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**Respect  
Victoria**

**Preventing  
Family  
Violence**

## **Family violence and older people**

**This project examines primary prevention of family violence among older people living in Victoria**

**Project Duration: 18 months, commenced  
June 2019**

### **Project Overview**

**This project focuses on intergenerational family violence against older adults. It uses an action research methodology – engaging with older people, other family members, service providers and key stakeholders to participate in the design, implementation and evaluation of primary prevention initiatives. Older people will be supported to be active participants in the cycles of action research ensuring that outcomes are applicable and meaningful to the individuals and communities who take part.**

**The project builds on evidence that violence experienced by older people most often occurs within families and is commonly intergenerational in nature. It also responds to the increased invisibility of family violence as people age, particularly among older women. The project's key focus is on understanding how the drivers of family violence for older people intersect with family dynamics, such as having a history of family violence and dependent care relationships. The project will:**

- > Generate new knowledge on the drivers of family violence against older people by undertaking a review of the literature triangulated with workshops with middle-aged and older people, family members of the other generation and key service providers**
- > Develop and pilot test a primary prevention initiative or suite of initiatives using a co-designed action research methodology**
- > Make recommendations for uptake of findings in policy and practice.**

**The outcome of this project will be better knowledge about the drivers of intergenerational family violence among older people and local strategies for prevention.**

### **Project Team**

**Project Lead: National Ageing Research Institute (NARI)**

**Project Funding: Respect Victoria**