

# PATHWAYS INTO OUR SECTOR

Growing the domestic and family violence, sexual assault, women's health and wellbeing workforce.



**Adam Beck, Area Manager**  
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Certificate III in Community Services,  
Bachelor of Social Work

## TAFE student to Area Manager.

While in his early 20s and studying a Certificate III in Community Services at TAFE Queensland, Adam became interested in the DFV sector, specifically the impact of alcohol and drugs.

This led to a Bachelor of Social Work, and a placement with Queensland's Department of Community Services, where his desire to work with children and families was confirmed.

After graduation, Adam secured a position with the Department, advancing over 14 years from Child Protection Worker to Manager of Client Services.

In 2017, Adam and his family relocated to regional Queensland to take up a position in a specialist foster care program.

In 2019, he secured his current position with Centacare in regional Queensland. Adam's role is diverse and includes staff

management and support, recruitment, compliance and contractual obligations.

Adam continues to expand his skills and knowledge, striving to become a better facilitator and manager. He recognises the challenges and the rewards of working in the sector.

"Constantly hearing trauma stories is a challenge, as is managing many competing demands. For example, funding bodies require extensive data collection, which means workers balance these administrative duties with frontline work. These challenges are offset by feedback from clients whose lives have changed for the better."

Adam encourages new workers to the sector to be patient, understand their role, and be comfortable in the framework of their service.

"Specifically to the men moving into this sector, I would advise them to respect and acknowledge that women have fought hard to put domestic and family violence on the national agenda. They've worked tirelessly to secure the necessary funding to expand support and service delivery. Be reflective of your own position in that environment," he said.

**"The positive change to my clients' lives is a major highlight of my work."**

To offset the trauma inherent in the role, Adam takes advantage of the professional supervision offered by Centacare.

"It helps me maintain a positive work life balance."

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