

Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Initiative: New projects funded

In February 2005, under the *Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Initiative*, up to \$1.5 million in funding was announced for 27 community-based projects to be run in 2005-06 and 2006-07. These projects aim to reduce the impact of domestic and family violence and sexual assault through community-based action research, related partnership projects and product development. Funding agreement negotiations are currently underway, and projects are expected to commence in shortly. The Australian Government's Office for Women have provided us with the following table, which presents details of the funded projects and how to contact project managers.

Organisation	Project name and description	Contact details
Barnardos Auburn Children's Family Centre Sydney NSW	Domestic Violence Counselling and Support for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities Funding for this project will be used to recruit, partner with and train CALD counsellors to specialise in domestic and family violence community work. This proposal will also create a database of available CALD domestic and family violence workers who will work with existing organisations who provide specialised domestic and family violence services, in order to provide greater access to hard to reach communities.	Paul Harkin pharkin@barnardos.org.au (02) 9646 2770
Brisbane Indigenous Media Association Cape York QLD	Cape York Indigenous Media Project This project will develop and produce culturally-appropriate, locally-owned print and radio information about family violence and sexual assault. It will develop community capacity through training and mentoring. By working with the community the project will explore and overcome impediments to women accessing local services.	Ian Watson ian@4aaa.org.au (07) 3892 0100
Bwngcolman Future Foundation Palm Island QLD	Palm Island "Safer Tomorrow" Workshops This project will provide three, three-day, workshops for 80-90 participants. The workshops will develop culturally-appropriate community education tools that will be used by workers in the community to raise awareness, prevent and respond to family violence.	Svea Pitman Svea75@bigpond.net.au (07) 4770 1828
Domestic Violence Crisis Service SA	Safety Resource Card Funding will be used to develop a resource card that contains information on relevant services, support and other critical educational information. The organisation will work with South Australian Police to facilitate and support distribution of the card by police when attending domestic violence disputes.	Ms Gillian Cordell gillianc@dvc.org (08) 8413 8122
Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault VIC	Responding to Victims and Survivors of Sexual Assault with Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder This is a partnership project with mental health practitioners to document and evaluate a new approach to working with women who are victim/survivors of sexual assault who have Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Through community-based action research and a final report, findings will be used to improve the mental health system's response to women with mental health problems who are victims of domestic and family violence. A training manual will be developed for implementation with Mental Health Practitioners.	Judy Flanagan Judy.Flanagan@maroondah.org.au (03) 9870 7310
Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence QLD	Strength, Health and Empowerment (SHE) Funding for this project will be used to conduct workshop groups with young people to gather information about their relationship attitudes and behaviours as well as their ideas about effective ways to promote healthy relationships to young people. The project will use this information to develop a group work facilitator's manual that can be used by community workers working with young people. The project will also produce a young women's magazine to provide messages aiming to prevent domestic and family violence.	Di Macleod di.gcsass@bigpond.com (07) 5591 1164
Incest Survivors Association Inc WA	Building Generations Funding will be used to conduct community-based research (during parenting skills groups for incest survivors) to assist adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse with their parenting. A best practice service model will be developed.	Sandra Basham isa@global.net.au (08) 9227 8745
Inner South Community Health Service Melbourne VIC	Listening to What Matters: Responding to the Voices of Women Affected by Family Violence. This project will trial a new approach to a men's behaviour change program. In addition to working with men the project will work with their partners or ex-partners and provide a final report on the success of the program. The project will develop a best practice model for men's programs to support safe partner contact where ongoing contact is required due to shared parental responsibility.	Lucille Chalmers lchalmers@ischs.org.au (03) 9534 0981

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International Social Service Australian Branch	Learning from the Links between Domestic Violence and International Parental Child Abduction Funding will be used to interview parents of abducted children in order to establish the relationship between abduction and domestic violence, as well as identify risk factors and effective intervention strategies.	Lis De Vries lis@iss.org.au (03) 9614 8755
Kyabra Community Association QLD	Women's Narratives in Response to Domestic Violence: Research and Resources Project Funding for this project will be used to develop and distribute resources, products and training materials that draw on women's experiences of domestic and family violence. All resources will be developed in consultation with the target audience. Products for young women at risk of experiencing domestic and family violence will help them to identify signs of an abusive relationship and provide them with strategies to prevent future risks to their safety. Training materials will be used by youth workers and other community-based service providers who work with young women at risk of domestic and family violence.	Paul Montgomery paulm@kyabra.org (07) 3373 9499
Liverpool Migrant Resource Centre NSW	Healthy Relationships Youth Kit Funding will be used to develop and distribute a resource kit including DVD, information booklet, posters, and workshop resources, to educate young people and promote healthy relationships.	Kamalle Dabboussy coordinator@lmrc.org.au (02) 9601 3788
Magnolia Place Women's Shelter Launceston TAS	Children's Shelters Booklets Funding will be used to review information in successful shelter booklets designed for children (early childhood) and reprint amended versions.	Maz Arnold magnolia@tpg.com.au (03) 6344 6535
National Rural Women's Coalition	Helping to Prevent Family Violence in Rural Australia Funding will be used initially to train a core group of representatives from a range of rural women's organisations to communicate with other women regarding domestic violence issues. These women once trained will in turn conduct training seminars and information sessions in their own communities and distribute existing pamphlets and booklets such as "What to do when she tells you".	Dr Jenny Hutchinson Jhutchison@ruralwomen.org.au (02) 6584 4294
Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission NT	Integrated Family Violence Justice Project Funding will bring experts from a successful family violence project in the ACT to Darwin. This will assist with the upcoming review of NT family violence legislation and showcase best practice at two forums. Funding will also assist remote area professionals to attend one of the forums.	Meredith Harrison meredith.harrison@ntlac.nt.gov.au (08) 8999 3005
Pacific Island Women's Advisory and Support Service Regional NSW	Strong Families - Strong Communities Funding for this project will be used to conduct community education and awareness raising groups and conferences. In consultation with the local community the project will also develop a DVD that is specific to the needs of Pacific Islanders and community workers and aims to reduce domestic and family violence.	Kiri Hata kiriata@optusnet.com.au (02) 9516 3281
Pat Thomas Memorial Community House WA	Women and Justice In partnership with WA Police and through action research, this project will evaluate the effectiveness of new domestic violence legislation and develop effective responses to domestic violence within the new legislation.	Trish McGowan ptts@wn.com.au (08) 9535 4775
People with Disability Australia	Sexual Assault in Disability and Aged Care Action Strategy Funding will be used to develop resources and training packages that prevent and respond to sexual assault within an aged and disability residential care services setting.	Stefanie Williams stefaniew@pwd.org.au (02) 9370 3100
Relationships Australia VIC	Keeping Women Safe After Separation This project will involve consultation with a variety of human service professionals, family lawyers and women who have separated from a violent partner, to develop a booklet that will provide practical information and advice, safety strategies and resources. The booklet will be used by women who have experienced domestic and family violence and are in the process of separation and will assist women to keep themselves and their children safe. The booklet will be widely distributed through non-government and government organisations and counselling or refuge accommodation service providers.	Jane Vanderstoel jvanderstoel@rav.org.au (03) 9261 8700

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Relationships Australia TAS	Tasmanian Ways of Working Project This project will develop a counsellor-training DVD, drawing on complex, real-life counselling cases where domestic or family violence has been identified. Only cases where informed consent has been provided will be drawn upon, and names and some of the details will be changed to protect the identity of clients. Case study scripts from the sessions will be written-up, and actors will be used to film the dramatised counselling sessions for the DVD, which will be made available for training of staff. An assessment tool will also be developed for use by community workers working with individuals or families where domestic and family violence has occurred.	Sue Holmes sueh@reltas.com.au (03) 6211 4050
Sisters Inside	Indigenous Women Working Together towards SAFETY Funding will be used to develop three resources that demonstrate new approaches of working with Indigenous women who have been in prison and their children, who have experienced family violence, on how to stay safe after prison release. Workbooks for children will also be produced, and several creative workshops will be held (art, circus), facilitated by Indigenous women elders and counsellors.	Debbie Kilroy deb@sistersinside.com.au (07) 3844 5066
University of Newcastle Family Action Centre Newcastle and Hunter Region NSW	What Can We Do? Communities Responding to Violence Funding will be used to develop strategies that can be used by residents of communities living in close proximity to each other (e.g. caravan parks and some Aboriginal communities) to help reduce domestic and family violence by encouraging and supporting people who witness domestic violence to respond in appropriate ways. Following consultation with the target communities the project will develop resources and products to assist. Training resources will also be developed for use by community workers to support and encourage members of broader communities who witness domestic and family violence to respond in appropriate ways.	Graeme Stuart Graeme.Stuart@newcastle.edu.au (02) 4921 7241 Paul Schott paul.schott@newcastle.edu.au (02) 4921 7076
Victims of Crime NT	Positive Ways: Indigenous Say Funding will contribute to a conference that aims to create an awareness of victim support and justice programs and promote and share best practice in urban and rural communities in NT, across Australia and in New Zealand.	Treena Monroe vocalnt@bigpond.com.au (08) 8941 0995
Wilma Women's Health Centre NSW	Silent No More Funding will support groups with Indigenous and deaf women who are adult survivors of child sexual assault; build a resource containing information on child sexual assault and its impacts, and experiences of women survivors of child sexual assault; and develop a research paper exploring experiences of women accessing groups (Indigenous, CALD, disabilities, drug and alcohol) who have experienced family violence as adults.	Shirley Kent shirlsk@optusnet.com.au (02) 4627 2955
Women with Disabilities	Development of a Resource Manual on Violence Against Women with Disabilities This project comprises the development and production of a resource manual on violence against women with disabilities (including alternative formats such as Braille, audio, Easy English, Compic, large print, etc)	Carolyn Frohmader wwda@ozemail.com.au (03) 6244 8288
Women's Health West Crisis Accommodation Service VIC	Library for CAS Funding will provide materials for a resource library for the Crisis Accommodation Service for women and their children escaping domestic violence.	Jenny Hickinbotham jennyh@whwest.org.au 0500 505 350
WOWSafe: Women of the West for Safe Families SA	Respectful Rap Funding will be used to develop and distribute a rap CD promoting respectful relationships.	Alison Newton alison.newton@health.sa.gov.au (08) 8243 5403
Zonta Club of Frankston VIC	Animal Assisted Educational and Therapeutic Activities Funding will be used to provide children and young people with therapeutic animal care activities to reduce the incidents of aggressive, violent or self-harming behaviour, as well as examine and develop an effective practice model.	Patricia McLean patriciamclean1@bigpond.com (03) 5971 1941