

## SETSCoP

### Communique: Tasmania and SA Domestic and Family Violence sub-group

#### Videoconference – 10 February 2022

On 10 February, 2022, SETSCoP held a meeting for members of the Tasmania and SA Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) sub-group. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the variety of supports being implemented by SETS providers for clients experiencing DFV and share information regarding the training completed or planned for staff relating to DFV supports.

Providers discussed the need to **raise more awareness** of refugee and migrant communities of the issue of DFV. Various proposed programs to enact this have been delayed due to COVID-19.

Some providers are working with **bi-lingual / bi-cultural community educators** who are in the process of being trained. These educators will consult their communities and understand what DFV looks like in their communities. Once they understand co-facilitated information sessions will be conducted with expert guest speakers.

Many providers are working on **processes and procedures**, particularly for assessment and safety planning. Intake often is used to identify DFV symptoms in clients. Many staff at SETS providers have completed, or are seeking, DFV training. Training that has been delivered includes: trauma training delivered by STARTTS, DV Alert training, Coercive control, Lifeline training. It was noted that some of these lack a multicultural lens.

A variety of supports are in place to **strengthen the skills of women** who have experienced DFV, including digital literacy training, driving education, English classes, support to obtain employment. Clients have also been supported to access training such as aged care, home care and individual support. In addition, a variety of social support groups have been implemented, such as the Safe Choices program, which provides holistic support.

Some providers have implemented **leadership training for women**. Some of these community leaders who have been trained have started their own DFV support groups. The importance of working with **community leaders** was highlighted. This provides the opportunity to understand what various communities are experiencing.

The need for **men's programs** was discussed. Many men do not want to discuss the issue when the language of "domestic violence" is used. The strategy employed by some providers is to engage men with another topic, such as with employment and then incorporate the discussion of DFV issues, once the men are engaged.

The need for **support for young children, or older people who are experiencing DFV**, was raised. This is an area with very minimal services who provide supports.

Shared Resources:

DV Alert Training

<https://www.dvalert.org.au/enrolment-listings?accredited-courses=multicultural-workshops>

Youtube Video Links to Torna Pitmans Coercive Control Training:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei7Uhtf8w7Q&list=PLXrH0IW0vtxrc4TD4rzlNu89UWxE3Jvzo&index=1>