

Tasmania

FDSV Responses 2025-30 - Project Plan Summary

Since COVID-19, frontline family and sexual violence services have faced higher demand, longer waitlists and more complex client needs. In response, the Tasmanian Government has expanded investment in priority areas such as community-based counselling and victim-survivor support, legal assistance, frontline workforce training and the rollout of multidisciplinary Arch Centres to provide integrated, trauma-informed support.

Alongside this work, the Tasmanian Government is implementing the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into the Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings. Key gains have been a strengthening of statewide coordination, improving workforce capability, enhancing accountability and oversight through a new Commission for Children and Young People and embedding trauma-informed, child-centred practice across services.

Supporting Tasmania's approach has been investment from the Commonwealth Government through the FDSV FFA. Under the FDSV Responses 2025-30 component of the FDSV FFA, the Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments are investing \$15.730 million in new matched funding. From 2025 to 2028, over \$14 million is being invested which comprises \$4.616 million from the Commonwealth Government and \$9.430 million from the Tasmanian Government. Tasmania will provide an updated project plan for 2028-30 in due course.

Program 1 - Keeping Women Safe in their Home - Statewide

Funding: \$0.405 million in Commonwealth Government funding in 2025-26 | **Service Type:** Housing and accommodation services | **Location:** Tasmania

Keeping Women Safe in their Home helps women who have experienced family violence to remain safely at home. Funding goes toward risk assessments, safety planning and targeted security upgrades.

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

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





Program 2 - Local Support Coordinator (Safe Choices) – South and North

Funding: \$0.604 million in Commonwealth Government funding across 2025-26 to 2027-28 |

Service Type: Specialist support services for diverse people and groups | **Location:** South and North Tasmania

This program funds up to 1.6 FTE Local Support Coordinators to assist women with disability who are experiencing family violence.

Safe Choices offers information, advice and practical help for people who may not wish to use traditional counselling or justice pathways, while still supporting reports to police and referrals when needed.

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

- [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 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 - Arch specialist therapeutic services - North, North-West and South

Funding: \$0.900 million in Commonwealth Government funding in 2025-26 | **Service Type:** Sexual violence services | **Location:** Tasmania

Specialist sexual assault counsellors are placed in three multi-disciplinary Arch centres to support victim-survivors.

The program continues services in the North and South of Tasmania and adds the North-West Arch from its opening in early 2026.

Each centre receives dedicated funding to ensure consistent access to care.

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

- [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 effectively supported by systems and services
 - Outcome 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.
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Program 4 - Commission of Inquiry Uplift Funding - SASS and Laurel House (Commission of Inquiry responses)

Funding: \$9.620 million in Tasmanian Government funding across 2025-26 to 2027-28 | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for children | **Location:** Tasmania

The Sexual Assault Support Service and Laurel House deliver specialist community-based services for people affected by sexual violence, including child sexual abuse and harmful sexual behaviours.

Funding supports crisis support, counselling, recovery services, child-centred therapy, workforce development and better access to specialist services across Tasmania.

The program also supports prevention activities, community education and the involvement of people with lived experience to improve outcomes for victim-survivors.

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

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

Program 5 - Step Up adolescent early intervention program

Funding: \$1.526 million in Commonwealth Government funding across 2026-27 and 2027-28 | **Service Type:** Prevention and early intervention activities | **Location:** Tasmania

Step Up is an early intervention program for young people aged 11 to 17 years who use violence toward family members or intimate partners.

Delivered by Home Base, the program helps adolescents, parents, carers and partners develop respectful relationships, communicate more effectively and reduce violent behaviour.

Support includes outreach, case management, family meetings and safety planning, helping families create safer home environments and healthier relationships.

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

- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan](#)
 - 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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Program 6 - Tasmanian Family and Sexual Violence Alliance

Funding: \$0.404 million in Commonwealth Government funding across 2026-27 and 2027-28 |

Service Type: Other generalist or specialist services | **Location:** Tasmania

The Tasmanian Family and Sexual Violence Alliance are the peak body for the family and sexual violence sector. The Alliance strengthens collaboration across the sector and ensures the perspectives of people with lived experience inform service design and reform.

It brings government and service providers together and supports policy development, workforce development, research, sector coordination and community prevention activities.

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 gender-based 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 7 – Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service - Support. Information. Strength (SiS)

Funding: \$0.606 million in Commonwealth Government funding across 2026-27 and 2027-28 |

Service Type: Specialist support services for diverse people and groups | **Location:** Tasmania

Support. Information. Strength (SiS) Tasmania is delivered by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service and provides culturally safe, wraparound support alongside legal services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by family violence.

The program offers intensive case management, practical assistance and early intervention support to help people navigate legal and non-legal needs while helping people access support in ways that minimise re-traumatisation.

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 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 - Mothers Circle

Funding: \$0.171 million in Commonwealth Government funding across 2026-27 and 2027-28 |

Service Type: Specialist support services for diverse people and groups | **Location:** Tasmania

Delivered by the Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania, Mothers Circle supports mothers from refugee, asylum seeker and humanitarian backgrounds who have children aged 10 to 18 years.

The program helps participants build parenting skills and connect with support services while building stronger support networks and improve safety and wellbeing.

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

- [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, political, cultural and social equality