

Brisbane Region Integrated Approach to Domestic and Family Violence

Governance: Brisbane Regional Department of Communities, Child and Family
 Governance Committee in partnership with Brisbane Domestic Violence Service



SAFER LIVES
SAFER COMMUNITIES

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Brisbane Domestic
Violence
Service

Brisbane Region Safer Lives Safer Communities

NOT NOW, NOT EVER

Goals

1. Increase the safety of women and children from domestic violence and improve wellbeing
2. Hold perpetrators accountable for their actions
3. Commitment to an interagency approach and collective goals
4. Increase public awareness about domestic and family violence including available support services

Principles

1. Understanding the gendered nature of domestic and family violence and the factors that contribute to increased vulnerability is vital in designing and delivering effective responses and reforms
2. Common understanding of domestic and family violence that focuses intervention on the context and severity of abuse
3. Accountability of offenders ensuring swift consequences for continued abuse
4. Recognition of domestic violence as a patterned crime requiring continued engagement with victims and offenders
5. Empowering women
6. Family and children safety and wellbeing
7. Trauma informed
8. Empowering all stakeholders with information



INTERAGENCY

COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS OF DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE



APPROACH

ACCOUNTABILITY



EMPOWERING WOMEN

Build interagency response with Qld Police, Qld Corrective Services, Qld Paramedic Service, Probation and Parole, Courts, Brisbane Domestic Violence Service (BDVS) and other involved stakeholders to **enhance protection and safety for women and children at risk of serious harm, injury or murder**

Build interagency response and awareness of services, and **enhance integration of secondary service systems** such as housing and homelessness, domestic violence, health, legal, drug and alcohol, Primary Healthcare Networks (PHNs), culturally specific services

Support community and neighbourhood initiatives that seek to **increase awareness, prevention and response to Domestic and Family Violence and available support services**

Police	DV Connect	Safer Lives: Specialist Services
Domestic Violence Response	1800 Crisis Line	DV Services
Redbourne (formerly SupportLink)	Refuges	Legal Aid
	Womensline (24hr)	Health
	Mensline (9am-mid)	Housing
	DV Mobile Service	Culturally-Specific Services

DV & FV Specialist Support Services:	Probation & Parole	Courts
Women's Advocacy	Offender Management & Supervision	Referral to Mandated DV Offender Programs
Men's Programs		Protection Orders
Children's Programs	Service coordination & monitoring	

Health Communities	Legal	Safer Lives: Recognising	DV Connect
After-hours GPs	Police	Culture	Refuges
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical Services	Courts	Age	Motels
Hospitals & Pvt Prac.	Probation & Parole	Sexual Orientation	Relocation
PHN	Legal Aid	Disability	DV Mobile Service
NGOs	Family Law Courts		

Housing	Income & Benefits	Specialist Services	Family & Children Connect
Crisis Housing	Centrelink	Mental Health	Local Area Alliances
Transitional	Training	Drug & Alcohol	Child Safety
Rapid Rehousing	Employment	Legal	Early Childhood
Permanent Housing		Social Support	Children's programs
		Disability	

Networks & Services	Universal Services	Capacity Building	Prevention Actions
Local Area Alliances	Childcare	Education/info for primary care providers & services	Challenge
Promote Services	Schools	General Practice	Condoning of Violence Against Women
Referrals	Employment Programs	Pharmacy	Promote Women's Independence & Decision-making
Local Centres	Information & Referral	AHPs	Challenge Gender Stereotypes & Roles
Journeys of Change		NFP Entities*	Strengthen Positive, Equal & Respectful Relationships
Discharge Planning			Educate young people

Early Childhood	Community Awareness	PHC Education	
Early ID/intervention (Visit Midwives, Child Care Centres)	Events	RACGP White Book	Strengthen Families with Programs to Support Vulnerable Populations
Literacy Campaigns	DFV Prevention	AMA DV Resource for GPs	
Promote Pathways to Support Services	Raising Awareness	AHP Edu/Training	
Early intervention	Reducing Stigma	Awareness/Literacy & capacity to ID/respond to DV Cases	
Sector Education			

*incl. Refugee, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, Maori & Pakifika, LGBTIQ communities