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## *Understanding Child-to-Parent Family/Whānau Violence*

The aim of this honours research project is to describe child-to-parent family/whānau violence events, and code and analyse the sequence of behaviours in those events to identify opportunities for interventions to prevent harm. This research may have important implications for how parents can deescalate conflict with their children, and how police respond when they attend child-to-parent family/whānau violence events

Family/whānau violence is an egregious social problem in Aotearoa New Zealand that causes long-lasting harm and damages whānau relationships. Hence, in an effort to improve understandings of family/whānau violence and identify opportunities to prevent harm, researchers have examined intimate partner violence and child abuse. As a result, there is a considerable body of research about events where children are victims of family/whānau violence; however, we know very little about events where children are the aggressors. Therefore, in this study we will examine the characteristics of 52 cases child-to-parent family/whānau violence events reported to police in Aotearoa New Zealand.

*Outputs: (1) Dissertation submission, (2) Contribution to journal article draft*

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