



MEDIA RELEASE

Men's Behaviour Change Program Present's 'Call Me Dad, Can A Violent Man Change'

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Sunraysia Community Health Services (SCHS) and the Men's Behaviour Change program (MBCP) would like to invite you to join them in a rare glimpse inside a MBCP. This program gives intimate access to this highly confidential process, and is the first time anywhere in the world cameras have been allowed to film inside a MBCP. The program follows a group of fathers through a program that puts an uncompromising spotlight on the voices that are rarely heard – male perpetrators of domestic violence.

Call me Dad - Can a Violent Man Change? follows these men over their journey through the program as they attempt to take responsibility for their violence, change themselves – and perhaps heal fragile bonds with their loved ones, whilst we hear the impact their behaviours has had on their families. The full length version of Call Me Dad will be screened on Thursday 25th February 2016.

The MBCP is funded to work with men that have used violence or controlling behaviours against family members.

The program is designed to challenge men and the beliefs that they hold about the use of violence against women and children. This is done within a group setting. Men undertake a 40 hour program over 20 weeks to help them gain an understanding of the types violence and the types of behaviour that they use and how this behaviour can be changed to help protect women and children within our society.

Many men initially attend the program with the belief that they have never used violence against women and children or that it was not their fault. During the program these beliefs are challenged and most men will leave with an understanding that they have chosen to use behaviour that has been abusive or controlling and that they have a choice to continue that behaviour and destroy their relationships or chose better behaviours and potentially repair the relationships. The program has been running for 10 years, but two years ago the government provided extra funding to allow more staff to be trained to run the programs, providing Sunryasia Community Health Services with the capacity to continue and expand the program to work with more men, helping to protect more women and children in our community.

Sunraysia Community Health Services and the Men's Behaviour Change Program is providing a free community screening of "Call Me Dad - Can a Violent Man Change?" a documentary that follows the lives of three fathers that attend a Men's Behaviour Change Program. It provides an insight into what the program can offer and how it can work to help protect women and children within our society.



Thursday 25th February 2016
at The Mercy Theatre St. Joseph's College Mildura
6.30pm-8.30pm
Seating is limited so please register via www.eventbrite.com.au

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