

Working Together for a Culturally Safe DFV Court Service System



*Southport,
Beenleigh,
Mount Isa,
Townsville and
Palm Island*

This project aims to create a DFV Court Service System that is responsive, welcoming and safe for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This project is led by WorkUP Queensland. WorkUP Queensland provides capability and capacity building for the DFV, women's health and wellbeing and sexual violence sector in Queensland. WorkUP Queensland is auspiced by The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation in partnership with Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety.


WorkUP Queensland will work collaboratively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and DFV Court Service System stakeholders to develop and deliver training that:

- creates the opportunity for connections across local service systems;
- raises awareness of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, history and culture; and
- creates space for reflection and learning about the legacies of colonisation and what they mean for people interacting with the DFV Court Service System.

Trigger warning

If this information is distressing for you or if you need support in regard to sexual assault, domestic or family violence you can call 1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732 for 24/7 phone and online services.

If you, a child, or another person is in immediate danger, call 000.



Domestic and family violence is a significant problem in Australia

It is an Australian problem and there are intersecting drivers of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Ongoing impacts of colonisation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities



Gendered factors



Ongoing impacts of colonisation for non-Indigenous people and society

Colonisation sets the underlying context.

Adapted from Our Watch, Changing the Picture, 2018. Find out more: <https://www.ourwatch.org.au/resource/changing-the-picture/>

Cultural safety is determined by the people who engage with the DFV Court Service System

This project creates opportunity to explore what is needed to create culturally safe DFV Court services and improve system responses.

An invitation...

- We invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share their wisdom, strengths, and cultural knowledge to let us know what a culturally safe DFV Court Service System would be like for them.
- We invite DFV Court service stakeholders to hear first hand Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people talk about what culturally safety in the DFV Court Service System means to them.

“DFV can affect anyone, regardless of their age, race, gender, sexual identify, economic status, ethnicity, or religion.”

Head to Health, Australian Department of Health



A commitment to action...

We invite everyone to reflect and work together as part of this project to:

- Deepen our understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, history, and culture.
- Gain understanding of the DFV Court Service System through the lens of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Identify and commit to individual and organisational actions to support cultural safety within the DFV Court Service System.
- Contribute to trauma aware, healing informed responses.

Key activities

We would like to invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and DFV Court Service System stakeholders to work with us in shaping this project.



Partner with us...

We would like to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander DFV Court Service System stakeholders interested in working with us to deliver this project.



Talk with us...

We would like to hear from DFV Court Service System stakeholders about what they need to enable them to provide culturally safe services.



Connect with us...

We invite **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** to join us for a **conversation or Knowledge Circle** to have a say about the training we provide for DFV Court Service System stakeholders.

We invite **DFV Court Service System stakeholders** to join us for a **Learning Needs Consultation** to let us know about their skills gaps and learning needs.



Learn with us...

We invite all DFV Court Service System stakeholders to join and participate in training to develop skills, knowledge and confidence to enable culturally safe services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

For more information about this project and how you can get involved visit:
www.workupqld.org.au/dfv-courts-project

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We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we do our work across Queensland. We recognise the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have within community and country. We acknowledge and appreciate the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and community leaders in the development of our work.

This project has been developed as a response to a recommendation emerging from an evaluation of a specialist domestic and family violence (DFV) court trialed at the Southport Magistrates Court.

A list of references for the statistics and information used on this flyer can be found at:
www.workupqld.org.au/dfv-courts-project



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