

*Family and Child Connect
Intensive Family Support Services
Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research
Community of Practice
2016-2017
TERMS OF REFERENCE*

The Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research (QCDFVR), CQUniversity receives defined term funding from the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services. Under its current Service Agreement Annual Workplan, QCDFVR is tasked with the development of

A community of practice for the specialist DFV workers employed in the Family and Child Connect (FaCC) and Intensive Family Support Services (IFS) to build their capacity through professional development opportunities and peer support to ensure workers are not operating in isolation and remain connected to contemporary practice in the domestic and family violence field.

To this end QCDFVR will:

- Coordinate virtual meetings of practitioners nominated by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services
- Ensure the attendance of at least one QCDFVR staff member at each meeting of the Community of Practice
- Share professional development opportunities and relevant contemporary research and reports with members of the Community of Practice
- Where possible and practical, identify responses to the professional development needs of members of the Community of Practice

Specialist Domestic and Family Violence workers employed in the FaCC and IFS Services will:

- Attend and participate in these virtual meetings through sharing information which is relevant to the Community of Practice
- Where required, maintain the confidentiality of the Community of Practice
- Where possible and practical, access the professional development opportunities provided through participation in the Community of Practice

Focus

A safe and respectful place for specialist domestic and family violence workers employed in Queensland's FaCC and IFS Services to come together with QCDFVR staff to share experiences and practice knowledge in a spirit of mutual learning and peer support.

Goals

- Building workforce capacity in the broader domestic and family violence sector through professional development opportunities
- Enhancing peer support to ensure workers are not operating in isolation
- Enabling connectedness to contemporary practice in the domestic and family violence field.
- Creating opportunities for sharing problem-solving and innovative practice

Principles

1. Membership of the CoP is voluntary.
2. Practitioners wishing to participate are asked to give permission for their contact details to be shared with other members.
3. Materials (hard copy or electronic), not in the public domain, that are shared with members, remain the property of the originating member/organisation.
4. Members providing material should include a document 'footer' indicating the member's name/organisation and the date the documents were shared with the group.
5. These shared materials are not to be:
 - a. used without appropriate acknowledgement of the originating member/ organisation
 - b. altered without seeking permission from the originating member/ organisation.
6. Materials shared may be used in the normal way for publication, with appropriate referencing.

Meetings will be held every second month.

