

New South Wales

Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2025-30 Federation Funding Agreement (FDSV FFA)- 2025-26 Project Plan Summary



The New South Wales Government has made addressing family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) a major priority, and recognises that this requires a whole-of-community approach.

In 2025-26, the NSW Government invested \$272.7 million over four years to address domestic, family and sexual violence. A key part of this investment includes funding of \$175 million over four years from the FDSV FFA, funded by both the Commonwealth and NSW governments. This investment continues the delivery of critical services to support victim-survivors and begin long-term system reform. Importantly, investment to date:

- supports initiatives that meet the needs of those most at risk, with targeted responses for Aboriginal communities, multicultural communities, and children and young people
- strengthens crisis services and legal supports, ensuring victim-survivors receive timely, trauma-informed help throughout the service system
- drives sector development, enhances workforce capability, and improves service integration
- supports early intervention and perpetrator accountability, reinforcing the government's focus on building safer, more resilient families and communities.

Set out below are the programs jointly funded by the Commonwealth and NSW in 2025-26 under the FDSV FFA.



Program 1 – Support Services to Priority and Minority Populations

Funding: \$2.3 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for diverse people and groups | **Location:** NSW

The projects in this program support people who are more likely to experience domestic and family violence (DFV) and who may face barriers accessing mainstream services. These groups include older people, refugee and migrant women, women involved in the justice system, women leaving prison, women affected by floods in the Northern Rivers and children.

The projects provide trauma-informed counselling, support for building healthy relationships, case management, group programs, social connection, warm referrals to other services and education sessions.

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

- [Closing the Gap targets and outcomes | Closing the Gap:](#)
 - Outcome 10: Adults are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system.
 - Outcome 11: Young people are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system.
 - Outcome 12: Children are not overrepresented in the child protection system.
 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
 - Outcome 14: People enjoy high levels of social and emotional wellbeing.
- [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 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.
 - 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 2 – Place-Based interventions for people using DFV in regional areas

Funding: \$1.6 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Perpetrator interventions and men's behaviour change programs | **Location:** NSW

The projects in these place-based programs support people who may use, or experience, domestic and family violence (DFV).

The projects aim to prevent and reduce DFV by addressing harmful behaviours, strengthening family relationships, and promoting safety and wellbeing.

One component focuses on behaviour change, respectful relationships, early support, and housing stability, including tailored work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and migrant and refugee communities in Gosford, Coffs Harbour, Wyong, and Lake Macquarie.

Other components focus on behaviour change and early intervention, including engagement of men and young people to promote respectful, gender-equal relationships. Services include trauma-informed, whole-of-family therapy, case management, group programs, and warm referrals.

The projects contribute towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

- [Closing the Gap targets and outcomes | Closing the Gap](#)
 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan:](#)
 - 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 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.
 - Outcome 5: children and young people are safe in all settings and are effectively supported by systems and services.

Program 3 – Co-location and Hearing Support program for Victim-Survivors

Funding: \$8.2 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Legal support and court-based services | **Location:** NSW

The program supports the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS) and NSW Police Co-location Program places specialist workers in police stations. These workers assist women victim-survivors who attend the station to report or seek help in relation to domestic and family violence.

Co-located workers help to reduce the stress and anxiety that victim-survivors can experience when visiting a police station, supporting victim-survivors to make a report safely, if they choose to do so, and connecting them with other services for their ongoing needs.

It also delivers the WDVCAS Hearing Support Program, which helps women victim-survivors who are involved in a court hearing. WDVCAS workers assist women to understand and engage with the court process safely, for example by providing women with information and emotional support, arranging childcare and transport, and connecting them with options such as remote witness facilities.

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

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 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
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 - Outcome 1: Systems and institutions effectively support and protect people impacted by violence.
 - Outcome 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.

Program 4 – Capacity building for DFV frontline support services to support victim-survivors, including needs of minority and priority cohorts, and better work with perpetrators

Funding: \$4.6 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for diverse people and groups | **Location:** NSW

The projects in this program build the skills and capacity of DFV services, both specialist and non-specialist, to better support victim-survivors from priority groups.

It delivers early-intervention education, direct help such as brokerage, support for survivor groups, financial coaching, sector training and best-practice promotion that remove barriers for people with disability.

It also supports the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander DFV workforce and offers targeted training for the FDSV sector on topics such as risk identification, clinical supervision and student placements.

The projects contributes towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

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 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan](#)
 - Outcome 2: Services and prevention programs are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible.
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 - Outcome 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.

Program 5 – Sexual Violence Recovery and Healing Grants Program

Funding: \$4.0 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Sexual violence services |

Location: NSW

This program will fund community-designed projects that help victim-survivors of sexual violence recover and heal.

It will prioritise evidence-based, trauma- and healing-informed, accessible and culturally safe projects that strengthen the capacity of communities and services to better support victim-survivors from Aboriginal communities, multicultural communities, LGBTQIA+ people, adult survivors of child sexual assault, people with disability, children and young people, older women, people experiencing homelessness and those in contact with the justice system.

The program supports the NSW Government's commitment under the "Recovery and Healing" pillar of the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022–2027.

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

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 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
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 - 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 6 – Strengthening survivor-centred justice responses

Funding: \$2.7 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Sexual violence services |

Location: NSW

This program aims to ensure sexual violence victim-survivors are empowered to make informed choices, enhance sexual violence victim-survivors' access to justice through continuous support from disclosure and throughout the criminal justice process, and build the capacity of the existing service system to better meet the needs of sexual violence victim-survivors.

These initiatives support the NSW Government's commitment under the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022–2027 to enhance survivor-centred, trauma-informed justice responses.

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

- [Closing the Gap targets and outcomes | Closing the Gap](#):
 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
- [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 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.

Program 7 – Integrated DFV 24/7 Crisis Response Pilot

Funding: \$3.2 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** FDSV services and helplines | **Location:** NSW

This pilot is building a 24/7 crisis response for people experiencing domestic and family violence who present to NSW Health. The pilot will operate in four Local Health Districts, and each district will pilot elements of psychosocial, medical and forensic support services. The pilot will provide specialist advice for health workers and help build a statewide public health integrated domestic and family violence model with clear guidance, procedures and workforce supports.

The project also strengthens screening and safe responses across health services. It includes training to support generalist Health staff to identify domestic and family violence early, make safe referrals and coordinate care.

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

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 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
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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 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 8 – Early Intervention Family Capacity Building Service in NSW Government Targeted Earlier Intervention Services

Funding: \$7.5 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Prevention and early intervention activities | **Location:** NSW

This program delivers Safe and Strong Families, which is an early intervention family violence support service. Evidence shows that early intervention is the most effective strategy to improve outcomes for children, young people, families and communities.

Safe and Strong Families uses a dual model of early intervention, supporting both victim survivors and their children, as victims, who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, family violence. Through Safe and Strong Families, these women and children receive family capacity building including services such as advocacy, case coordination, counselling and referrals to build safety and address need.

Safe and Strong Families is delivered through the Community and Family Support (CAFS) program (previously the Targeted Earlier Intervention program) in 32 sites in priority locations across NSW. Locations were selected using domestic violence crime and child protection data, to identify areas of the highest need.

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

- [Closing the Gap targets and outcomes | Closing the Gap](#)
 - Outcome 13: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and households are safe.
- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan](#)
 - 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.
 - Outcome 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings, and experience economic, social, political and cultural equality.

Program 9 – Specialist Early Intervention, Response, Recovery and Healing Programs for Aboriginal people

Funding: \$2.1 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** FDSV services and helplines |

Location: NSW

The projects in this program support Aboriginal families, women and men who are experiencing or using DFV, often through regional services like Aboriginal Medical Centres.

They offer trauma-informed court support, relationship and cultural healing work, case management and practical help.

People can also take part in group programs and education, with warm referrals to trusted services when needed.

The projects contribute towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

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 - Outcome 10: Adults are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system.
 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
- [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 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.
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Program 10 – Specialist support services for young people involved in the criminal justice system

Funding: \$1.3 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for children | **Location:** NSW

The projects in this program deliver supports for young people who use or may have experienced DFV and who are involved in the criminal justice system.

Focussing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, the programs aim to improve mental health, education levels, employment opportunities and connecting back to culture and community.

The projects contribute towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

- [Closing the Gap targets and outcomes | Closing the Gap](#)
 - Outcome 11: Young people are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system.
 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
- [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 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.
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Program 11 – Accommodation-based support services for young people on bail in the criminal justice system

Funding: \$3.8 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for children | **Location:** NSW

This program supports a number of programs and projects to secure safe accommodation for young people on bail who are at risk of or experiencing DFV and cannot return home, helping to avoid short-term remand.

It provides brokerage for housing along with health care, mental health support, education help and alcohol and other drugs services, plus family support and behaviour-change work.

Designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and young people with lived experience, the program is delivered by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) in partnership with NSW Police, the Children's Court, and Youth Justice NSW, across pilot sites in South Sydney, Riverina, and Newcastle.

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

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 - Outcome 11: Young people are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system.
 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
- [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 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.
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Program 12 – Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Plan

Funding: \$1.0 million in combined matched funding | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for diverse people and groups | **Location:** NSW

This program supports the development of the NSW Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Plan. The Plan will fund practical, Aboriginal-led actions in primary prevention, early intervention, healing, recovery and response aimed at addressing violence against Aboriginal individuals, families and communities.

The Plan centres self-determination, recognition of intergenerational trauma and stronger cultural safety across mainstream services. It supports both Aboriginal-led and mainstream responses, driving a whole-of-society approach to prevent and respond to violence. It makes clear that creating safer communities is a shared responsibility—held by government, non-government organisations, and Aboriginal organisations—working in genuine partnership with Aboriginal communities.

Priorities for action are co-designed with the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (CAPO), ACCOs, Aboriginal communities and the DFSV Sector. It may include workforce development, cultural capability uplift, place-based partnerships and data sovereignty work.

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

- [Closing the Gap targets and outcomes | Closing the Gap](#)
 - Outcome 13: Families and households are safe.
 - Outcome 8: Strong economic participation and development of people and communities.
 - Outcome 10: Adults are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system.
 - Outcome 11: Young people are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system.
 - Outcome 12: Children are not overrepresented in the child protection system.
- [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 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.
 - Outcome 5: Children and young people are safe in all settings and are effectively supported by systems and services.
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