

QIFVP Forum 2018 - Language of Change

It's official! The Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum 'Language of Change' program has been launched! Join us in May at the Mercure Hotel Townsville to hear from Keynote Speakers and Practitioners in the field of domestic and family violence. Here is a glimpse of the program.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Karla McGrady | Our Watch

Violence Against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women: a new national resource to support primary prevention.

Mr Charlie King | CatholicCare NT

Indigenous Family Violence - what works?

YARNING CIRCLES

Victims need practical support

Theresa Mace and Karen Cate | Act for Kids

In this yarning circle Theresa Mace and Karen Cate from Act for Kids talk about what services need to offer to be truly empowering and supportive, and how this can often start with intensive intervention. They will describe the process of moving forward with the client and the need to go beyond organisational boundaries, leading to supporting women while presenting practical choices and collaborating with other services.

Tiddas Domestic Violence Support Group

Enid Surha | Queensland Health
Florence Onus | Healing Waters

Enid Surha from CYMH and Florence Onus founder of Healing Waters share their learnings from the Tiddas Domestic Violence Support Group. The method of group work used for women will be the focus in this yarning circle. Enid and Florence will talk about elements of effective group work and engaging with women; which includes ensuring women are ready and safe, when they are ready and safety.

The dynamics of DV and DV interventions in a remote Indigenous community

Nancy Wilson | Junkuri Laka
Farrah Linden | Mission Australia

In this yarning circle Nancy Wilson from Junkuri Laka and Farrah Linden from Mission Australia explore the use of tools from their everyday practice, and compare mainstream understandings of DFV with their local community. For example, men are victims at almost half the rate of women, and there is a higher acceptance of the rates of physical violence.

Healing our Way

Aunty Peggy Tidyman | Murrigunyah Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation

Aunty Peggy Tidyman from Murrigunyah Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Women will speak about the models of practice that have been used in supporting women who have experienced both DFV and sexual violence, leading onto the differences between the two and how partnerships with key service providers link up. She will share examples of how the Dreaming is present in our everyday lives.

WORKSHOPS

Working with Children and Young People

Presented by SNAICC

This workshop will focus on ways of working with children and young people who experience family violence in their immediate or extended family, and either directly or indirectly. The workshop is designed to provide the opportunity for participants to share their experience in keeping those who are most vulnerable at the centre of our family violence work.

Working with Women

Presented by SNAICC

This workshop will focus on women as those who experience the most family violence and with the most severe or deadly outcomes. The struggles and tensions involved when working primarily with the women who experience violence, along with consideration of the additional protective factors required to ensure the safety of her children will also be explored.

Working with Men

Presented by SNAICC

This workshop will focus on the critical role of working with men who use violence in the home and ways to change behaviour, while taking their needs into account in regard to building strengths, identity and positive roles. This will involve helping men take responsibility to change their behaviour and being accountable for their use of violence and its impact on themselves, their partners and their children.

Tickets are limited, if you are interested in attending the 14th Annual Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum - Language of Change, hosted by Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research (QCDFVR), you are strongly encouraged to register as soon as possible: early bird registrations close 22 April. Register today!