

2nd Breaking the Cycle of Domestic and Family Violence Conference

Building frontline capacity to meet growing scalability demands

27th-29th September 2016 | Crowne Plaza, Melbourne



Speakers:



The Hon. Martin Foley MP
Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Equality, Minister for Creative Industries
Victorian Government



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Paul Stewart
Assistant Commissioner
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Cr Sandra Mayer
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Key Benefits of Attending:

- Learn how to access and optimise new government funding opportunities
- Gain innovative strategies to improve quality and scalability of service delivery
- Learn how to maximise resources to strengthen capacity
- Explore proposed reforms to the justice system
- Discuss methods to strengthen culturally effective service delivery to Indigenous communities
- Further understand how to implement leading-edge perpetrator behavioural change programs
- Explore the future of crisis support including the 1800 Respect Hotline

Special Features:

- An international case study from **Amy J Sanchez, CEO, Break the Cycle, USA**
- A personal story from **Rebecca Poulson**
- 17 holistic case studies
- Four interactive panel and roundtable discussions
- New commune session

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CONFERENCE DAY ONE | TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2016

- 8:00 Registration opens
- 9:00 Opening remarks from the Chair
Jacqui Watt, *Chief Executive Officer, No to Violence*

Examining the domestic violence policy landscape

- 9:10 **OPENING MINISTERIAL ADDRESS**
A nation-wide approach to domestic and family violence
Invitation to be confirmed post elections.
- 9:30 **KEYNOTE**
Sector reform to strengthen frontline responses to family violence
- Implementing a comprehensive approach to urgently address family violence
 - Ensuring key bodies are supported to continue valuable work
 - Providing urgent help now and investing long-term in safe housing for families in crisis
- The Hon. Martin Foley MP, Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Equality, Minister for Creative Industries, Victorian Government**
- 10:00 **Family Violence and its presence in child protection**
- The impact of DFV on children and families
 - Enhancing information sharing between agencies
 - Strategies for risk assessment and managing risk
- Tracy Beaton, Chief Practitioner, Director, Office of Professional Practice, Department of Health and Human Services, VIC**

- 10:30 **PERSONAL STORY**
Call to battle: Act on behalf of familial violence
- Top three ways of stopping family violence within one generation
 - The gaps in family violence systems and practical solutions
 - Unique insights from a personal journey through family violence systems
- Rebecca Poulson, Chief Executive Officer, The Poulson Family Foundation, Author, 'Killing Love'**

- 11:00 Morning tea
- 11:30 **INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE**
Break the Cycle: Ending domestic and family violence through empowerment
- Working with the wider community to achieve holistic reform
 - Developing optimal solutions that produce results in the DFV field
 - Creating cultures which foster healthy relationships
- Amy J Sanchez, Chief Executive Officer, Break the Cycle, Los Angeles, USA**

- 12:00 **Domestic Violence policy and reform in Australia**
- Why family violence was declared a 'national emergency' in 2014
 - Reform of legal responses to domestic violence across Australia
 - Analysing the merits of using criminal law to create better outcomes for victims of DFV
- Dr. Kate Fitz-Gibbon, Chair, Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault, Criminologist, Monash University, VIC**

- 12:30 Networking luncheon

Reforming the justice system to strengthen support for victims

- 1:30 **Developing an effective approach to combatting family violence**
- The police force: A key player in responding to DFV
 - Managing domestic violence and child protection matters
 - Mitigating risks to victims and ensuring their safety
- Sergeant Natasha Powles, Family Violence Advisor, Victoria Police**

- 2:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION**
Developing an integrated approach to supporting victims in the legal system
- Unifying for a shared goal and common targets
 - Supporting victims by linking services
 - Building a victim-focused legal system

Panellists:

Susannah O'Reilly, Senior Solicitor, Legal Aid NSW
Maria LeBreton, Director, Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services, NSW
Sergeant Natasha Powles, Family Violence Advisor, Victoria Police
Joplin Higgins, Director, Joplin Lawyers

- 2:40 **The police force: The first official response to domestic and family violence**
- Re-training police to deal with domestic violence incidents effectively
 - Working in partnership with the community to provide successful services
 - Implementing a network of police officers to address domestic violence
- Paul Stewart, Assistant Commissioner, Queensland Police**

- 3:10 Afternoon tea

Utilising behavioural change programs and reforming perpetrators

- 3:40 **Perpetrator programs and fathering; why a focus on fathering is critical in men's behavioural change programs**
- How a focus on fathering supports men's engagement in behavioural change
 - Supporting family safety and men's responsibility and accountability in relation to their parenting role
 - Initial findings from a young men and fathering men's behavioural change program
- Jo Howard, Executive Manager, Child, Youth and Family Services, Kildonan UnitingCare, VIC**
- 4:10 **The role of men in addressing the issue of domestic and family violence**
- Eliminating abusive relationships through a community-wide approach
 - Not just a women's issue- how men can act against family violence
 - Identifying and overcoming barriers preventing men from engaging with the issue
- Kon Karapanagiotidis, Chief Executive Officer, One of Pro Bono's top 25 Most Influential People in the Social Sector of 2015, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre**

- 4:40 **SPECIAL FEATURE**
A presentation and performance
- Part 1: Presentation**
- Living in fear- a personal account of family violence
 - Finding a form of expression as a victim of DFV
- Part 2: Performance of 'Getaway'- 2016**
- "This song is dedicated to the victims of family violence. I hope it will inspire them to seek help and make their own getaway."
- Cr Sandra "Shania" Mayer, Councillor, Former Mayor, Frankstown City Council**

- 5:10 Closing remarks from the Chair

- 5:20 Post conference networking cocktails



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CONFERENCE DAY TWO | WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2016

- 8:00 Registration opens
- 9:00 Opening remarks from the Chair
Dr. Kate Fitz-Gibbon, Chair, Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault, Criminologist, Monash University, VIC

Innovative crisis support service strategies

- 9:10 **Exploring the possibilities of online service delivery in Australia**
- The world's first online men's behavior change program
 - Providing a safe, non-judgmental and confidential online space
 - Using the internet to develop healthy relationships and respect for yourself and others
- Dr. David Smyth, Chairman, Violence Free Families, VIC**

- 9:40 Strategy and action to support families in need**
- Implementing required controls and systems to make a difference
 - Developing a holistic solution incorporating technology platforms
 - Exploring lethality risk assessment and perpetrator management
- Stephen Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, International Student Care, Corporate Partner, 3G Safety Watch**

10:10 Morning tea

- 10:40 PANEL DISCUSSION**
Exploring the future of crisis support service delivery
- The evolution of the 1800 Respect Hotline
 - Overcoming call abandonment rates whilst ensuring victims receive the help they need
 - Examining innovation as a result of increased funding
 - Where is change occurring and where is it needed?
 - How do you innovate when services are in such high demand?

Panellists:

Dr. David Smyth, Chairman, Violence Free Families, VIC
Stephen Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, International Student Care, Corporate Partner, 3G Safety Watch
Leanne Sinclair, Family Violence Program Manager, Victoria Legal Aid

- 11:20 Family violence primary prevention programs in schools**
- Implementing successful school based domestic and family violence programs
 - Developing an integrated partnership to address DFV
 - Cultivating positive and respectful relationships
- Dr. Andrew Bickerdike, Chief Executive Officer, Relationships Australia, VIC**

Delivering culturally appropriate solutions for Aboriginal & CALD communities

- 11:50 Meeting the needs of Aboriginal and CALD Communities**
- Developing a holistic model of crisis support
 - Overcoming barriers: language, culture and migration
 - Ensuring equal access to support services
- Maya Avdibegovic, Chief Executive Officer, InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence, VIC**

12:20 Networking luncheon

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- 1:20 A collaborative approach to addressing family violence in newly emerging communities**
- Increasing knowledge of the laws relating to families including family law, child protection and family violence
 - Learning about the settlement journey of newly emerging communities to deliver tailored services
 - Increasing access to mainstream services for people from newly emerging communities
- Leanne Sinclair, Family Violence Program Manager, Victoria Legal Aid**
Allyson Foster, Family Violence Education Coordinator, Victoria Legal Aid

Delivering tailored services to diverse groups

- 1:50 The silent epidemic in same sex relationships**
- The same figures without awareness
 - Delivering services in unique situations
 - Addressing unspoken uncertainties and building respect
- Shannon Wright, Director of Community Health, ACON**
- 2:20 People with disabilities and family violence**
- Why do we see a higher incidence of violence against people with disabilities?
 - Disability and gendered violence
 - Recognising unique needs and delivering tailored services
- Jessica Cadwallader, Advocacy Project Manager, Violence Prevention, People with Disability Australia**

2:50 Afternoon tea

- 3:20 PANEL DISCUSSION**
Exploring different methods for delivering services to diverse groups
- Recognising relationship diversity and adjusting services
 - Can we develop a universal approach when there isn't a 'typical' relationship?
 - How to demonstrate sensitivity when dealing with unique situations

Panellists:

Mary Lyttle, Chief Executive Officer, Elder Abuse Advocacy
Jessica Cadwallader, Advocacy Project Manager, Violence Prevention, People with Disability Australia
Shannon Wright, Director of Community Health, ACON

- 4:00 Elder abuse in residential aged care**
- What is elder abuse and how does it happen?
 - Recognising the signs of elder abuse
 - Case studies from across residential and home care settings
- Mary Lyttle, Chief Executive Officer, Elder Abuse Advocacy**

- 4:30 Roundtable and Conference Communique Session**
This interactive roundtable session will engage all delegates to share their learnings across the two days of discussion.

- 5:00 Close of day two and end of the conference**
Dr. Kate Fitz-Gibbon, Chair, Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault, Criminologist, Monash University, VIC

POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS | THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2016

9:00AM – 12:00PM • WORKSHOP A Engaging perpetrators to deliver effective treatment outcomes

Behaviour change programs are crucial in breaking the cycle of domestic and family violence. By providing opportunities to develop healthy relationships, learn non-abusive behaviour and challenge ingrained thoughts and behaviours, we see drastic perpetrator reform. One of the challenges faced by facilitators of these programs is establishing an effective engagement process.

This workshop will draw on 25 years' experience of developing interventions to address offending behaviours whilst working with violent and dually diagnosed offenders.

Attendees will learn:

- Effective engagement strategies when working with DFV perpetrators
- Practical applications to establish engagement and achieve successful outcomes
- The Offence Mapping tool and how it can help offenders deal with shame, guilt and accepting responsibility



Facilitator:
Andre Van Altena
Senior Offender Strategy Policy and Projects Officer
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Facilitator:
Amy J Sanchez
Chief Executive Officer
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1:00PM – 4:00PM • WORKSHOP B Building a strong and scalable organisation from the ground up

Given the limited resources possessed by family violence not-for-profit agencies, it is vital that organisations utilise their funding and resources efficiently to maximise capacity and capability.

Amy Sanchez draws on international case studies from a career spanning over 25 years in building and strengthening family violence organisations. A nationally recognised expert in mission-based organisational development, Amy's experience spans several unique organisations which she expanded and fortified.

Attendees will learn:

- How to utilise funding and strategic partnerships to drive organisational efficiency
- Working with governance boards to achieve outcomes
- Future planning and implementing strategies to maximise scalability
- Developing optimal solutions that produce results in the domestic and family violence field for diverse organisations

