



Stopping Family Violence

2024/2025 Annual Report

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Acknowledgement of Country

Stopping Family Violence honours and acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples and Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live and work.

We recognise the strength, wisdom and enduring connection that First Nations peoples hold to their Country, community, culture and kin. SFV is committed to walking alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples — listening deeply, learning with humility, and working together in ways that are culturally grounded, respectful and empowering.

We acknowledge the ongoing impacts of colonisation and the intergenerational trauma that continues to shape the lives of many First Nations families and communities. With this understanding, we strive to support the right to self-determination, to elevate Aboriginal voices and leadership, and to contribute meaningfully to healing and justice.

As we continue on our journey toward truth, healing and reconciliation, we pay our heartfelt respects to Elders past, present and emerging - the holders of culture, story and strength.



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About Stopping Family Violence

Stopping Family Violence (SFV) is the peak body for perpetrator response in family and domestic violence in Western Australia. SFV works across training, research, policy, and advocacy and drives change to create and enhance safety for all adult and child victim-survivors, whilst ensuring perpetrators are held responsible for the harm they cause.

SFV works in meaningful partnerships throughout the family and domestic violence sector, workplaces, schools, clubs, and community organisations. We do this work to create positive shifts in societal behaviours, values, and attitudes. SFV works from primary prevention through to recovery and healing, moving towards enhanced safety for all victim-survivors whilst working towards behaviour change for those who choose to perpetrate family and domestic violence.

Our vision is to create a future where everyone can live without the fear or threat of violence. It is vital that all responses to FDV 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 safer now and we can create a brighter future together for the generations that follow.



Damian Green

Chief Executive Officer Address

SFV has seen a progressive shift this year in the understanding of, and need for, investment in safe responses to perpetrators of Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (FDSV). We recognise that the people choosing to harm partners and family members are ultimately those who can choose to stop and begin working towards healing and change. While we have seen notable investment this year, we still need a significant uplift in the availability of community approaches to both prevention and response. Young people and the broader community have an important role to play; however, this only works when underpinned and supported by specialist providers with the right funding, resources, safeguards, and training to deliver specialist FDSV services.

There has been increased investment and commitment to systemic reform in Western Australia through the Strengthening Responses to FDV System Reform Plan 2024–2029. Systemic reform is something that Stopping Family Violence and our key partners, allies and advocates have recognised as necessary for some time. Breaking down silos across the system is fundamental to better supporting families experiencing the hurt and harm caused by perpetrators choosing to harm their family. We know that perpetrators can and do manipulate the very systems intended to support adult and child victim-survivors, and that they do so to perpetrate further harm and avoid accountability.

Systemic reform works to hold perpetrators accountable and responsible for the harm they cause, while simultaneously ensuring adult and child victim-survivors are supported to be safer and recover from the harms inflicted. Recognising adults and children as victim-survivors in their own right, supporting their strengths and dignity, enabling them to continue protecting themselves and their family in ways that make sense for them, ensuring supports and community are non-judgemental, and honour their choice and voice are important steps forward in making meaningful change in our systems. These positive steps forward must be balanced with the reality that, for some families, the change and reform needed in our systems has not come fast enough. We have lost too many lives to this crisis.

Chief Executive Officer Address (Cont.)

We continue to advocate for increased investment in primary prevention and early intervention and have continued to develop and pilot work in this area. Preventing Violence Together has been a strong joint initiative of both peak bodies and demonstrates that working in partnership can positively influence progress toward the shared goal of stopping family, domestic and sexual violence before it starts. While this has been a groundbreaking step forward in Western Australia, increased and sustained investment in primary prevention and early intervention is needed to meaningfully impact our alarmingly high statistics, which remain some of the highest in Australia. We continue to advocate for longer-term investment in FDSV services, as well as better supports for children as victim-survivors in their own right. In particular, we note the growing need to respond meaningfully to the complexity faced by young people who are both victims of FDV and who are also showing emerging harmful behaviours.

A lack of coordinated services, referrals and information sharing means many victims still need to retell their story time and time again—an exhausting and retraumatising experience. We continue to hear that victim-survivors, and the services supporting them, still need to justify and advocate for the support they deserve, often while the perpetrator remains out of view of the service system. Access to the right information by the right service at the right time is essential and has remained a focus of our advocacy. Perpetrators weaponise these gaps in the system, enabling them to further exert power and control and create isolation. While we are proud to acknowledge that there have been positive steps forward in system reform, we must now look toward implementation and the improvements in practice and funding we know are needed to better support all Western Australian adult and child victim-survivors and bring perpetrators and their harm into view.

Chief Executive Officer Address (Cont.)

SFV has worked hard this year to share our expertise across many consultations, forums, steering groups and governance mechanisms, and we believe our voice is integral in shifting the focus onto the perpetrator as the cause of FDV harm. For many victim-survivors, the thing they want most is for the perpetrator to be held responsible for the harm they have caused and to be offered opportunities to change. We believe our mission is more important now than ever: everyone has a right to live without the fear or threat of violence.

SFV has also continued to work alongside many Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations throughout this period. Kyalie Moore, our First Nations Lead, has developed Dream with Us: A Framework for Addressing Aboriginal Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence in Community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank these organisations and recognise their knowledge, their connection to community, and their connection to Country. We acknowledge the importance of place-based responses that understand the complexity and intersectionality of work in regional and remote communities. The Dream with Us framework highlights the critical importance of ensuring responses are both culturally informed and FDSV informed. Over the past twelve months, we have travelled widely across WA, working with a range of organisations to learn how services and communities are supporting families, as well as providing the training and capacity building needed to support safe and effective FDSV responses across the state.

I would like to end by thanking our fantastic and committed team at SFV, together with our supporters and key partners in this work. A foundational ethos at Stopping Family Violence is to work alongside organisations that want to help their communities prevent, respond to and heal from FDSV. We see and acknowledge the courage, determination and strength of victim-survivors, and we carry this with us every day in our work.

Stopping Family Violence Governance

**2024/2025
BOARD
MEMBERS**



Stopping Family Violence would like to thank our 2024/2025 board for their governance and oversight at the highest level. We appreciate their contribution to the mission and values of Stopping Family Violence. We thank the board for their commitment to Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence, as we work towards better meeting the needs of all families with responses that reflect the right for safety of all Western Australians.



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Stopping Family Violence Team



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Colleen West
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Organisation Update

This annual report covered a range of Stopping Family Violence activities across, grants, research, policy and advocacy. The following pages highlight key pieces of this years' work as we continue working with a range of key stakeholders and partnerships, as well as establishing new partnerships as we progress perpetrator response work in Western Australia. Working with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations through this period was a key focus in development of the Dream with Us Framework.

As you will see in the coming pages, this period brought a diversity of grant funders for innovative pilots and grant work across Australia. Training and education was also a strong focus for this period with our trainers travelling Western Australia delivering a range of activities across workforce capacity and capability building in Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence.

We continued to support various organisations with a range of tailored workplace packages and supervision services. Stopping Family Violence continues to host the Mens Behaviour Change Network and a connected monthly community of practice.

SFV have also been advocating for and providing advice on key measures on safety and quality which have formed important frameworks and we continue to advocate for ongoing sustainability in the family and domestic violence sector and services.



Acknowledgement of Victim-Survivors

Stopping Family Violence acknowledges and honours all victim-survivors of family, domestic and sexual violence. We see and recognise the strength, courage and resilience and determination of adult and child victim-survivors. We recognise the immediate, ongoing and lifelong impacts on children, families and communities.

We pay our deepest respects and condolences to those whose lives have been tragically taken at the hands of a perpetrator or by way of suicide as a means to escape family, domestic, and sexual violence. We reflect with sadness and heavy hearts that words aren't enough to reflect the loss and grief of your families, friends and communities. We will forever keep you in our thoughts as we do this work, as we focus our minds and efforts on creating safer futures for now and the generations that follow.



2024/2025 Grants

Working with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to respond to men using Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence

SFV received grant funding to support practice that is culturally responsive and family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) informed. Kyalie Moore and David Batty from SFV worked alongside Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to co-design a service model that is culturally secure and family violence informed. This is how Dream with Us was created - A Framework for Addressing Aboriginal Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence in Community.



SFV welcomed David Batty to our team and opened our Geraldton office. David is working closely with Kyalie Moore, our First Nations Lead.

Thank you to our key partners Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Centre for their support and time. We thank Department of Communities for funding the development of this important work.



Early Intervention with Adolescents Program

This project builds on early intervention pilot programmes delivered by SFV at two schools in 2020 and 2022 and with a youth organisation in 2023. Funding over two years was granted via the Paul Ramsay Foundation's 2023 Specialist DFV Programmes: National Open Grant Round.

This program was targeted towards young people who are at increased risk of engaging in family and domestic violence (FDV) or showing emerging problematic behaviours. Identifying and addressing harmful behaviours in young people through early intervention can change the trajectory of young people's lives and greatly reduce the likelihood of long-term negative outcomes.

The 10 modules covered a range of important topics including identifying and expressing emotions, recognising power dynamics, respecting personal boundaries, understanding consent, challenging gender roles and stereotypes, and exploring the impact of FDV. Helen our senior projects officer and trainer facilitated 3 groups of boys through the program, alongside the schools youth workers, training them in the program to continue it at the school.

Empowering young people with self-awareness and skills for positive, safe, equitable, and respectful relationships and healthy help-seeking behaviours to lower the likelihood of young people engaging in family and domestic violence.

The Oak Foundation Project

Strengthening Responses to Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence. SFV are working on developing an interactive, user-friendly website aimed at enhancing the capabilities of practitioners, community leaders, and other stakeholders in identifying and safely responding to adults perpetrating family, domestic, and sexual violence (FDSV). The website will focus on disseminating knowledge, skills, and tools to address FDSV, initially targeting Australian audiences with the potential for international expansion.

The website will be designed to:

- Enhance Knowledge and Skills Across Sectors
- Facilitate Cross-Sector Skill Sharing
- Translate Knowledge for Broader Community Engagement
- Empower non-specialist responders with tools to address FDSV safely and effectively



ACT DFV Pilot Project

The ACT pilot model has been informed by key components including a brief jurisdictional scan, DFV capabilities and capacities mapping of ACT services, stakeholder consultations and group supervision for the DFV Pilot Team.

DFV Informed Training has been provided for both Child Youth and Families (CYF) teams and ACT government and community stakeholders. The DFV pilot model was presented to the CYF Executive in late June and will commence trialing and implementation.

The project's evaluation is supported by the Institute of Child Protection Studies, Australian Catholic University.

CYF are also providing earlier and/or longer support for families through the Family Response and Engagement unit. CYF has established five teams within this unit:

Family Engagement and Response Teams
First Nations Family Response and Engagement Team
Pre-natal Family Response and Engagement Team
Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Pilot Family Response and Engagement Team

Stopping Family Violence supported ACT Child, Youth and Families in shifting to a family services model that provides earlier and/or longer support for families through a family response and engagement unit. Five teams have been established, with SFV focusing on the design and pilot implementation of the specialist Domestic and Family Violence Family Response and Engagement Team; group supervision and resource development utilising a DFV-informed practice approach with the Safe and Together Model.

2024/2025 Training



Stopping Family Violence had a huge year of travel delivering family, domestic and sexual violence supervision and education throughout the regions of Western Australia and Australia. As you will see from the following pages our specialised trainers delivered a range of training, education and supervision, ranging from one day to five days packages. Training is often the start of the journey to an ongoing journey in embedding FDSV informed practice.

Family and Domestic Violence Education for First Responders

Commencing in October 2023, St John WA, in partnership with Stopping Family Violence, has been delivering a Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) education programme across Western Australia to over 2,000 emergency response team members, thanks to grant funding from the Department of Communities. The education has been provided to a range of first responders, including the State Control Centre, paramedics, and clinical volunteers.

The programme, which was co-designed and co-delivered in partnership with Stopping Family Violence (SFV), aims to strengthen the capacity of frontline responders to recognise and respond to Family and Domestic Violence. As part of the programme, we have also provided a train-the-trainer model to up-skill paramedics in delivering the FDV education programme to ensure ongoing capacity and capability building for FDV training.





The St John education initiative is part of a broader plan to embed FDV awareness into St John WA's continuing education framework. The Centre for Social Impact at the University of Western Australia is conducting an independent evaluation of the program's effectiveness, with the grant scheduled to conclude in June 2026.

The St John and SFV team travelled far and wide to deliver the FDV education reaching all corners of the state and even Christmas Island!



First Image (left) is of a red Christmas Island Crab. Second Image (middle) is of bob tail lizard. Third Image (right) is of the Prison Tree located outside of Derby, acknowledging our past and recognising the significance of this Aboriginal Site.

Cyrenian House Education Package

Stopping Family Violence ran tailored training for Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) professionals and frontline staff to build knowledge and skills in responding safely and effectively to family, domestic, and sexual violence (FDSV). Training was available as a one-day FDSV-informed session, a one-day best practice session for frontline AOD staff, or an extended three-day program for counsellors and FDSV champions.

The training covered the impacts of FDSV on children and families, intersections with alcohol and other drugs, perpetrator patterns, and victim-survivor strengths. Participants learnt safe referral pathways, effective documentation, FDSV-informed language, and strategies to challenge bias and assumptions. Advanced sessions focus on coercive control, non-confrontational engagement, partnering with victim-survivors, working with perpetrators, and applying skills through practical exercises. Across all options, participants gained practical knowledge and confidence to provide informed, safe, and empathetic support to individuals affected by FDSV.



Applying a Cultural Lens to FDSV Informed Practice Education Package

Stopping Family Violence facilitated a four-day in-person training for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) supporting individuals and families impacted by family, domestic, and sexual violence (FDSV). This bespoke programme provides foundational knowledge and practical skills to respond safely, with a focus on culturally informed approaches. This training equipped practitioners with practical, respectful, and healing-centred strategies to support individuals, families, and communities affected by FDSV.

Topics covered included:

- Foundations of FDSV, coercive control, and the impact of colonial and gendered drivers.
- Intersectionality, personal biases, and how these influence practice.
- FDSV-informed approaches for supporting victim-survivors and working with adult users of FDSV.
- Culturally grounded frameworks for addressing FDSV in Aboriginal communities.
- Healing and reflection through Art and Aboriginal Learning Ways to strengthen practice.



Recognising and Responding to Coercive Control and Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (FDSV)

Stopping Family Violence organised a two-day training course for recognising and responding to coercive control and family and domestic and sexual violence. Facilitators Colleen West and Belinda Hawes created a safe and supportive space for participants to explore the often misunderstood topic of coercive control. The session focused on identifying the drivers of FDSV, recognising coercive control, understanding FDSV prevalence, and examining the profound impacts on children and young people.

Participants also explored how system silos and the intersections between mental health, alcohol and other drugs, housing, and homelessness influence effective responses. The training emphasised recognising the perpetrator's pattern of behaviour as the cause of harm, using practical tools to identify victim-survivor strengths, and building confidence when responding to disclosures of family and domestic violence. It also highlighted the importance of practitioner self-care, psychological safety, and wellbeing.



Understanding Family & Domestic Violence: What you didn't know to ask

Partnering with The Lucy Saw Centre, and SCALES

This training workshop was designed to equip professionals and community members with the knowledge and skills to recognise and respond to family and domestic violence (FDV) incidents.

This session was especially relevant for individuals working in or interacting with the community, such as:

- Teachers who may notice signs of FDV in students or witness aggressive or concerning behavior linked to it.
- Community Services personnel who encounter those affected by FDV.
- Others in helping professions who want to learn how to effectively support individuals impacted by FDV.



Safe and Together

SFV continued to facilitate Safe & Together training throughout the year and is one of the longest standing providers of the model in Western Australia. Safe & Together is a systems change and training 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. The model is designed to create systems and practice change that is childcentered, to keep children safe and together with the protective parent.

Caring Dads

SFV continued to partner with Caring Dads and train the Caring Dads program. Caring Dads is devoted to ensuring the safety and well-being of some of our communities' most vulnerable children through working with fathers (including biological, step, and common-law) who have been abusive, neglectful, or violent in their families or who are deemed to be at high-risk for these behaviours.



2024/2025 MBCN Network



The WA Men's Behaviour Change Network (MBCN) is a collaborative group established in 2016 and facilitated by Stopping Family Violence Inc. (SFV). Its aim is to strengthen working relationships within the perpetrator intervention system in Western Australia.

Initially comprising three organisations focused on perpetrator intervention, the Network has now expanded to include ten organisations:

- Anglicare WA
- Centrecare
- Communicare
- Department of Justice
- Hope Community Services
- Mens Outreach Service Aboriginal Corporation
- Outcare
- Relationships Australia WA
- Stopping Family Violence (facilitator)
- Stronger Families



The Network holds monthly meetings to discuss key trends, organisational updates, national considerations, and the ongoing needs of organisations that provide quality perpetrator interventions in Western Australia. Occasionally, guest speakers present on new programmes related to Men's Behaviour Change Programs (MBCPs) and share the latest research findings. Over the past 12 months, the MBCN's key focus projects have included the development and launch of a website designed to inform professionals and the community and act as a resource for information on perpetrator intervention, details about member organisations, available referral programmes, resources, helplines, and the latest knowledge and research. To learn more, visit our website at <https://www.mbcn.org.au>.

The Practice Standards for Perpetrator Interventions went under review with Nous Group facilitating workshop sessions as part of this review process through the Network. Members of the Network provided continuous feedback to ensure that the revised standards enhance safety and quality practices in men's behaviour change programmes and other perpetrator interventions. The Network strongly advocates for quality assurance, monitoring, and compliance targets, as well as considerations for resourcing to support the effective implementation of the updated standards once they are released.

2024/2025 Supervision

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

Stopping Family Violence continued to offer supervision services throughout the 2024/25 financial year for those working in the family, domestic, and sexual violence sector.

Stopping Family Violence delivered 91 hours of supervision to multiple 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.

SFV supports newly trained facilitators in a range of trainings and models to support them with the wider Western Australian context and perpetrator lens. The new trainers reflect that they have learned many valuable insights and effective ways of supporting and mentoring participants to get the most out of the training. SFV works alongside organisations and new trainers to ensure they are supported as they step into facilitating FDSV education.

2024/2025 Communities of Practice

Perpetrator Intervention Community of Practice

The Community of Practice is proudly hosted by Stopping Family Violence on behalf of the Men's Behaviour Change Network.

In Western Australia, countless agencies and practitioners are dedicated to intervening with perpetrators of Family and Domestic Violence (FDV), whether through group settings or individual sessions. Commitment to this specialised field is invaluable, yet the work can be demanding and isolating. It requires keeping up to date with ongoing changes and developments in best practice, evolving knowledge and skills, and emerging trends. To support clinicians in this important work, Helen Howard has been running the Perpetrator Intervention Community of Practice. This initiative is designed to provide essential support and professional development opportunities for key workers.

Guest Speakers & Topics Included:

Ada Conroy - Resisting Collusion

Mark O'Hare - Perpetrator Accountability

Kyalie Moore - Trauma - First Nations Lens

2024/2025 16 Days in WA

It was another busy year during 16 Days in WA - Stop Violence Against Women campaign.

SFV had the privilege of talking to and walking alongside many organisations advocating for greater awareness in our community on gender based violence in Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence.



2024/2025 Partners

We thank our key partners and stakeholders in this work and recognise the work of all organisations dedicated to prevention, early intervention, recognising and responding, to recovery and healing in FDSV. We have an incredible range of people and organisations that work with us, as you will see from the pages of this annual report. It is difficult to know where to start with acknowledging our key partners and stakeholders and that is a humbling position to be in after almost 10 years working in this area. We extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to all those that support us not only in this period but also over the years of SFV as we have grown and adapted to emerging issues and evolving best practice and evolving evidence base.

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge key funders and partners over this year. Firstly the Department of Communities, who have funded key pieces of work during this period and sector development. Notably for this period was the funding to support and develop the Aboriginal Framework “Dream with Us”. We thank Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Centre for your advice and guidance in the development of the Framework, acknowledging the integral role of ACCOs with their established and ongoing cultural knowledge and connection to their communities.

We thank Paul Ramsay Foundation and Oak Foundation for the philanthropic funding to develop some innovative programs and resources. We look forward to progressing this work designing resources that can live on and support those wanting to make a positive impact in FDSV.

We thank the Centre for Women’s Safety and Wellbeing 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.

We are pleased to continue to partner with the Centre for Women’s Safety and Wellbeing in Preventing Violence Together. Preventing Violence Together is the peak body established by both peaks for the prevention of family and domestic violence, acknowledging the need for dedicated and ongoing resources to stop violence before it starts.



Image: Stopping Family Violence team members completing cultural informed FDSV education by our First Nations Lead Kyalie Moore.