

SETSCoP

Communique:

Second meeting of the Individual and Family Wellbeing and Safety sub-group

Videoconference – 1 December 2020

On 1 December, SETSCoP held its second meeting for members of the Individual and Family Wellbeing and Safety sub-group. The meeting focused on discussing the results of the mapping exercise.

The majority of individual and family wellbeing and safety projects shared by providers had a main focus on:

- Intergenerational issues (including parenting) – 42%
- Mental health – 33%
- Personal development – 30%
- Domestic and family violence – 30%
- Social support/inclusion – 27%
- Child protection – 18%
- Gender/empowering women – 9%
- Health and nutrition – 6%

Most projects shared focus on prevention rather than intervention, and some providers suggested that this could be due to many interventions being delivered individually rather than through projects. Around 50% of the projects shared were solely funded by SETS.

Domestic and Family Violence

Attendees noted an increase in Domestic and family violence (DFV) through the pandemic and have expressed the need to be more proactive in supporting their clients to keep safe. One attendee shared of the recent death of a newly arrived refugee in Fairfield (NSW) from DFV and how this provides more evidence that DFV needs to be a priority.

Attendees shared some of their target groups within SETS, including families who came through the humanitarian intake, those on spousal visas and multicultural communities. Many attendees highlighted the necessity for more work to support those on spousal visas as DFV is a common issue. Other providers target their support towards victims, perpetrators and communities. A gap identified is in the area of working with men and the promotion of healthy relationships, in addition to debunking myths in community or religious groups.

Providers highlighted the value in collaborating with mainstream specialist services, noting that SETS is not a crisis service but at times providers do face crisis situations.

Next meeting

There was general consensus of the value of sub-group members presenting on their best practice DFV projects and initiatives at the next meeting. Additionally, that this could support the development of a best practice guide on DFV, which may include practical tips for frontline staff such as DFV conversation starters.

Resources shared

[16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence at MWA 2020 \(Muslim Women Australia\)](#)

[Fathering Across Cultures](#)