

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Projects with Action Research (CALD PAR) initiative

This initiative involved 26 projects across Australia aimed at the prevention violence against women and creating safer pathways to crisis and support services responding to family violence in CALD communities.

One outcome of the initiative was a resource of ten key insights gleaned through the project.

Insight 1 recommended investing time in building culturally safe and trusting relations with diverse groups and leaders in communities. Cultural safety principles and guidelines were developed. Effective strategies, such as employing bi-cultural workers were identified. A model for strength-based community engagement is also provided.

Insight 2 calls for support to CALD communities through strength based and aspirational language around gender equality and talks about effective ways to frame prevention and safer pathway initiatives.

Insights 1 & 2 could be the basis for a practice studio focused on building stronger relationships with CALD communities as a strategy to reduce violence. Additionally, Insights 4 (using resistance as an opportunity for creative problem solving) & 5 (Promote positive family relationships and gender equality in non-judgemental spaces for CALD men) also provide other strategies/considerations that could be incorporated. Insight 9 provides information about how to support bi-cultural workers.

Implementing the insights in a practice studio will require collaboration between services, including multicultural and settlement support services. Organisations submitting an EOI for this practice studio should detail existing partnerships and collaborations and/or their plan for engaging with these services.

Further reading:

[Prevention of violence against women and safer pathways to services: Ten research insights from the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Projects with Action Research \(CALD PAR\) initiative.](#)

[Cultural safety guidelines and principles](#)

See also:

[Webinar part 1: Prevention of violence and safer pathways to services with CALD communities](#)

[Webinar part 2: Prevention of violence and safer pathways to services with CALD communities](#)

[Webinar part 3: Prevention of violence and safer pathways to services with CALD communities](#)

[Webinar part 4: Prevention of violence and safer pathways to services with CALD communities](#)

[Webinar resources and questions Factsheet](#)