

# Ending Coercive Control and Family Violence Against



## All Women

26-27 July 2023

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Two day summit on  
26-27 July

+ two interactive workshops

Workshop A | Post-summit- 28 July 2023

**Adolescent Violence in the Home (AVITH): How to support safe & respectful family relationships**

Workshop B | Post-summit- 28 July 2023

**How to take an intentional approach to build relationships & partnerships and identify opportunities for collaboration**

# Immerse yourself in keynotes, case studies & panels, and connect with leaders in the community.



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# Addressing a national crisis.



**Intersectional  
Diversity**



**Recognise the  
agency and  
resistance**



**Interrupt  
intergenerational  
patterns of violence**



**Understand post  
separation risk for  
children**



**Learn the essentials of  
supervision,  
mentoring and  
sustaining workers**



**Support women to  
navigate the complex  
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services system**



**Examine current law  
reform debates and  
implementation plans**



**Understand the  
misidentification and  
the risks of  
criminalisation**

**Day 1**

Wednesday 26 July 2023  
9.00am - 5.40pm AEST

**Day 2**

Thursday 27 July 2023  
9.00am - 4.35pm AEST

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# Strengthening responses to coercive control, improving victim survivor agency & supporting intersectionality

Every day, almost 10 women are hospitalised for assault injuries perpetrated by a spouse or domestic partner and one woman is killed nearly every week due to family violence. **In addition, an estimated 2.2 million adult women (23 percent of the adult female population) have experienced coercive control** by a partner at some point since the age of 15.

On 17 October 2022, the Australian, state and territory governments released the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032 which will inform and guide action towards ending violence against women and children over the next 10 years. In addition, pending reforms in family law and ongoing discussion regarding the criminalisation of coercive control are driving change, growth and innovation across the sector.

The **Ending Coercive Control & Family Violence Against All Women summit** will bring together key stakeholders from across the sector with the purpose of driving forward real change in the way services respond to family violence and coercive control and engage women to support their safety and healing.

It creates a genuine opportunity for collective education, awareness-building and relationship building. This summit will focus on early intervention, crisis response and recovery through the lens of coercive control and has three key themes that will flow throughout the two main summit days.

- **Voice, agency and belief**
- **Innovation, education, and the future**
- **Reform, equity and economy**

**Practitioners, experts, researchers and advocates** will showcase practice-led responses for working with women, intersectionality and abuse, changes in family law, post separation coercive control, supporting children & working with disabled, Aboriginal & CALD communities.

“The Hatchery Conference was just what I needed to fill the gaps of my understanding on coercive control and family abuse. It was so informative and extended to include the whole family and that all areas need to be addressed to improve all members in the relationship. It surpassed my expectations.”

**Tracey Dunlop, Educator, Dunlop Day Care**  
*April 2022*

## Who will attend

Representatives of the Community, Government, Police & Justice sectors with responsibilities for:

- Family/Domestic Violence Services
- Women's Services, Shelters & Refuges
- Refugee, Migrant and Immigration Services
- Family Services/ Relationship & Counselling
- Children's Services & Child Protection
- Men's Behaviour Change
- Alcohol & other Drugs
- Mental Health Services
- Legislative change and reform with respect to family law and coercive control



# Strengthening responses to coercive control, improving victim survivor agency & supporting intersectionality

View full program



Day 1 | Wednesday 26 July 2023

Times are shown in AEST

9.00am Welcome to Country



9.05am Opening remarks

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INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE



9.10am **INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE: Educating people about coercive control & children**

- The impacts of coercive control on children
- How resistance by children and mothers occurs
- Providing support and professional interventions that work for women and their children breaking free from coercive control

**Dr. Emma Katz**

Associate Professor, **Durham University, SHERA Research Group & Author of 'Coercive Control in Children's and Mothers' Lives' 2022**

9:45am Re-thinking primary prevention



- Challenging and assessing current thinking on primary prevention strategies
- Understanding, belief and behaviour - one does not necessarily correlate to the other: What this means for primary prevention in Australia today
- Naming the gaps, presumptions, opportunities and challenges that lay before us: What can and should be done

**Jess Hill** | Author and Journalist

**Assoc Prof. Michael Salter** | School of Social Sciences, UNSW - **President** | International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, Chair | **Grace Tame Foundation**

KEYNOTE



10.25am **National Leadership in ending violence against Women and Children in a generation**

- Reviewing The National Plan, measuring its success and embedding the views of people with lived experience

**Micaela Cronin**

Inaugural Australian Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner, **Australian Government**

10.50am Morning Tea



### **11.20am Women with disability experiencing DFSV: Building safe access to supports**

- The unique challenges that women with disability face when experiencing coercive control and violence in relationships
- Representation, autonomy, dismissal and accessibility and why these all matter to women with disability seeking support
- Resources available to your workplace to improve accessibility, inclusion and outcomes for women with disability experiencing violence

**Karina Noble**

Project Manager, Building Access

**People with Disability Australia**



### **11.55am Responding to partner violence against migrant, refugee & CALD women**

- Demonstrating understanding and sensitivity when supporting women who are experiencing domestic and family violence
- Putting spirituality back into the recovery and support process for migrant, refugee and CALD women
- Giving women their agency and voice - we are not there to 'save' them but to ask them what they need
- Working together to drive change, innovation and understanding

**Maha Abdo OAM**

CEO

**Muslim Women's Association & Inaugural winner of the Committee for Sydney's 'Unsung Hero Award'**

### **12.35pm Lunch**

### **1.35pm Belief, agency & resistance: Centring the voices of survivors in violence prevention**



*This panel discussion will invite panellists to share and consider problematic victim-survivor stereotypes, challenges regarding intersectionality and domestic violence and the importance of recognising the agency and resistance inherent in the stories of all women.*

**Panel Chair: Jess Hill** | Author and Journalist

**Padma Raman PSM** | CEO, ANROWS

**Annabelle Daniel OAM** | CEO, Women's Community Shelters, Chair of DV NSW and NSW's Independent Member of the Coercive Control Implementation Taskforce

**Hayley Foster** | CEO, Full Stop Australia

**Beverly Baker** | CEO, Aboriginal Education Council



### **2.15pm Changing the family and domestic violence record for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women**

- Addressing patterns of violence within regional communities
- Advocacy and outreach support options and opportunities for our women - including the access challenges they face in regional communities
- Prevention and support strategies for women experiencing domestic and family violence (from indigenous and non-indigenous perpetrators)
- Why our women are not disclosing DFV
- Non-believing and unsupportive bystanders and authorities
- Complexities of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders family dynamics
- The mis-conception that our women are the perpetrators

**Jessica Czepil**

Proud Gomeri woman, Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Worker (Aboriginal Focus)

**Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service - TFSS**



## 3.25pm Afternoon tea



### 3.55pm Diversity, inclusion, collaboration and respect: A workforce focus

- Building workforce diversity, inclusion, capacity and resilience
- Integrative and Interdisciplinary approaches that benefit victim survivors
- Frontline perspectives on coercive control

#### Ange Kiley

Specialist Homelessness Services Program Manager  
Carrie's Place



### 4.30pm Adolescent Violence in the Home (AVITH): Interrupting intergenerational patterns of violence

- Exploring a definition of AVITH, including consideration where young people are neurodiverse and the determinants of AVITH including family violence/childhood trauma.
- Discussing research findings, that indicates a correlation between a male adolescent's use of violence against his mother and the increased possibility to 'gravitate' to use of violence in intimate partner relationships, using similar patterns of coercive control against a parent (overwhelmingly a mother) to those used by her ex partner
- Identifying a model of practice which includes a developmental, family systems, gender and trauma informed lens to support family relationships that are safe and respectful, and importantly, interrupt possible intergenerational patterns of abuse and violence

#### Jo Howard

Consultant, Researcher, Author & Trainer  
Jo Howard Consulting



### 5.05pm Hey, what about us?

- Children & young people as the hidden victim: Understanding the post-separation risk and as victim-survivors in their own right
- Increasing recognition of children and young people as direct victims of domestic and family violence does not appear to have translated to improvements in direct service delivery to them: Why not?
- Underage victims can be placed at higher risk post-parental separation as they are still in contact with fathers who harm them, when the situation is particularly volatile: How can we talk to and directly support these children?
- Sharing ideas on safety planning, talking with them to risk assess and adequately identify the harm they experience

#### Biljana Milosevic

Centre Director  
Jannawi Family Centre

## 5.40pm Closing remarks and end of day one

## Why attend

Understand how post separation coercive control impacts the safety of children & their mothers

Work effectively with and support Indigenous, migrant, disabled & CALD communities through an intersectional approach

Learn support options and professional interventions that work for women and their children breaking free from coercive control

Reflect on the recently released National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032

Build safe access to support for women with disability experiencing DFSV

Demonstrate understanding and sensitivity when supporting migrant, CALD and refugee women who are experiencing domestic and family violence

Address patterns of violence within regional communities

Explore prevention and support strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women experiencing domestic and family violence (from Indigenous and non-indigenous perpetrators)



**9.00am Acknowledgement of Country and opening remarks**

**Annabelle Daniel OAM**

CEO, Women's Community Shelters  
Chair, DV NSW and NSW's Independent Member of the Coercive Control Implementation Taskforce



**9.10am Supporting recidivist households through the Alexis Family Violence Response Model (AFVRM)**

- Insights into the Alexis Model and how it was implemented
- Understanding how to assess and meet the needs of family members
- Insights into the outcomes of the model and how they are measured
- What next for the Alexis FV Response Mode

**Marcus Taufik**

National Family Violence Specialist  
The Salvation Army



**9.50am Growing practitioners: the essentials of supervision, mentoring & sustaining workers**

- Paralleling essential components of supervision with client work
- Passing on practice wisdom
- Creating supportive environment for reflection and growth

**Susan Elvery**

Relationship Education and Family Safety Programs Coordinator  
Relationships Australia

**10.30am Morning tea**



**11.00am Supporting women to navigate the complex legal & community services systems pre & post separation**

- The challenges for women of trying to navigate a fragmented service system
- Representing all women and ensuring women are supported through the system
- Reducing the sense of overwhelm and fear and helping women to find their way and support themselves and their children
- Improving practices to better meet the needs of women and children

**Tanya Whitehouse OAM**

Manager  
Macarthur Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service



**11.40am KEYNOTE: The implementation of coercive control laws across Australian jurisdictions: Insights from a national study of the views & experiences of victim-survivors**

- Examining current law reform debates and implementation plans across Australian state and territories
- Insights into victim-survivor views on the criminalisation of coercive control, and the merits and risks of criminalisation
- Insights into the views of victim-survivors on the role of law, including the (potential) impacts of criminalisation on justice, safety, perpetrator accountability and community awareness outcomes.
- Lessons for implementation of coercive control laws, including education, specialist training, and resourcing

**Kate Fitzgibbon**

Director of the Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre and Professor of Social Sciences in the Faculty of Arts | **Monash University**

**12.20pm Lunch**





### 1.20pm The Journey from financial independence to financial ruin for independent financially secure women experiencing coercive control

- What are victim-survivors experiences of coercive control and financial abuse that create financial insecurity for previously financially secure women?
- How financial abuse and coercive control can cause financial ruin (and at times poverty) even for financially independent and secure women
- What implications does this raise for systems responding to individuals and families affected by coercive control and financial abuse?

#### **Silke Meyer**

Chair in Child & Family Research, School of Health Sciences and Social Work Griffith Criminology Institute, **Griffith Centre for Mental Health** | **Griffith University** & Adjunct Professor, **Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre**

### 2.00pm Legislation & reform in the DFV Australian landscape



*This panel discussion will discuss recent and pending proposals to reform the laws relating to domestic violence, including coercive control. Panellists will consider how the criminal, civil and family law might better meet the safety and justice needs of victim-survivors, and ensure perpetrators of domestic and family violence are held to account.*

**Panel Chair: Kate Fitzgibbon** | Director of the Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre and Professor of Social Sciences in the Faculty of Arts, **Monash University**

**Thelma Schwarz** | Principal Legal Officer, **Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service**

**Philippa Davis** | Principal Solicitor, **Women's Legal Service NSW**

**Terese Edwards** | CEO, National Council of Single Mothers and their Children

**Alina Thomas** | CEO, **Engender Equality**

**Magistrate Colin Strofield** | **Queensland Family and Domestic Violence Specialist Court**

### 2.45pm Afternoon tea

### 3.15pm Understanding how perpetrators weaponise government systems to enact financial abuse



- Exploring the time and effort women must expend to work within – often abusive – government systems such as child support, with little financial benefit and at great psychological cost
- How government systems intersect to create ripples of abuse that permeate women's financial lives, making the causes of harm and appropriate responses difficult to determine
- The National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2022-2032 provides an opportunity to demand better government systems to identify, address and prevent financial abuse

#### **Prof. Kay Cook**

Associate Dean of Research in the School of Social Sciences, Media, Film and Education, **Swinburne University of Technology** & Member, **Federal Economic Inclusion Advisory Committee**

### 3.55pm Coercive control, systems abuse, family law matters & reform

- Reviewing the 2022 project AIFS completed (ANROWS-funded) on compliance with and enforcement of family law parenting orders
- Exploring the findings of the project including the finding that demonstrates non-compliance arises in circumstances involving difficult relationship dynamics, including family violence and safety concerns
- Examining other finding indications that some parenting arrangements are developed in a way that is not sufficiently attentive to the circumstances of the individual child
- Assessing how in some instances litigation, including contravention applications, are part of a pattern of systems abuse in the context of coercive control
- The Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 was introduced into the House of Representatives on March 29, 2023: Considering reforms in the context of the findings of the Compliance with and Enforcement of Family Law Parenting Orders Project

#### **Rae Kaspiew**

Senior Research Fellow and Research Director (Systems and Services), Executive Team | **The Australian Institute of Family Studies**

### 4.35pm Closing remarks and end of Summit

# Supercharge your learning experience with two interactive in-person workshops

## Workshop A

### Adolescent Violence in the Home (AVITH): How to support safe & respectful family relationships

**28 July 2023, 9.00am - 12.00pm AEST**

**Sydney Boulevard Hotel | Gadigal Land/Sydney - Delivered in-person for maximum interactivity**

Adolescent violence in the home is an extremely nuanced issue. It is recognised as a distinct form of violence, different from adult-perpetrated family violence, and it requires a response that accounts for adolescence as a developmental stage and a relational response. To date, there has been a lack of program evaluation measuring outcomes for adolescents using violence and those who experience it.

This workshop offers a practice approach to supporting these adolescents and their families. It identifies a model of care for family-based intervention where a young person is using violence against a parent/carer or sibling. It recognises that AVITH frequently occurs in the context of intergenerational patterns of abuse and violence (and therefore trauma) and/or where a young person is neurodiverse.

*The presenters will contribute elements of their personal experience to compare and contrast research findings related to AVITH.*

### Attend & learn:

- Consider and explore a definition of AVITH, including where a young person is neurodiverse
- Consider similarities & differences between adult and AVITH
- Consider assessment, including risk assessment and safety planning
- Understand core elements of a best practice model in responding to AVITH, including the importance of holding a lens of intersectionality
- Understand determinants which support the use of violence by a young person
- Understand the principles in working with AVITH to promote family safety, trust and respect
- Learn how to engage young people and parents/carers in assessments and planning
- Discuss specific strategies where a young person is neurodiverse

### Meet your facilitators



**Jo Howard**  
Consultant, Researcher,  
Author & Trainer  
**Jo Howard Consulting**



**Chantelle Morrison**  
Integrated Practice Worker  
- Flood Recovery Response  
**Centre for Non-Violence (CNV)**



# Workshop B

## How to take an intentional approach to build relationships & partnerships and identify opportunities for collaboration

**28 July 2023, 1.00pm - 4.00pm AEST**

**Sydney Boulevard Hotel | Gadigal Land/Sydney - Delivered in-person for maximum interactivity**

**Family and domestic violence is a complex social issue that requires coordinated efforts across the community to address it effectively and responsively.**

Women's Community Shelters CEO, Annabelle Daniel OAM, is often approached by shelters, practitioners and other FDV services and asked how to build strong partnerships, coordinate efforts across the community and develop and strengthen new and existing relationships both within the sector but also from external bodies (including businesses and corporates).

Professionals in this space wish to make sure that every day they are working to make more of a difference. However, this skillset is not often trained, and many practitioners feel uncomfortable and unsure of where to begin or how to begin. They aren't sure how to take ownership of the process and feel ill-equipped to drive the process of building and strengthening relationships/partnerships.

### Would you like to be better able to:

- Bring in government, community, business and philanthropy to support long term aims?
- Communicate your goals, intentions and purpose effectively?
- Better use deep knowledge of our stakeholders and communities to end violence against women and children?
- Connect better to businesses and corporates?
- Engage people and communities outside our sector to create the change we want to see?

### Attend & learn:

- Drive engagement with other community services : learn how to partner with others to help build community-wide understanding of domestic & family violence
- Build diverse partnerships
- Better leverage available resources
- Create environments that enable friends and family, the community and other services to intervene appropriately and support survivors
- Develop and strengthen new and existing relationships
- Understand how to plan, implement and sustain impactful and meaningful partnerships

## Meet your facilitator



### **Annabelle Daniel OAM**

**CEO, Women's Community Shelters**

**Chair, DV NSW and NSW's Independent Member of the Coercive Control Implementation Taskforce**

**Date**  
**26-27 July**  
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