

Western Australia

FDSV Responses 2025-30 - Project Plan Summary

The state's policy response to family and domestic violence is anchored in *Path to Safety: Western Australia's Strategy to Reduce Family and Domestic Violence (2020-2030)*, the *Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy (2022-2032)* and *Stronger Together: WA's Plan for Gender Equality*, which collectively emphasise prevention, accountability and culturally grounded responses.



Western Australia (WA) has made substantial investments in front-line services across prevention, crisis support, supported accommodation, perpetrator interventions, counselling and multi-agency responses. Through commissioning and procurement activities, there has been an emphasis on growing Aboriginal-led service delivery resulting in several new and existing Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) delivering specialist family and domestic violence services.

Recent initiatives include the Family and Domestic Violence Taskforce which led to a focus on system reform and the new *Strengthening Responses to Family and Domestic Violence: System Reform Plan 2024-2029*. All seventeen actions in this plan are being actively implemented to strengthen practice and procedure in risk assessment, risk management, information sharing and workforce development.

Under the FDSV Responses 2025-30 component of the FDSV FFA, the Commonwealth and WA governments are investing \$85.95 million in new matched funding.

Program 1 - Community Outreach

Funding: \$4.222 million per annum (plus indexation) in Commonwealth and WA Government funding over the life of the Agreement | **Service Type:** FDSV services and helplines | **Location:** WA

Community Outreach is operating in 22 locations to support women who are experiencing family and domestic violence to stay safe and keep a stable home.

Support is led by the client, informed by an assessment of risk, and can include safety planning, tenancy help and ongoing case management.

Services are delivered across WA by organisations operating refuges and safe houses. Some of these organisations are ACCOs.

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 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 2 - Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA)

Funding: \$4.000 million per annum in Commonwealth Government funding over the life of the agreement | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for diverse people and groups | **Location:** WA

The program funds six Aboriginal Medical Services to deliver specialist family and domestic violence services in their communities. Five of the services are regionally located and one is in a metropolitan area.

Support can include counselling, yarning, case management and referrals. Some sites also offer short-term perpetrator interventions. The program is community-led, culturally safe and delivered by local partners.

AHCWA plays a critical role in supporting implementation of the initiative through sector leadership, capacity building, performance monitoring, data collection, reporting and continuous improvement activities. AHCWA works in partnership with the Department of Communities and participating Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to achieve positive and sustainable outcomes for Aboriginal communities.

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 - 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 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.

Program 3 - Refuges and Safe House Funding Uplift

Funding: \$5.216 million per annum in Western Australian Government funding over the life of the agreement | **Service Type:** Housing and accommodation services | **Location:** WA

Additional funding to help refuges and safe houses to provide consistent, high-quality services to adult and child victim-survivors.

This increase in baseline funding enables organisations to employ qualified staff and/or to provide targeted training and support, deliver dedicated assistance for children, and help people move more quickly into safe, longer-term housing.

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Program 4 - Children and Young People - New Frontline Services

Funding: Initial WA Government funding of \$3.475 million across 2025-26 and 2026-27, with ongoing State co-contribution commitments over the life of the Agreement | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for children | **Location:** WA

This initiative provides new therapeutic and healing services for children and young people up to 24 years of age who have been impacted by family and domestic violence.

Support includes counselling, practical help, a web/phone service, and a new risk and needs tool.

Services were designed with input from people with lived experience. Two of the new services are operated by ACCOs and are targeted to Aboriginal children and young people.

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 - 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 5: children and young people are safe in all settings and are effectively supported by systems and services.