

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Policy and project responses in Alice Springs and across the Northern Territory

ALICE SPRINGS INTEGRATED RESPONSE

TO FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

aims

* increase the safety of women and children

* improve accountability of men who use F&DV and support them to change their behaviour

WHY SUCH a BIG FAMILY and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT?

and

WHY ALICE SPRINGS?

ALICE SPRINGS INTEGRATED RESPONSE TO FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

5 key components Respectful relationships

Men's Behaviour Change Program Community Family Safety Framework engagement

Court Support

Prevention

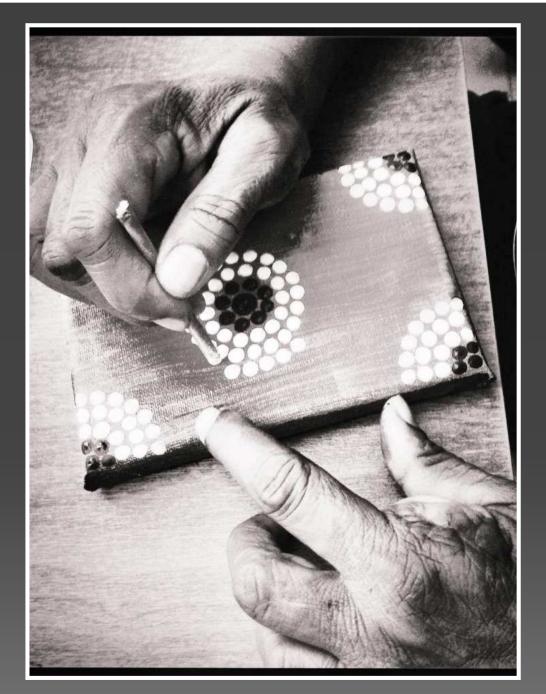
Crisis intervention

Justice response

Social & behavioural change



Alice Springs Women's Shelter



The Northern Territory Domestic & Family Violence Reduction Strategy including the Family Safety Framework operates in the context of ...

the NT *Domestic and Family Violence Act*

the NT Care and Protection of Children Act

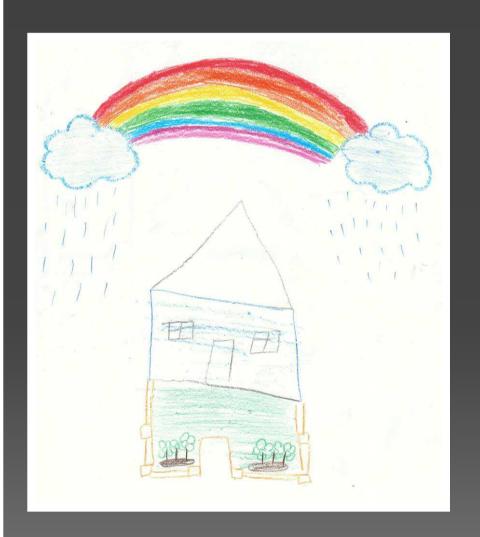
the NT Criminal Code

Legislative Definition

- The Domestic and Family Violence Act (NT) uses the term 'domestic violence' to mean violence against someone with whom the person is in a 'domestic relationship'.
- 'Domestic relationship' is defined to include family members, intimate personal relationships, same sex relationships, carer relationships, guardianship relationships, people who live together, and people who are relatives according to Aboriginal tradition or contemporary social practice.

Recognising Domestic & Family Violent

- Is usually an ongoing pattern of behaviour aimed at controlling a partner or family member through fear by using behaviour which is violent and threatening.
- In most cases, a combination of tactics and types of violence are used to exercise power and control over women, children and other family members.
- May include a range of forms of violence and abuse i.e. physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, cultural, cyber, social or financial abuse.
- D&FV includes both criminal and non-criminal behaviour.



Alice Springs Women's Shelter

From July 2014 – June 2015

528 women and 410 children stayed at the shelter

The women were from 86 towns and communities across 5 states majority from Alice Springs

Turned away 1986 clients.

On 160 occasions the service had no accommodation available The outreach service had 486 clients they supported across a number of months 64 clients were non-indigenous that equates to 16.5% of clients Outreach clients from 15 different countries

What Do We Provide?

- Place for rest and respite
- Safety Planning
- Access to other services
- Children are individual clients
- Evacuation
- Support through legal processes.
- Outreach program
- Court Support
- Supportlink
- Family Safety Framework



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