

2025 Highlights – National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032

First Action Plan 2023–2027

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Action 1 Gender Equality

[Working for Women: A Strategy for Gender Equality](#) was launched on 7 March 2024. - **AUS**

The community education campaign on coercive control launch had over 1.1 million social media impressions in the first month. - **ACT**

The [NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence \(DFSV\) 2024–2028](#) was launched in September 2024. - **NSW**

The 'Comprehensive and culturally appropriate sexuality education in remote schools - Transition to Year 12' has been developed. - **NT**

The [Respect](#) program, provides teaching and learning materials to support schools in their delivery of Respectful Relationships Education. - **QLD**

The gender equality education and training program '[Raiise](#)' reached 1,150 people across 50 sporting clubs from July 2023 to June 2024. - **SA**

[Equal means Equal: Tasmanian Women's Strategy 2022–2027](#) was launched during 2022. - **TAS**

[Respect Ballarat: A community model to prevent gendered violence](#) trial is a nation-leading model with community-led preventative actions. - **VIC**

The [Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program](#) has been implemented in 20 sporting associations. - **WA**



Action 2 Evidence

The [Rapid Review of Prevention Approaches report](#) has been released. - **AUS**

The [Victim Survivor Voices Pilot](#) is being trialled to engage victim-survivors of DFSV to share their expertise and insights. - **ACT**

The NSW Domestic Family and Sexual Violence Data Strategy has been developed to improve services. - **NSW**

The [Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability Plan](#) for the NT's [Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Framework 2018–2028](#) was launched. - **NT**

A Lived Experience Working Group has been established to provide insight towards prevention and intervention strategies. - **QLD**

Working with Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety to build stronger evidence and ensure data collection aligns with national goals. - **SA**

The inaugural meeting of the [Victim-Survivor Advisory Council](#) was held on 28 November 2024. - **TAS**

18 funded research projects under Victoria's Family Violence Research Agenda and Research Program have been delivered. - **VIC**

The 17 actions outlined in the [Strengthening Responses to Family and Domestic Violence System Reform Plan 2024 to 2029](#) are being implemented. - **WA**



Action 3 Workforce Capability

1,200 [DV-Alert](#) training sessions have been delivered to 17,950 individual clients, including frontline workers from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025. - **AUS**

The [Sexual Violence Project Fund](#) has funded 14 organisations to build the capability of the family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) sector to intervene early and respond to sexual violence. - **NSW**

243 Risk Assessment and Management Framework workshops were delivered to 749 participants in 6 locations, between September 2024 to 30 June 2025. - **NT**

WorkUp Queensland delivered [A capable and courageous workforce](#) survey in 2025. - **QLD**

[SHINE SA](#) has delivered 16 one-day in-person training sessions to 165 workers from specialist services since November 2023. - **SA**

The Safe and Together Model, an internationally recognised, evidence-based approach to supporting families experiencing violence is being investigated. - **TAS**

123 workers participated in the Recruiting for Diversity program, raising the importance of a workforce that reflects the communities it supports. - **VIC**

A dedicated [Family and Domestic Violence \(FDV\) Workforce Entity](#) is being established to support workforce development. - **WA**



Action 4 Capacity of services and systems

The Escaping Violence Payment Trial supported over 100,000 victim-survivors with \$495 million in financial assistance packages from October 2021 to 30 June 2025. - **AUS**

Case management services have been rolled out across all [Safer Pathway](#) service providers. - **NSW**

A review of the statewide DFSV crisis intake and referral system was completed in 2024–25. - **QLD**

The new Northern and Southern Prevention and Recovery Hubs supported 419 people in 2024–25. - **SA**

The Tasmanian Family and Sexual Violence Alliance was established in 2025 as the peak body for the family and sexual violence services sector. - **TAS**

Delivered more than 180,000 training sessions to support workers to align to the [Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework](#). - **VIC**

The Family and Domestic Violence Common Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework is being redeveloped. - **WA**



Action 5 Perpetrator accountability

[Parents Beyond Breakup](#) 'Dads in Distress' peer support groups are expanding into 16 locations across Australia, accompanied by the deployment of 30 new peer support mentors nationally. - **AUS**

\$5.6 million in grants has been provided to 11 projects (10 providers) for the development of Men's Behaviour Change Programs in [round 1](#) and [round 2](#). - **NSW**

Risk assessment tools for persons using violence have been developed and work is underway on a phased implementation approach. - **QLD**

OARS Community Transitions delivered the [Don't Become That Man](#), an early intervention program, to 257 clients in 2024–25. - **SA**

The [Men's Referral Service](#) delivered 101 single-session rehabilitative services to family violence perpetrators from 1 July to 31 December 2024. - **TAS**

[First Step Legal Service](#) is delivering tailored individual support to male perpetrators, legal education modules, and legal assistance programs. - **VIC**

Practice standards for responding to perpetrators are being updated and a data linkage project to track perpetrator pathways using [PeopleWA](#) data is underway. - **WA**

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Action 6 Sexual Violence

Working Women's Centres are being funded in every state and territory to provide advice and assistance, including on workplace sexual harassment. - [AUS](#)

70 Government departments and agencies have now implemented a Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy which complies with the [minimum standards](#). - [NSW](#)

A campaign was delivered to increase community awareness of affirmative consent legislative reforms, with tailored assets developed for First Nations people, youth, LGBTIQ+ and the general population. - [QLD](#)

A roundtable was held on eSafety and image-based abuse in May 2025. Over 70 people attended, including the eSafety Commissioner. - [SA](#)

A third [Arch centre](#), providing a safe and supportive environment for people affected by sexual harm, is expected to be established in 2026. - [TAS](#)

An affirmative consent model that provides better protections for victim-survivors of sexual offences was implemented. - [VIC](#)

The [Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy](#) is being developed to prevent and address the impact of sexual violence. - [WA](#)



Action 7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

A standalone First Nations National Plan for family safety, Our Ways - Strong Ways - Our Voices, is being developed. - [AUS](#)

The Justice Our Way program is being delivered at 2 correctional centres. Aboriginal-led, designed and delivered throughcare is offered at 2 more correctional centres. - [NSW](#)

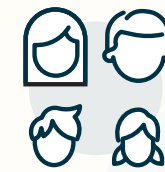
First Nations Cultural Advisors have been embedded in new Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) High Risk Teams. - [QLD](#)

The Kumangka Together program is supporting Aboriginal families affected by FDSV by offering long-term, culturally safe healing and recovery. - [SA](#)

An Aboriginal Family Safety Worker in each region delivers culturally appropriate support and engagement with Aboriginal families in [Child and Family Learning Centres](#). - [TAS](#)

Two Aboriginal Access points have been established to provide a culturally safe referral pathway for Aboriginal peoples impacted by family violence. - [VIC](#)

12 projects have received funding under the [Aboriginal Family Safety Grants](#) program to support delivery of Aboriginal-led, place-based responses to family violence. - [WA](#)



Action 8 Children and young people

The Supporting Adolescent Boys early intervention trial for young men and adolescent boys has been established in 12 sites across Australia. - [AUS](#)

The PCYC [Solid Ground](#) program for young people who have experienced DFSV or are at risk of perpetrating violence, has been funded to 2029. - [ACT](#)

The Pasifika program for Pacific Island young people has been independently evaluated and is being expanded across Youth Justice. - [NSW](#)

Twelve new positions have been established for specialist children's workers in women's crisis accommodation services. - [NT](#)

Specialist responses for children and young people experiencing DFV continued to provide counselling services. - [QLD](#)

The KIND Perpetrator Program has helped 198 young people who use violence in their relationship, along with 89 parents and 5 partners. - [SA](#)

["Stop. Think. Evaluate. Plan. Use skills and Patience. Step Up"](#) program was expanded to include Northern Tasmania. - [TAS](#)

The Adolescent Family Violence in the Home program supports over 1,000 young people and their families each year. - [VIC](#)

Services for children and young people impacted by FDV will be designed and piloted over 4 years. - [WA](#)



Action 9 Justice

The Australian Law Reform Commission Inquiry into Justice responses provided 64 recommendations. - [AUS](#)

The ACT Government responded to the [Sexual Assault \(Police\) Review](#) on 5 September 2024 and is working to implement priority recommendations. - [ACT](#)

The Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Hearing Support Pilot will continue until 30 June 2027. - [NSW](#)

Three DFV survivor support workers have been recruited as part of the Alice Springs Local Court and a Domestic Violence Registrar position is established. - [NT](#)

In May 2025, coercive control became a criminal offence, carrying a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment. - [QLD](#)

The [Criminal Law Consolidation \(Coercive Control\) Amendment Bill 2024](#) was introduced in August 2024 to criminalise coercive control. - [SA](#)

The family violence definition in legislation was expanded to include certain conduct or threats made against pets. - [TAS](#)

The Justice Navigator pilot is being designed to support victim survivors of sexual assault. - [VIC](#)

Adult Community Corrections officers are being embedded in all 17 FDV Response Teams from 2024–2028. - [WA](#)



Action 10 Housing

[Safe Places](#) will deliver around 720 new safe places across Australia for women and children experiencing family and domestic violence. - [AUS](#)

The [Core and Cluster program](#) has 49 crises accommodation refuges to support women and children, victims-survivors escaping violence. - [NSW](#)

Commitment to deliver 10 new and replacement domestic and family violence shelters. - [QLD](#)

The Crisis Accommodation Program and the Perpetrator Response Program received a 4-year \$7.4 million investment. - [SA](#)

The [Family Violence Rapid Rehousing Program](#) for people affected by family violence is being expanded from 50 to 150 homes. - [TAS](#)

The ["Safe at Home" program](#) trial is supporting victim survivors stay safe in their home instead of being forced to leave. - [VIC](#)

Since 2022, crisis accommodation capacity has increased significantly, with further expansions planned over the next four years. - [WA](#)

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Reform Area 1

Voice, self-determination and agency

The Coalition of Peaks has been engaged to establish a [National Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety](#). - **AUS**

The [DVPC](#) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expert Reference Group developed the [Long Yarn Report](#). - **ACT**

A pilot of the [Aboriginal Domestic and Family Violence Court Support Project](#) is running in Moree and Gunnedah from 2024 to 2026. - **NSW**

The [NT DFSV Aboriginal Advisory Board](#) continued to provide advice on FDSV. - **NT**

The [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Group](#) continued to provide advice on DFV. - **QLD**

The Women and Families Safety Partnership Committee, between the state government and the SAACCON, is being convened. - **SA**

The Government has continued to provide funding to the [Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre](#) as per Clause 33 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. - **TAS**

Government agencies are implementing actions in the [Dhelk Dja 3 Year Action Plan 2023–25](#). - **VIC**

The [Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy Western Australia 2021–2029](#) was released in 2021. - **WA**



Reform Area 2

Strength, resilience and therapeutic healing

The [Leaving Violence Program Regional Trial](#) has been expanded and will run in Cairns, Dubbo, Darwin and Broome. - **AUS**

Increased investment in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to provide support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people impacted by DFSV. - **ACT**

[Safe and Strong Families](#), an early intervention family support service, is currently being delivered by 23 ACCOs and 3 non-ACCOs in priority sites - **NSW**

Grants activities to support young people starting to use violence were rolled out by 8 organisations. - **NT**

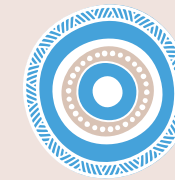
DFV workers were embedded in [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services](#). - **QLD**

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has employed 3 new Aboriginal Witness Assistance Officers. - **SA**

Aboriginal families are being supported through the Aboriginal Family Safety Workers in Child and Family Learning Centres. - **TAS**

Service development funding has been allocated to all ACCOs who deliver specialist family violence supports. - **VIC**

Two new Indigenous Healing Services for Aboriginal children and young people impacted by family violence will commence in late 2025. - **WA**



Reform Area 3

Reform institutions and systems

Training for police officers to improve their cultural capability and how they respond to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples experiencing FDSV is being developed. - **AUS**

The Government is continuing to work with ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to implement recommendations of [The Long Yarn report](#). - **ACT**

Ongoing identified Aboriginal Sexual Assault Counsellor positions in all Local Health Districts have been funded and resources have been developed to assist them. - **NSW**

Work is underway to establish a new multiagency [Family Safety Framework](#) site in Wadeye. - **NT**

A First Nations Cultural Safety Framework is being developed for the Queensland Police Service with First Nations peoples and communities. - **QLD**

The [Royal Commission into DFSV](#) within SA will engage with the SAACCON to ensure First Nations specific issues are included. - **SA**

Engagement with ACCOs led to the inclusion of a new action (55) in [Tasmania's Plan for Closing the Gap 2025–2028](#). - **TAS**

75% of current Orange Door staff have completed cultural safety training that is specific to their work. - **VIC**

The [Whole of Government ACCO Strategy](#) was published in May 2024. - **WA**



Reform Area 4

Evidence and data eco-systems

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander supplier will be engaged to assist grantees to build capability and evaluate their own projects that are delivered under the 4 Immediate Priority Grants. - **AUS**

An Aboriginal-led evaluation of Yerrabi Yurwang Child and Family Aboriginal Corporation's NaraGanaWali Strengthening Families Program has been funded. - **ACT**

Curijo Pty Ltd has been commissioned to conduct an independent process evaluation of [Safe and Strong Families](#). - **NSW**

The NT Government is reviewing its domestic and family violence death review processes to prevent FDSV related deaths. - **NT**

The Data Insights Program is seeking to strengthen the FDSV service sector's data eco-systems. - **QLD**

ACCOs working in the FDSV sector have been consulted to better understand the cultural safety in the FSDV sector. - **SA**

The Government worked with Dhelk Dja Action Group Chairpersons to better understand their data needs and develop 11 reports to support providing insights on family violence. - **VIC**

An independent evaluation of the [2024 Aboriginal Family Grants Program](#) is being conducted by Kaala Barna Aboriginal Consultancy. - **WA**



Reform Area 5

Inclusion and intersectionality

The Government is investing in building an evidence base on FDSV experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. - **AUS**

The Government is partnering with Women's Health Matters and Sisters in Spirit Aboriginal Corporation to deliver the Victim Survivor Voices Pilot Project. - **ACT**

A 'Yarning about Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation' booklet, poster and a Wellbeing Checklist for Aboriginal communities have been developed. - **NSW**

The NT DFSV Aboriginal Advisory Board were consulted to design guidelines to inform the grant funding process for Aboriginal-Led Prevention Grants. - **NT**

The creation of services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living with a disability who are in prison and who have experienced FDSV is being explored. - **QLD**

ACCOs in the FDSV Sector have shared insights on the cultural appropriateness of the Family Safety Framework. - **SA**

ACES are developing an Elders Engagement Framework to address the unique system barriers faced by Aboriginal Elders at risk of or experiencing abuse. - **VIC**

The [Coercive Control – A Story That's Not Ours](#) campaign was launched in December 2024. - **WA**