

## Family Violence Intake Pathway: Victim Survivor (Child\*)

### Police attend incident

Police conduct preliminary risk assessment and refer to:  
The Orange Door (TOD) NEMA or Hume Merri-bek

TOD triages police referrals, contacts clients and provides comprehensive risk assessment, safety planning, information and support.

TOD may consult with, or refer to:  
**a specialist children's casework or therapeutic service, children's group work, CAMHS, Gatehouse or a private mental health practitioner.**  
(See online [Service Directory](#) for children's referrals.)

A referral is made to Child Protection if police have:

- a reasonable belief that a child or young person is in need of protection
- concerns of sexual or physical abuse or
- concerns of significant harm or neglect.

Child Protection liaises with TOD to establish referral pathways, which may include:

Child Protection opens an investigation.

Family Services work with family.

### Victim survivor with child attends court # to apply for a FVIO or a variation, or due to civil action taken by police

Support person refers the victim survivor and child to a  
**family violence service\***  
(see Victim Survivor Adult Intake Pathway).

Family violence service may consult with or refer to:  
**a specialist children's casework, therapeutic service, children's group work, CAMHS, Gatehouse or a private mental health practitioner.**  
(See the online Service Directory for children's referrals at [nifvs.org.au](http://nifvs.org.au))

### Victim survivor with a child discloses to a family violence service\*

Family violence service conducts a comprehensive risk assessment and safety planning.  
Given the presence of a child, service may:

Consult with  
**Child Protection** (Ph 1300 664 977)  
Child Protection may open an investigation or make an appropriate referral.

Consult with or refer to:  
**The Orange Door , specialist children's casework or therapeutic service, children's group work, CAMHS, Gatehouse or a private mental health practitioner.**

### Victim survivor with a child discloses to a mainstream or universal service

Service conducts relevant MARAM risk assessment. If in present danger, service partners with the adult victim survivor to call the police. If the police are not called, service may consult with:  
**Child Protection** (Ph 1300 664 977) about the child's safety.  
Service may also refer the adult victim survivor and child to a **family violence service\*** as per Victim Survivor Adult Intake Pathway.

Child Protection open an investigation or make the appropriate referral

Family violence service may consult with or refer to:  
**The Orange Door, a specialist children's casework therapeutic service, children's group work, CAMHS, Gatehouse or a private mental health practitioner.**  
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### Child discloses to a school or health service

Depending on the nature of the disclosure, the school or health service may consult with  
**Child Protection** (Ph 1300 664 977)

Child Protection open an investigation or make the appropriate referral.

## **Glossary**

CAHMS	Child and adolescent area mental health services
NEMA	North East Metropolitan Area
TOD	The Orange Door

## **Notes**

\*Children are defined as people aged 0-18 years

# Broadmeadows Magistrate's Court, Heidelberg Magistrate's Court, Melbourne Magistrate's Court or Neighbourhood Justice Centre

\* Specialist family violence services include: Berry Street, The Orange Door, The Salvation Army, Elizabeth Morgan House, Georgina Martina Inc., InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence, WithRespect and Uniting.