

**SETSCoP Gender, Families and DFV Subgroup Meeting – Meeting #3**

Date: Wednesday, 1 November 2023

Facilitated by: Sian Fullerton (Secretariat) & Nick Ross (Secretariat)

**Communique**

**Summary**

The subgroup provided updates on their work and reflections on their practice, sharing highlights and key insights gained throughout the year.

**Discussion points:**

- There's been increasing pressure due to the housing shortage across most areas, with families having to share and/or relocate.
- One member highlighted that having in-house legal support meant being able to better support clients.
- While it was rewarding to see clients progress, the high volume of reporting was frustrating. In addition, recording personal details for DECS reporting could be challenging. It was suggested that clients be reassured their privacy and confidentiality would be protected, as per Australian law.
- Focus areas have included educating and addressing intergenerational family relationships, conflicts between adolescents and parents, and promoting healthy relationships to females and males, including amongst siblings.
- Support work was diverse, including supporting a South Sudanese women's group, helping survivors with visas, addressing social isolation and setting up a women's group for everyone, including First Nations women.
- In one area, there seemed to be a decrease in reported DFV after the pandemic.
- Establishing relationships with diverse DFV service providers had been very helpful for one member, who highlighted that the police DFV taskforce was open to discussions about migrant sector needs.
- Examples of helpful initiatives include an empowerment hub and café from Sisterworks and a collaboration between childcare nurses and Chinese parent groups.
- Events and workshops that members have delivered successfully include:
  - A DFV information session with TAFE students
  - A healthy relationships community leaders' group to share DFV information. The first session had great engagement and focussed on interaction and myth busting with child protection officers. Education department staff were scheduled to attend the next session.
  - Preventative information sessions delivered to newly-arrived clients.
  - A workshop between female and male religious leaders and a DFV specialist.
  - There are two upcoming DFV awareness events in the Sydney area in November.
- Highly recommended training included:
  - [Safe and Together Institute](#)
  - [She Is Not Your Rehab](#) - they work with perpetrators, survivors and high school students and partner with Griffith University, aiming to normalise conversations about DFV.

**Outcomes:**

The SETSCoP secretariat will continue to run the men's subgroup in alignment with the meetings of this group. Recommendations for speakers or discussion topics can be emailed to [secretariat@setscop.org.au](mailto:secretariat@setscop.org.au).

**Resources:**

- <https://setscop.org.au/domestic-and-family-violence/>
- <https://www.sheisnotyourrehab.com>
- [Our Watch](#)'s 'Change the Story' resource would soon be available in Arabic.



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All members are welcome to share articles of interest and conversations on the subgroup's LinkedIn page:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14288054/>

**Next meeting:**

To be confirmed (February-April 2024)

**Attendees:**

Maria Rosales (Secretariat)  
Nicholas Ross (Secretariat)  
Sian Fullerton (Secretariat)  
Jacqui (MercyCare WA)  
Maggie (Bundaberg QLD)  
Linda (Nambour CC QLD)  
Janeice (City of Stirling WA)  
Elainne (Pilbara CLS WA)  
Tashkah (Ballarat CH VIC)  
Carmen (Assyrian NSW)  
Ngun Bor (WCEC VIC)

Rochelle (Accoras QLD)  
Tracey (Centacare NSW)  
Maree (SSI QLD)  
Farida (Communicare WA)  
Tatiana (Gymea NSW)  
Sandra (Chaldean NSW)  
Armita (SECL VIC)  
Ahmad (Multicultural Australia QLD)  
Sadia (Ballarat CH VIC)  
Anileen (MCS Central Australia NT)  
Angelina (Chinese CSSC VIC)

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