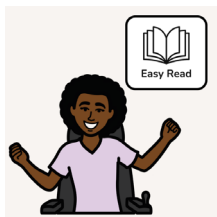


Easy Read

Safety Beyond Barriers

**Diverse Family Perspectives
on Violence and Disability**

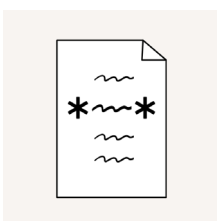
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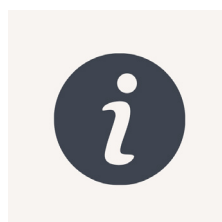
Easy Read uses simple words and pictures to explain ideas.



New words are ***bold with stars***.



We tell you what new words mean.

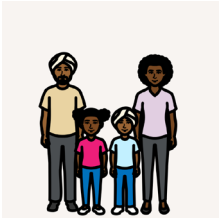


Easy Read is a summary.



Get more information here
[www.cyda.org.au/advocacy/
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About this book



This book is from ***AIFS***.



AIFS stands for Australian Institute of Family Studies. Holly Helprin is the author.



This book is supported by ***CYDA***.



CYDA stands for Children and Young People with Disability Australia.



This book includes research about family violence in Australia.



Some parts might make you feel upset. Take care when you read this book.

What is family violence?

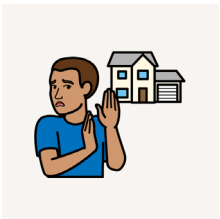


We want everyone to be safe from family violence.

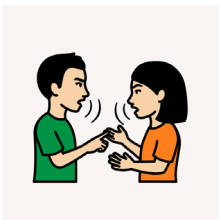


Family violence is when your partner or someone in your family

- hurts you



- scares you

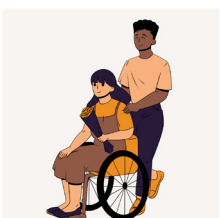


- controls you.

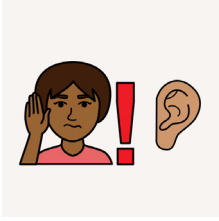


Family violence can happen through

- kinship networks

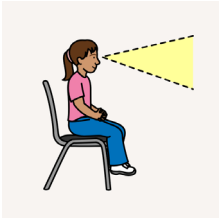


- carers and extended family.

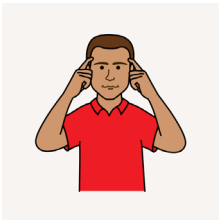


Family violence is also when you

- hear the violence

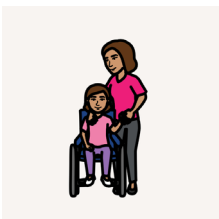


- see the violence



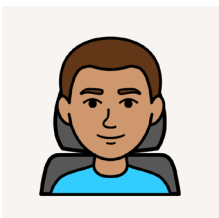
- know about the violence.

What did we want to learn?



We wanted to learn about family violence for

- children with disability



- young people with disability.

Evidence in this book



This book includes the ***evidence*** we found about family violence.



Evidence might be

- numbers and data



- stories



- reports.



We wanted to find evidence about

- children and young people with disability



- family violence.



We read reports by

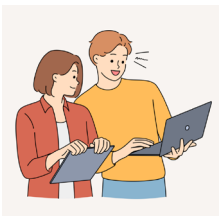
- the Disability Royal Commission



- leading disability groups



- government



- researchers and universities.



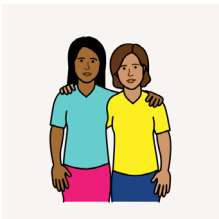
We read evidence from **2020 – 2025.**

What did we learn?



There is more family violence for

- people with disability



- young women



- ***First Nations*** women.



First Nations means

- Aboriginal



- Torres Strait Islander.

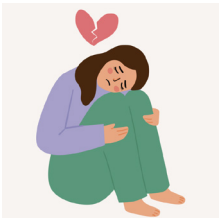


It is hard to get help when

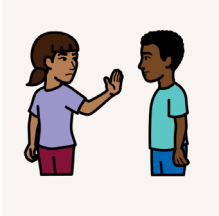
- you are disabled



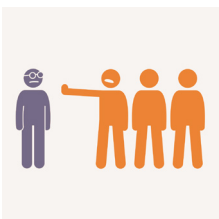
- there is family violence.



You might find it harder to have friendships when you live with family violence.



There is more violence for people with disability because of ***discrimination***.

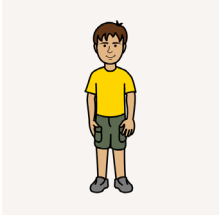


Discrimination is when people are not fair to you because of your disability



There is not enough evidence about family violence that happens to children and young people with disability.

We need more research

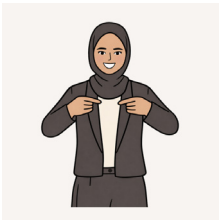


We want more research about what happens when there is family violence for

- children with disability



- young people with disability



- people of different ***identity***.



Identity is about who you are and how you see yourself.



Identity can be about

- culture



- who you are attracted to



- gender.



We want more research by children and young people with disability.



We want children and young people with disability to decide

- what to research



- how to research.



Victim-survivors can help us learn more about family violence.



Victim-survivors means people who were hurt by family violence.



We found victim-survivors want to be

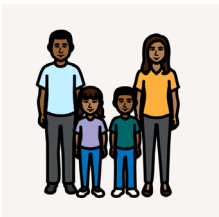
- safe



- supported.



We will learn more about family violence.

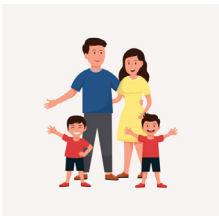


We also want to learn from

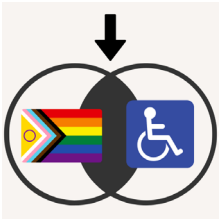
- parents



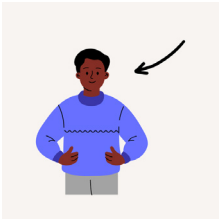
- carers



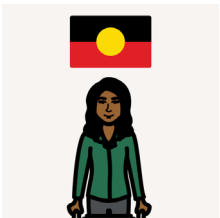
- families.



We want to know what happens when there is ***intersectionality***.

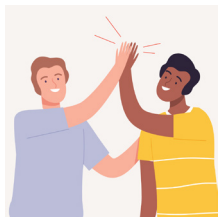


Intersectionality means more than 1 identity.



For example, you have disability and you are a First Nations person.

More information



Contact Children and Young People with Disability Australia for more help.



Website www.cyda.org.au



Call 03 9417 1025



Email info@cyda.org.au



Address Suite 9 134 Cambridge Street Collingwood.

Free help on phone calls



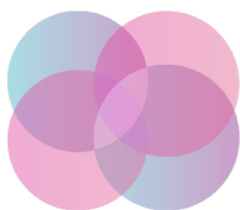
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