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# Third Action Plan — National Priority Area Five

## Responding to children living with violence

Children experience the impact of violence and abuse in the home even when they aren’t directly targeted. It’s important to engage with children to hear about how they are affected by family violence, what helps them to feel and be safe and what can be done to help them recover.

We need to break the cycle of violence by working with families through every possible avenue, including through health services, schools and early childhood services. To achieve this, the Third Action Plan will link with work underway through the *National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children* First 1000 Days Strategy.

## Key national actions

* Enhancing the capacity of the family law system to identify and respond to domestic, family and sexual violence.
* Improving interactions between the family law and child protection systems.
* Building the capacity of specialist and mainstream service providers to recognise and respond to the impacts of violence on children.
* Improving children’s safety through emerging technology by developing information for children who are exposed to, or at risk of, violence.

### More information

For more information on the priority areas or the Third Action Plan, visit the [National Plan website](http://plan4womenssafety.dss.gov.au/).