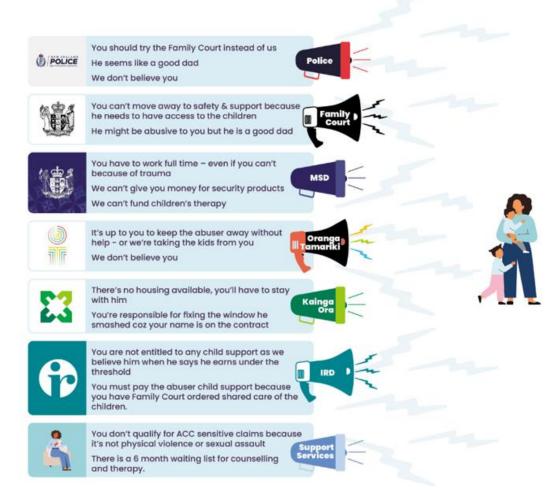


System as perpetrator of abuse



B The Backbone Collective

Catch-22: When victim-survivors seek protection from authorities for family violence





Effects of system abuse

If authorities minimise or do not believe The opposite Our vision: how victim-survivors need a victim-survivor's disclosure of abuse, the consequences include: authorities to respond to their disclosure Assistance to heal from trauma Nowhere left to turn - more fear of offender Offender prevented from reoffending and supported to stop using violence, protecting multiple potential victim-survivors Real risk of losing care of children Being believed - validation of experience, antidote to impact of trauma Trust reduced in all agencies, Assistance with logistics (such as resources to move house) government, society Result: violence increases & spreads, Result: Victim-survivor (and children) victim-survivor lives in lifelong fear without possibility for reprieve can safely move on with their lives and reach their full potential; further violence is prevented.

> Surely if it really happened the Police, Family Court, social services would not let him have unsupervised contact of the children

We're really sick of hearing about it all, just get on with life Sorry we can't lend you any

money



The abuser's voice is loud,

