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Mallee Family Care empowering locals on legal matters during Victorian Law Week

The Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre (MFC CLC) is using Victorian Law Week to make it easier for locals to understand legal matters and access free support if they need it.

Held across the state from May 20 to 26, Victorian Law Week is designed to help Victorians learn about their rights and how our legal system works.

To mark this year's event, Mallee Family Care has produced a free video resource about parenting, property and family law matters.

Featuring MFC CLC Solicitor Leanne Bosman and Community Legal Education Worker Allie Collyer, the video will be released during Law Week on Mallee Family Care's social media channels and the MFC CLC website.

Mallee Family Care CEO Teresa Jayet said the video was designed to complement the free and confidential services offered through the MFC CLC.

"We know from the clients we support that going through a separation, or even considering a separation can be a difficult, complex and sometimes confusing time," Ms Jayet said.

"In this video, our CLC team clearly and simply explain some of the legal issues that can arise when families separate. They also address some common myths around separation, parenting and property."

Ms Jayet said the video would be available on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube so people could access the information in private, at a time and place that is convenient and safe for them to do so.

Importantly, the video also includes information about the free and confidential legal services and advice available through the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre.

"The MFC CLC can assist people on a range of legal matters including family law, family violence and intervention orders, discrimination, sexual harassment and equal opportunity, debt and fines, social security, employment and consumer issues."



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Appointments can be held in person, over the phone and virtually, across the entire Mallee region, including northwest Victoria and southwestern New South Wales.

The Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre will also host meet and greet sessions for service providers, health and legal professionals during Law Week in Mildura and Swan Hill.

Ms Jayet said these gatherings aimed to increase awareness of the CLC's services and how other professionals could refer their clients to the service for support.

"Often somebody may present to a health or a community service with a particular matter, and not realise there is also a legal element to their issue," Ms Jayet said.

"We want community workers, health professionals and others in the legal system to know the Community Legal Centre is available and how to refer their clients for free, confidential legal assistance."

Meet the CLC team events will be held in Mildura on Tuesday 21st May and Swan Hill on Thursday 23rd May, 2024.

For more information about these events or the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre, call 5023 5966.

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