

Family Violence

Issues:

- Threats to kids, too scared to leave in case he chases you. Threats to hurt them.
- Unable to leave due to his financial control- lost my job and only work I could get at time was hours outside of childcare hours. He put house in his name and refused to allow my name on title.
- After intervention order was done, he kept skirting around it with harassing messages via facebook or texts. I spoke to police, nothing they could do as it was the grey area.
- Having to be nice to him and follow along with his crap so he would put house on the market so it could be sold. Coping abuse from him but having to put up with it so house could be sold. He tells his lawyers he wants to see the kids these days, but then tells me on facebook he can't see them as I am taking them away from him. Abusive texts to friends and family and messages on facebook. Many have had to block him.
- When house is sold he refuses to pay back a loan to my parents, thereby stalling the financial settlement. Control again. I am going to be house sitting as I have not enough money to buy. As I have no job I can't get much of a loan. I can't get a job till I am settled in a new spot to live. I can't live in new spot as he won't sort out funds. My parents live in the country so its not so easy. There will be hassles when they return from a holiday and they are all in together.
- Support- no family local- lucky I had friends who can mind them so I can go to appointments. Relationships Australia sent me a letter saying I had to attend a meeting but the only time I can go is when I have the kids. If I don't go, they won't give me a certificate to help sort out family stuff. Letter was sent telling me I had 7 days to respond the week the house was going for auction. As I was living in house I was flat out looking after house and kids getting it ready for sale-. More controlling
- All bills in my name. Can't get them changed into both names. He refused to speak to companies to allow his name on them. I am then left with bills.
- He refuses to do financial settlement as the intervention order wasn't fully lifted, it was varied and I have blocked him on facebook.
- One night I had had enough and called the helpline. No answer. Family violence doesn't seem to be an issue sat night at 10pm...
- When I first got the intervention order a friend told me to go to Centrelink for some emergency funds as I could no longer work. They told me they couldn't help me. A month later someone called and told me to come to Centrelink. They couldn't believe it that I had been turned away.
- Lack of help – places so busy and so little funds. I have used my own lawyers as I can afford to but fear for those who can't. Real funding needs to be done. Last time I went to court I sat there for 4 hours. I think the PM should come and spend all day in court with someone waiting. Then action might happen
- Lack of help on where to turn-lots of agencies but not sure on them—all very overwhelming.
- Single parenting pension- struggling to buy the basics for them- have to buy 2 new carseats- that's half my fortnightly income. If I get them it means I can't get the sneakers I need to have to wear to work, or the car serviced.