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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Stopping Family Violence acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Peoples. SFV hopes to always demonstrate our respect to the First Peoples of our nation in all of our work. We prioritise an ongoing commitment to listen and work respectfully together and to find culturally appropriate and effective ways to empower Aboriginal individuals, families and communities. We recognise and strive to support aspirations of self-determination and leadership seen in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Stopping Family Violence acknowledges the ongoing impacts of colonisation and the intergenerational trauma for First Nations peoples and their communities. We work towards reconciliation and recognise the journey ahead and we pay our deepest respects to elders past, present and emerging.



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About Stopping Family Violence

Stopping Family Violence (SFV) is the peak body for perpetrator response in Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence (FDSV) in Western Australia. SFV works across training, research, policy, and advocacy and drives change by supporting governments and community sectors to build effective service systems that create or enhance safety for all victim-survivors.

SFV supports all the sectors and services involved in responding to perpetrators in Western Australia. We differ from traditional peak bodies in the sense that we do not represent a specific sector and instead focus on an area of practice. This enables us to maintain an independent and unbiased position in the work of perpetrator response.

Our vision is to create a future where everyone can live without fear or threat of violence. It is vital that all responses to FDSV enhance safety and reduce risk for victim-survivors, whilst always focusing on the perpetrator as the cause of harm. Working together in unity, families can be safe now and for all the generations that follow.

BOARD MEMBERS

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DAMIAN GREEN, CEO

STOPPING FAMILY VIOLENCE

ADDRESS



It is with a heavy heart that we see the statistics around Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (FDSV) continue to rise and horrifically, we are seeing an increase in lives lost to FDSV. This trend must end, and it is great to see a new National Plan that acknowledges the need to see these numbers reduce on a national level. This aim must be supported by a clear and ongoing focus across government and community, together with significantly increased investment that reflects the issue's size and complexity. For our part, SFV will continue to do whatever we can to contribute to the changes we believe are necessary to ensure that the harm caused by FDSV is reduced in meaningful ways. We acknowledge we can't do this work alone and real change will require the continued participation of all stakeholders, increased and long-term investment in many different areas and a shift in the perspectives of the wider community to see tangible change. We know that we must all come together to create the impact we need for our future generations, and we recognise the fact that we still have a long way to go.

As a peak in perpetrator response, SFV has been consistent in our mission and adaptable to the changes and challenges along the way. There is a noticeable shift away from victim-blaming attitudes, beliefs, and practices as we pivot towards Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (FDSV) informed practice. Through our ongoing and established partnerships, SFV has become a trusted peak body that fosters a culture of collaboration and connection. This year our team continued the work of leading the change towards improved and connected responses to FDSV in Western Australia. We know it will take increased investment in prevention, early intervention, crisis response, and recovery as well as a clear plan for the way these pillars combine to have a real impact on the families we serve. With the increased research and growing understanding of FDSV there are numerous challenges that we must address in terms of workforce development, capacity, and capability.

CEO ADDRESS

It is inspiring to see a range of organisations and non-specialist FDSV services beginning the journey to understand their role in ending FDSV. Whilst we look to the future we need to take the opportunity to stop and recognise how far we have come in this work. We recognise the services across all areas of FDSV and the willingness of people to create and support change for those in our services and community. We stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us and continue to develop our own legacy as we work together to create a future free from FDSV.

SFV has a number of major projects commencing next year which are currently in planning, including our biannual conference The Journey to Ending Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence. The conference is a partnership between the two Peak agencies in WA for FDSV and will focus on bringing together all services across the four pillars of primary prevention, early intervention, response, and recovery. There will also be an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation pilot project to help build the capacity and capability of those working within their own communities and an early intervention program for adolescents with emerging FDSV behaviours.

As an organisation, we continue to invest in our team and foster an inclusive culture, we recognise the dedication of our team and their work in ending FDSV. We thank those who work for us and with us to continue to drive our mission and align with our values so we can hope to ensure no one has to live with the fear or threat of FDSV. We recognise our privilege in this work and to those who are not with us today, we hope to honour your memory by building a better future, we wish you were still with us today. We know that FDSV is preventable, and we will continue to do all we can to reduce and ultimately prevent the harm caused by those choosing to use violence and control as we collectively work towards a more equal and diverse society where everyone is safe, valued and heard.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude to all our partners, stakeholders, and government and non-government agencies that have supported Stopping Family Violence in the last year which allows us to continue our work in driving forward the agenda of FDSV in Western Australia.

Damian Green, CEO, SFV

ACTIVITY REPORT

STOPPING FAMILY VIOLENCE 2022/2023 GRANTS

COVID-19 Family and Domestic Violence Grant for the Family and Domestic Violence Informed Behaviour Support Program for Young People (DOCG202026815). Funded by the Department of Communities.

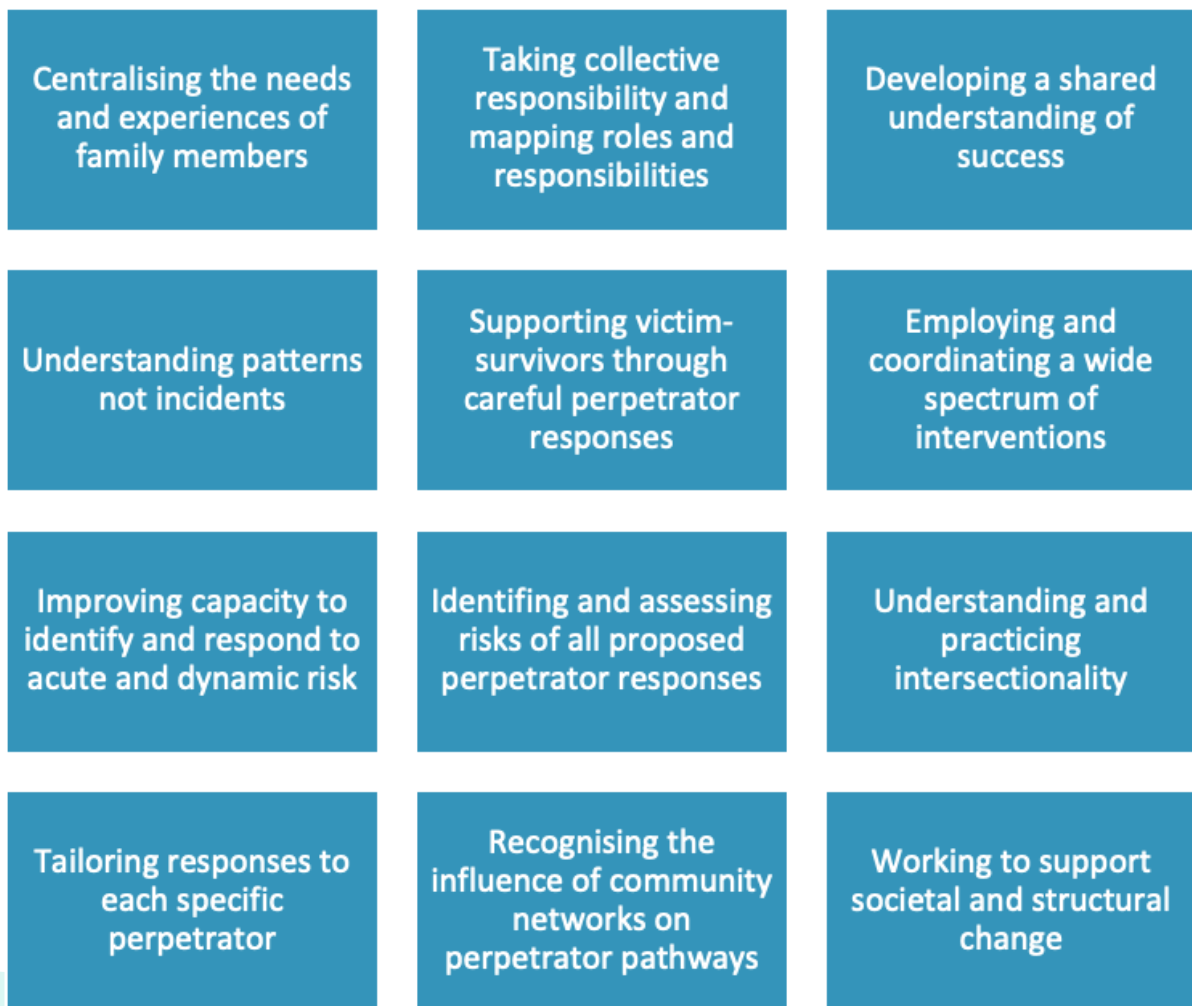
Commencing in 2021, this grant provided a family and domestic violence responsive program implemented across three schools (2 metropolitan and 1 regional) and workshops to build capability within the family and domestic violence sector by training support services that work with young people. The impact of this grant was to reduce the number of men who perpetrate violence against women and children, supporting young people to identify disrespectful behaviours and take responsibility to strengthen positive, safe, equal, and respectful relations between both young men and women.



STOPPING FAMILY VIOLENCE 2022/2023 GRANTS

Perpetrator Response Framework Grant (DOCG20214316). Funded by the Department of Communities.

Commencing in 2021 Stopping Family Violence developed a perpetrator response framework in Partnership with the Department of Communities, that will guide perpetrator responses that sit within the broader family and domestic system. The Framework will be utilised as a key strategic Government document that guides improvements to the perpetrator response system across W.A. The outcome was to improve the safety and outcomes for women and children experiencing family and domestic violence through the introduction of integrated and accountable systems response that prioritises victim safety and perpetrator accountability.



STOPPING FAMILY VIOLENCE 2022/2023 GRANTS

Family and Domestic Violence and Alcohol and other Drug Intersecting Capability Review Tool Grant (ICRT). Stopping Family Violence partnership between Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing, and Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies funded by the Department of Communities.

The project commenced in 2021 and focuses on supporting organisations' development and sector capability building across the family and domestic violence and alcohol and other drug sectors. The outcome was a best practice review for increasing safety for victim-survivors at intersections of family and domestic violence through sustainable workforce development through service worker training as well as organisation and systems enhancement.

**Who do you
interview first?**

**Are you looking for
patterned
behaviour over
time?**

**Are you
documenting
specific
patterns?**

**Who are you
sharing
information
with?**

STOPPING FAMILY VIOLENCE 2022/2023 GRANTS

Working with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) to Respond to Men Using Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence. Stopping Family Violence in partnership with Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service, funded by the Department of Communities.

Commencing in 2023 Stopping Family Violence will work alongside two ACCOs – 1 metro and 1 regional/remote, with a focus on workforce development across the perpetrator intervention space to increase the safety and wellbeing of women and children. The workforce development will enable the ACCOs to work with men who use family, domestic, and sexual violence. A set of guidelines will also be developed for considerations needed in workforce development for ACCOs to safely work with men who are using family, domestic, and sexual violence in First Nation communities.



**Department of
Communities**

Stopping Family Violence working with Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS).

Image from left to right:

David Batty - GRAMS

Kyalie Moore - Stopping Family Violence

Damian Green - Stopping Family Violence

TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

Stopping Family Violence Training Events

Stopping Family Violence Applying a FDSV Lens 1-Day Training

In the last financial year, Stopping Family Violence delivered eight one-day training events, training 160 participants from nine organisations. This training was designed to support a range of roles and workplaces in recognising and safely responding to FDSV. The training is designed to assist participants in understanding the support and impact they can provide to victim-survivors through their role, with the aim of reducing and responding to the high rates of FDSV.

Stopping Family Violence Best Practice in the Front Line and Intersecting Roles 1-Day Training

SFV delivered one training event in the metropolitan area to five organisations across the sector and intersecting services. This was in response to the demand for continuous training from those who attended the Applying a FDSV Lens training day. This training focuses on practical, skills-based support with this next step of embedding the knowledge gained from training into their practice.



TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

Supervision: Stopping Family Violence Family and Domestic Violence Informed Supervision Services

Stopping Family Violence continued to offer supervision services throughout the 2023/23 financial year for those working in the family and domestic violence sector. Throughout the financial year, Stopping Family Violence delivered 22 hours of supervision to 4 different agencies. Supporting employees who have challenging roles in the family and domestic violence sector with best practices and evidence-based advice. Supervision and training are just part of the journey to embedding better practices and responses to FDSV.

Training: Caring Dads Training Provider

Stopping Family Violence has been in partnership with Caring Dads since 2017. Caring Dads is a group intervention program for men who have abused, neglected, or exposed their children to domestic violence. Stopping Family Violence runs facilitator training events to train facilitators in the Caring Dads model.

The Caring Dads training is devoted to ensuring the safety and well-being of victim-survivors. Stopping Family Violence educates facilitators who will work with fathers who have been abusive, neglectful, or violent. SFV continued to work closely with Caring Dads and delivered the facilitator training as well as hosting Caring Dads when they visited Perth.



TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

Training: Safe and Together Provider

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence in partnership with Safe and Together has continued to deliver Safe and Together training since 2017.

Details: The Safe & Together Institute is a systems change and training organisation that helps diverse sectors transform their approach to domestic violence and children. Using a behavioural whole-of-family approach, the Institute's Perpetrator Pattern-based Framework encourages interventions with perpetrators as parents and partners of adult survivors.

Impact: The Safe & Together Model is designed to create systems and practice change that is child-centered, to keep children safe and together with the protective parent.



By focusing on four key skills: assessment, interviewing, documentation, and case planning, our experiential training provides the foundation for domestic violence informed practice.

Safe and Together training delivered in 2022/2023 FY

Safe and Together CORE

Fourteen Safe and Together CORE training events were delivered in the 2022/2023 financial year. Stopping Family Violence trained a total of 530 staff across 50 organisations that work in the family and domestic violence sector and intersecting roles.



PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Member of the Commissioning Working Group

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence committee member led by the Department of Communities.

Committee Details: The Commissioning Working Group was formed under the Community Partnerships Roundtable that was established in October 2020. The Roundtable and its working groups bring together a broad and diverse range of experience and expertise to jointly address matters of strategic importance relevant to the delivery of human services.

Impact: As a member of the Commissioning Working Group, input provided by Stopping Family Violence will contribute significantly to stronger governance for the Department of Communities.

Men's Behaviour Change Network WA member

Partnership: Men's Behaviour Change Network WA led by Stopping Family Violence commenced in 2017.

Details: Since its inception in early 2017, the Men's Behaviour Change Program (MBCP) Network has been working to develop a collective, powerful voice for perpetrator programs in WA and support the ongoing evolution toward a standard of excellence across the sector. The Network has become an important forum for collaborative practice and discussion, and establishing cohesive research and development agendas across the perpetrator response sphere.

Impact: The Men's Behaviour Change Network WA is a collaborative group established to strengthen the working relationships across the perpetrator intervention system in Western Australia. The Network provides a forum to support current practice whilst striving to further develop the sector through improved collaboration and evidence-based innovation. The purpose of the Men's Behaviour Change Network WA is to bring the sector together to provide advocacy and support as we work to reduce family and domestic violence in Australia.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Co-Peaks The Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence and The Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing.

Details: This partnership commenced in 2017. The Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing is an independent, representative peak body for women's specialist family and domestic violence services and community-based women's health and sexual assault services in Western Australia. It is underpinned by our recognition of the importance of gender equality to reduce violence against women and children and promote health and well-being.

Impact: The Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing is the co-peak with Stopping Family Violence in the family and domestic violence sector in Western Australia. Partnering with the women's sector gives a cohesive approach to family and domestic violence for women and children and those perpetrating family and domestic violence.

Partnership with Preventing Violence Together

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence and Preventing Violence Together (PVT).

Details: Stopping Family Violence helped establish PVT in 2020. Preventing Violence Together works to build the capacity of local communities, state agencies and organisations, government, and the private sector to develop, implement, and evaluate effective primary prevention activities. Primary prevention focuses on shifting the culture that permits violence to occur in the first place by identifying and challenging the social norms, practices, and structures that drive violence against women.

Impact: Stopping Family Violence works with PVT to foster the primary prevention sector developing in our State by supporting shared approaches, consistent practice, and confident professionals undertaking primary prevention of violence against women throughout WA.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Respectful Relationships Program

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence in partnership with Starick Services and the Department of Education.

Details: The Respectful Relationships Program is a pilot project delivered in primary and secondary public schools across WA. The program supports school staff to implement a whole-of-school approach to violence prevention, with a focus on the impacts of gender inequality and preventing family and domestic violence. SFV has partnered with Starick Services and the Department of Education in the delivery of the program. The Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program has been developed by Starick in partnership with the Department of Communities and the Department of Education to support teachers and school staff in developing knowledge, skills, confidence, and community partnerships.

Impact: As part of the program, participants complete foundation family and domestic violence eLearning modules and attend two workshops to explore best practice principles and tools, develop a plan for a whole-of-community approach, and explore future directions and support. SFV brings a key focus on the impacts of gender inequality and family and domestic violence expertise to the partnership and has now supported two rounds of the program with over 16 schools attending.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Healthy Relationships Strategy Group South East Metropolitan

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence Chair the Healthy Relationships Strategy Group monthly meetings.

Details: Stopping Family Violence attends monthly meetings as part of the Healthy Relationships Strategy Group for the South East Metropolitan corridor. These meetings bring together delegates from WAPOL, women's services, perpetrator response, the City of Belmont, the City of South Perth, the Town of Victoria Park, financial services, housing, and alcohol and other drugs to identify early intervention strategies for domestic violence in the local community.

Impact: As the committee's only representative for perpetrator response, SFV offers an important voice to this cross-sector collaborative discussion and implementation. SFV aims to ensure that perpetrator accountability and empowering survivors of family and domestic violence remain top priorities in the committee's discussions.

Network Member Humanitarian Entrants Interagency Network (HEIN)

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence is a network member of the HEIN Network led by the Department of Communities.

Details: Stopping Family Violence commenced with the network in 2017. Metropolitan multicultural networks are gatherings of government, non-government agencies, and community groups to share information, knowledge, and resources to better support culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities.

Impact: The Humanitarian Entrants Interagency Network facilitates relationships, collaboration, support, and the sharing of information, practice, and ideas among agencies that provide services to people from refugee backgrounds.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Chair of WA Family Law Pathways Network

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence Chair the Western Australia Family Law Pathways Network Steering Committee.

Details: The objective of the Western Australia Family Law Pathways Network is to foster strong links with locally based providers who operate as part of, or alongside, the family law system, to enhance collaboration and improve overall assistance to separated and separating families.

Impact: The WA Family Law Pathways Network hosts an annual conference for those working in the family law system to help improve their practice so they can assist with families who have separated or are separating.



Stopping Family Violence team attending the 2022 Family Law Pathways Conference.



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EVENTS

16 Days of Activism 2022

Partnership: Stopping Family Violence funded by the Department of Communities supports the family, domestic and sexual violence sector.

Details: Stopping Family Violence again played an active role in 16 Days of Activism by supporting the sector and raising awareness, motivating positive actions and advocating on behalf of organisations that oppose violence against women across Western Australia. Stopping Family Violence attended the annual Silent March, Midland March, and the 16 Days Morning Tea whilst also running a coffee cup campaign in partnership with the Duncan Street Store and The Imp Cafe, to raise awareness for family, domestic and sexual violence.

Impact: The campaign kicks off on November 25 November, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The campaign runs until December 10, Human Rights Day. The campaign was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and is coordinated each year by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. The campaign is used as an organising strategy by individuals and organisations around the world to raise awareness and call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and children.



Stopping Family Violence CEO Damian Green attending the launch of 16 Days in WA 2022. The event was also attended by Minister Simone McGurk (Minister for Child Protection, Women's Interests; Prevention of FDV & Community Services).

16 Days in WA 2022 launch



Stopping Family Violence team participating in the 32nd annual Silent March during the 2022 16 Days in WA.

Silent March

EVENTS

Centre for Women's Safty and Wellbeing Annual Candlelight Vigil

Stopping Family Violence supported the sector and our co-peak, the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing by attending the annual Candlelight Vigil.

The Candlelight Vigil allows people across Australia to light a candle to remember those who have been killed by family and domestic violence. By joining this evening of reflection and remembrance, we honour the memories of those killed and help bring light to this national crisis.



Stopping Family Violence and the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing Conference: The Journey to Ending Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence

SFV and CWSW have co-run the biennial conference since 2017. The theme for the 2022-2023 conference was The Journey to Ending Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence. Three organisations engaged in planning the conference.

Developing the theme and solidifying the concept that we must all work together to end family, domestic, and sexual violence. The focus for the conference is a whole-system approach to ending family, domestic, and sexual violence across both government and non-government services. The conference hosted in September 2023 will allow a deep dive into key research areas, policy work, interventions, and new initiatives across the sector.

EVENTS

Stopping Family Violence and Caring Dads Event

The half-day event was designed to create the opportunity for services to discuss the delivery of the Caring Dads and create collaboration and networks within the perpetrator intervention field.

This event was attended by men's behaviour change program facilitators and was led by Caring Dad's lead program developer, Katreena Scott PhD, Stopping Family Violence CEO and Caring Dad's facilitator, Damian Green, with presentations from Stronger Families CEO, Geoff Hart-Davies.



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Department of Communities

Stopping Family Violence is funded by the Department of Communities to provide perpetrator intervention sector support in Western Australia. In this role, we seek to be a voice to the sector providing advocacy, training, and professional development services, and working with organisations to pilot new programs and change the community perceptions about family and domestic violence. The Department has continued to support SFV across a number of key grants which has helped SFV support the sector in building capacity, connections, and capabilities.

Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing

We thank the Centre for their ongoing work as the peak body for women's specialist family and domestic violence services, and community-based women's health and sexual assault services in Western Australia. We value our continued partnership and the work the Centre does in moving the sector forward and creating reform, safety, and justice for women.

WACOSS and Partnering WA Peak Bodies

Thank you to WACOSS's continued support and collaboration with the peak bodies in Western Australia. Family, domestic, and sexual violence intersects in numerous ways across all sectors and it is only when we come together that we can truly implement a whole-of-systems approach to ending family, domestic, and sexual violence.

2023 Conference Committee

SFV would like to thank the conference committee for their planning, dedication, and commitment to the 2023 conference, The Journey to Ending Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence.