

CALD PAR Safer Pathways Community of Practice 27 September 2018 Brisbane Workshop

The aims of this first CoP session are to map the existing pathways, refine any questions about the existing service system, and to decide upon future topics and dates.

In the session we will be exploring and documenting what is collectively known about the service system and safety framework in each of the jurisdictions where projects are located. In preparation for the CoP you were sent web links which provide information about the support services and policy frameworks for your area/jurisdiction:

1. **Victoria**- support services <https://www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence/family-safetyvictoria.html> in particular the Orange Door, and service reform and action plan <https://www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence/rolling-action-plan.html>

2. **Queensland**- support services <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/getting-supporthealth-social-issue/domestic-family-violence> and action plan <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/resources/gateway/campaigns/end-violence/dfvprevention-strategy.pdf>

3. **South Australia** – support services <http://womenssafetyservices.com.au/index.php/about/services> and action framework <https://officeforwomen.sa.gov.au/womens-policy/womens-safety/family-safety-framework>

We will start the session by re-visiting the questions from the Recognise, Respond and Refer session with DV Alert this morning:

- What is the name of the family violence risk assessment framework in your state?
- How do you access training about using the framework?
- Does your organisation have specific guidelines to train and implement the framework?
- Identify any action your project needs to do to ensure participants and facilitators understand what FDV is and how to implement the risk assessment framework.
- Some questions for discussion:
- What are the limits of your role and expertise?
- If a community member notices violence being perpetrated and no one is at immediate risk would you be comfortable to suggest a private discussion?
- When couples attend an event or workshop together do you talk to the woman first (separately) to ascertain her safety and allow privacy for disclosures?

- What actions do you take to ensure safety? e.g. avoid disclosing information provided by a woman to another family member (as it may compromise their safety).
- We will share information and questions you relevant in your project about improving pathways into services and specific barriers or good practice to supporting
- CALD women and children.

During this session we will also prioritise future topics through a free flowing conversation and brainstorm.

FYI the PVAW CoP are exploring the following questions, and time permitting we can also discuss:

- What resistance have you faced to your projects? What have people said or done to resist change in and around the communities you work with?
- What strategies have you used to plan and respond?
- What are your reflections?