

Australian Capital Territory Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2025-30 Federation Funding Agreement (FDSV FFA)- Project Plan Summary



The ACT Government is increasing its investment in FDSV services with more than \$137 million committed over four years from 2025-26. This includes major funding increases in the 2025-26 Budget to strengthen frontline services and improve how the system works together. Since 2016, funding under the safer families initiatives has grown more than sixfold, showing the ACT's strong and ongoing commitment to preventing and responding to violence.

A key focus is supporting Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to address the higher rates of violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Under the 2025-30 FDSV FFA, the ACT and Commonwealth governments are investing \$12.268 million in new matched funding. As part of a four-year project plan, \$10.130 million is being invested in the following programs. Funding will support frontline services, with a strong emphasis on children and young people.

A project plan covering the 2029 to 2030 financial years is in development.

Program 1 - Solid Ground

Funding: \$2.064 million over 4 years in Commonwealth Government funding |

Service Type: Specialist support services for children | **Location:** ACT

The Solid Ground program is delivered by the Canberra Police Community Youth Club (PCYC) and supports young people aged 11-18 who are affected by domestic, family and sexual violence, or are at risk of using it.

Solid Ground uses strengths-based mentoring, group learning and adventure activities, and will be expanded to include counselling from July 2026.

An independent evaluation found Solid Ground effective and good value for money.

This program contributes towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

- [Closing the Gap targets and outcomes | Closing the Gap](#)
 - Outcome 13: by 2031, the rate of all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal women and children is reduced by at least 50%, as progress towards zero.
- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan](#)
 - Outcome 1: Systems and institutions effectively support and protect people impacted by violence.
 - Outcome 2: Services and prevention programs are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible.
 - Outcome 5: children and young people are safe in all settings and are effectively supported by systems and services.

Program 2 - Children's Support Workers

Funding: \$0.609 million over 4 years in ACT Government funding | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for children | **Location:** ACT

The Children's Support Workers program is delivered by YWCA Canberra and provides two specialist workers to deliver specialised case management for children and young people alongside support for their protective parent.

YWCA Canberra provides tailored support for each child which is integrated with the family's broader plan. This approach fills a local gap in services to support children exposed to family and domestic violence to heal and recover.

This program contributes towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan:](#)
 - Outcome 1: Systems and institutions effectively support and protect people impacted by violence.
 - Outcome 2: Services and prevention programs are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible.
 - Outcome 3: Community attitudes and beliefs embrace gender equality and condemn all forms of gendered violence without exception.
 - Outcome 5: children and young people are safe in all settings and are effectively supported by systems and services.
 - Outcome 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.

Program 3 – Expansion of Sexual Violence Services

Funding: \$4.921 million over 4 years in combined Commonwealth and ACT matched funding | **Service Type:** Sexual violence services | **Location:** ACT

Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) will expand core sexual violence crisis services to better meet the safety, recovery and healing needs of victim-survivors.

Support may include crisis intervention, counselling, advocacy, outreach and community engagement. This investment also strengthens service governance and collaboration.

This program contributes towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

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 - Outcome 1: Systems and institutions effectively support and protect people impacted by violence.
 - Outcome 2: Services and prevention programs are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible.
 - Outcome 3: Community attitudes and beliefs embrace gender equality and condemn all forms of gendered violence without exception.
 - Outcome 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.

Program 4 - Hotel Brokerage

Funding: \$1.857 million over 4 years in ACT Government funding | **Service Type:** Housing and accommodation | **Location:** ACT

This funding allows Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) to provide immediate hotel accommodation for victim-survivors and their children when it's not safe to stay at home.

DVCS provides hotel brokerage clients with trauma informed crisis support and safety planning during their stay. Longer term case planning will also be provided to offer safe transitional or long-term housing if required.

This program contributes towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

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 - Outcome 1: Systems and institutions effectively support and protect people impacted by violence.
 - Outcome 2: Services and prevention programs are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible.
 - Outcome 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.

Program 5 – Expansion of Criminal Justice Advocate program

Funding: \$0.679 million over 4 years in Commonwealth Government funding | **Service Type:** Legal support and court-based services | **Location:** ACT

The DVCS Criminal Justice Advocate program supports people taking family violence matters through the courts.

It provides trauma informed information, advocacy, safety planning and referrals during the legal process. Expansion of this program helps meet rising demand and improves the experience of victim-survivors.

This program contributes towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan](#):
 - Outcome 1: Systems and institutions effectively support and protect people impacted by violence.
 - Outcome 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.