

## Religious and Community Leaders Responding to Domestic and Family Violence Seminar - Fact Sheet

This seminar is a free, half-day forum that focuses on domestic and family violence [DFV] and supports available for Religious and Community leaders. As a leader you are in the unique position to have the trust and respect of the community, and in many cultures leaders are sometimes the first point of contacts when there is a DFV incident.

Providing the latest and most relevant resources enables Leaders to better support the families impacted by DFV. Since its inception in 2018, face to face seminars and on line webinars have been delivered to up-skill leaders from various religions and cultures in regional and metropolitan areas of NSW.

### Purpose

The aim of the program is to provide leaders with:

1. Guidance and contacts for appropriate referral pathways for families impacted by violence;
2. Information relating to legal process after a DFV report is made;
3. An opportunity to up-skill leaders with legal and service information and provide access to DFV resources;
4. An opportunity to share leaders' experiences with the Department, and for us to work together to address DFV across our community.
5. A connection with local services and linkages to peak DFV services

### What will you take home?

1. Updated information on a leader's role in DFV incidents (including child protection, parameters by law, associated issues when working with victims of DFV)
2. Information on referral pathways to be offered by Leaders
3. Clear and concise legal and support information once a DFV report has been made
4. Factsheet for working with both victims and offenders
5. Definition of DFV, its causes and long-term effects on family and children.
6. Information for marriage celebrants (legal obligations & consequences)
7. Resource manual including useful contact details of referral and support services.

## Structure

A typical seminar will include:

- Acknowledgement of Country and official opening (10mins)
- DFV –Defining the various types of DFV and relevant legislation (30mins)  
Cycle of violence model (20mins)
- Impacts of exposure to DFV on children (20mins)  
Break (10mins)
- Case study - specific tips and information on working with families impacted by DFV (40mins)
- Case study - Interview service responses with Police, Legal Aid, Victim Services and DV Helpline (40mins)
- Q & A time (30mins)
- Evaluation & Closure
- (10mins) Networking
- Lunch (30mins)

**Each community is unique, speak with our experienced Community Liaison Officers on how we can tailor this seminar with topics that best suit the needs of your community.**

## We will provide

- Facilitators
- Presenters
- Catering
- Manual [hardcopy and USB]
- Any relevant cost including interpreters, venue and equipment hire

## We need your help with:

- identifying the best time and location of the seminar or providing the venue
- contacting and encouraging your fellow Leaders to participate
- advising on how we can make this event more culturally and religiously appropriate

## Contact

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