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November 2025 Newsletter

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TUESDAY
25.11.2025

OPEN TO
EVERYONE
6:30-8:00 AM

SAFE. EVERYWHERE. ALWAYS.

Gold Coast Walk



[Click to register](#)

This year the Multicultural Families Organisation in partnership with the Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence (GCCASV) the Domestic Violence Prevention Centre (DVPC) & the Domestic Violence Integrated Response (Dvir) are partnering to promote a strong, united message of gender equality and women's safety in support of UN Women Australia's campaign
SAFE. EVERYWHERE. ALWAYS.

Join us on Tuesday 25 November being the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women for a powerful community walk in support of UN Women's global campaign to end violence against women and girls. This date also marks the beginning of UN Women's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, a worldwide movement calling for the prevention and elimination of violence in all its forms.

We will walk for 30 minutes together to honour survivors, raise awareness, and take collective action toward a future where women and girls are
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Family Law Pathways Network Webinar

Best practices for interviewing children about sexual abuse



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Professor Martine Powell, Director, Centre for
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Children's statements are crucial to the investigation of child sexual abuse and protecting children. It's essential that we approach child interviewing with the most up-to-date techniques. This webinar is a unique opportunity to learn cutting-edge best practices for interviewing children where concerns about sexual abuse are present from leading experts with more than 50 years of combined experience.

[Watch here](#)



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Court Network is a free community support service provided by volunteers that enables people to better understand and navigate the courts. Our services are delivered by highly trained volunteers, known as Networkers, who stand beside and empower all court users – victims, accused, witnesses, family, friends and more – to manage their day in court. Our Networkers provide empathetic, non-judgemental and trauma-informed support to build court users' confidence, promote understanding of court processes and equip them to participate in court.

We operate in a number of courts in Victoria, specialist family violence courts in Queensland, and in multiple Federal Family courts.

Court Network can assist before, during, and after court. We believe everyone who attends court should be treated with dignity and respect. We can support you, empower you, and we can navigate justice together.

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Best Practice

Family law tips
by Registrars
for Practitioners

- Family Law tips by Registrars for Practitioners
- Safe outcomes for children and families
- Trauma informed practice
- Who's who and what they can do
- The impacts of family violence

Podcast Series

This eight (8) part podcast series designed for Family Law Practitioners has something for all professionals working with coparents and separating families.

The first episode focusing on the impacts of Family Violence out now.

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2025 Yearly Report tabled

On 30 October, the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2025 Yearly Report was tabled in Parliament, providing critical advice to government to ensure the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032 (National Plan) delivers on its commitment to end gender-based violence within a generation by 2050.

The Commission's second report comes three years into the 10-year National Plan and identifies clear priorities for action designed to accelerate implementation of the National Plan.

The report emphasises five critical insights that must shape the next Action Plan: prevention must begin in childhood; the most effective solutions come from those most affected; systems must stop working in silos; institutions must move from control to care; and safety must be a right, not a privilege.

The Commission has also advised government to:

Establish a DFSV Youth Advisory Council

Implement a national, coordinated approach to engaging men and young boys

Embed shared decision making for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

Prioritise learning from the experience of people with a disability, older women and LGBTQI+ and multicultural communities

Develop a road map for implementing Australian Law Reform Commission justice responses to sexual violence recommendations

Establish a Commonwealth implementation and delivery mechanism to drive cross government delivery and coordination

Undertake systematic mapping of recommendations across all reviews and inquiries, and alignment across all related national plans

Develop a national funding mapping framework to increase visibility and improve planning

Invest in workforce development.

[READ HERE](#)

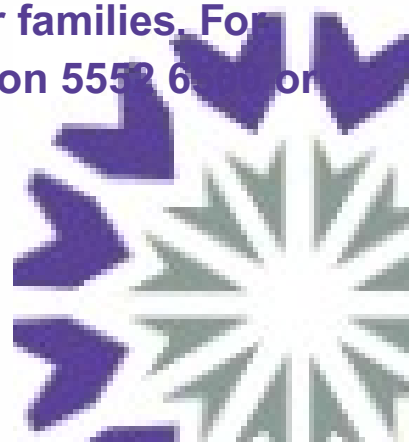


Expanded SCaSP Funding for Enhanced Support for children

Centacare is pleased to announce that the Federal AGD has extended funding for our Supporting Children After Separation Program (SCaSP). This vital extension allows the provision of additional counselling sessions for children aged 6 to 17 years who have been impacted by domestic and family violence. Previously the SCaSP offered free counselling for children of separated families, limited to six sessions using a brief solution focused model. With this new funding, we can extend sessions when it is evident that additional support would provide a therapeutic benefit.

This expansion reflects our commitment to promoting the wellbeing of children and supporting them through changes in their families. For further information on this program please contact us on 5552 6000 or click on link below.

[Click here for more information](#)



[Service Directory Gold Coast https://qldflpn.org.au/directory/gold-coast/](https://qldflpn.org.au/directory/gold-coast/)



The link above goes to the FLPN website page. It has a list of Gold Coast Services for Families.

- Child Contact Centres
- Children's Counselling
- Adult and Family Counselling
- Family Support
- Parenting
- Family and Dispute resolution
- Parenting Orders Program
- Legal Support
- Domestic/Family Violence

If you are an Non-Profit Organization working in these sectors and want to be listed please email : CFRS.GCFLPN@bne.centacare.net.au





Resources

eLibrary.

Family Law Pathways Networks, existing across all regions and territories of Australia, are often governed by law specific to their area. However, much of the work professionals undertake in the broader family law sector is informed by legislation, research and guidance from several national agencies.

Our eLibrary provides Family Law Pathways Network members nationally with National resources to inform best practice and knowledge in all areas of family law.





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Established in 1992, the Domestic Violence Prevention Centre provides a wide range of programs to support women and their children affected by domestic and family violence.

We also work with men who perpetrate domestic violence. Through the Gold Coast Domestic Violence Integrated Response we partner with government agencies, non-government agencies and other women's services to continue to improve responses to domestic and family violence as we work toward achieving our goal of ending violence against women.



Legal Aid is funded by the Australian Government to provide free and subsidised legal assistance.

[CLICK HERE](#)

1800RESPECT
NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

1800RESPECT is the national online and telephone counselling and support service for people who have experienced, or are at risk of experiencing, sexual assault and /or domestic violence and family violence, their family or friends, and frontline and isolated workers. It is a flagship service under the National Plan to reduce violence women and their children 2010 - 2022 (The National Plan) providing support 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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Act for Kids is a for-purpose organisation that delivers evidence-led professional therapy and support services to children and families who have experienced or are at risk of harm.

Act for Kids operates over 34 centres with a team of more than 490 staff from Adelaide all the way up to the Cape York Peninsula.

Our purpose is to help keep kids safe, heal from trauma and lead happy lives. For more information, visit our website [here](#).



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (QLD) LTD, is a non-profit, community based organisation funded through a single national mechanism managed by the Queensland Government – Department of Justice and Attorney General to provide [criminal, civil and family law](#) services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and their families in Queensland.

Supporting Young People - Rights at Court and Basics about the Court Process, Doli Incapax and Adult Crime, Adult Time laws [Click here](#)



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MensLine Australia offers free professional 24/7 telephone counselling support for men with concerns about mental health, anger management, family violence (using and experiencing), addiction, relationship, stress and wellbeing. Call 1300 78 99 78



Penguin supports Parents to be the best no matter what the circumstance. They provide support in an unbiased and neutral way visit - <https://www.penguined.com.au/>

- Supervised Children's contact
- Supervised Changeover
- Parenting Support
- Penguin Hub Club

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