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 **QCDFVR**

*Queensland Centre for Domestic
and Family Violence Research*

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Acknowledgement of Country

We proudly acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands across Queensland and Australia's other states and territories and pay our respects to all First Nations peoples. We acknowledge that sovereignty over this land was never ceded. We value the ongoing contribution of our many First Nations partners in advising, supporting and contributing to our work and projects – so that your voices and those of your communities are reflected in our work. We thank you with humility.

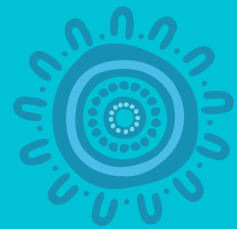
CQUniversity

The Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research benefits from location within an engaged, dual-sector university that has a national footprint and a regional focus.

It is part of Australia's first and only university certified as a social enterprise, that is, operating for social, community and environmental benefit.

CQUniversity was founded on these principles and continues to grow its impact as Australia's most inclusive, accessible, supportive and socially innovative university.

The university embraces sustainability: protecting the environment, uplifting people, building inclusive communities, and fostering meaningful social change.



Our Story

The Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research (QCDFVR) is a unique, integrated Centre. We inform policy, strengthen practice, support communities, and drive real-world solutions to the complex challenges of preventing and responding to domestic, family and sexual violence.

A Proven Track Record: 20+ years

For more than two decades, we have built a reputation for quality and innovation. We are a trusted partner of communities, governments and the service sector, collaborating with national and international researchers and networks.

Driving Social Impact

Our commitment to excellence in research and education delivers tangible social impacts. We stay connected to practice, ensuring our work is relevant, responsive and transformative.

Locally Grounded, Globally Informed

We maintain a Queensland focus while actively engaging with national and international partners to inform our work, extend our impact and make a difference.

Guided by Lived Experiences

We are unwavering in listening to and amplifying the voices of those with lived experience, including victim-survivors, priority populations and frontline workers.



Our Mission

Preventing and responding to domestic, family and sexual violence through research, education and service system support.

Our Aim

To contribute to safer communities by:

Supporting prevention and strengthening integrated responses to victim-survivors and people who use violence through knowledge creation, exchange and translation.

Our Reach

Focusing on regions, we have a national footprint as part of Australia's most inclusive, accessible and socially innovative university.



Our Building Blocks

Our model is based on four building blocks for success:



Engagement

Collaboration is key to all our endeavours. We build strong relationships and learn directly from those with lived experience of gendered and family violence, priority populations and frontline workers.



Accessibility

We listen first. Then we tailor our approach to meet diverse needs, using flexible and inclusive methods that resonate with different audiences.



Credibility

Our credibility and authenticity comes from a 'real world' perspective, delivering practical solutions that have a social impact.



Adaptability

We move with the moment - responding promptly and effectively to emerging trends and evolving demands.

Our Strategic Objectives

Strategic objectives guide our work over the next five years, spanning research, education and service system support. Together, they reflect our commitment to evidence-informed practice, workforce capability and meaningful knowledge translation.

OBJECTIVE 1: RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Our research is academically rigorous and socially impactful. We lead proactive and responsive research exploring diverse themes related to domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV) to improve the lives of individuals and communities. We will continue to build our national leadership in applied DFSV research, evaluation and innovation.



Priorities

- Grow research partnerships
- Develop applied research that generates new knowledge, deepens understanding of DFSV and delivers social impact
- Ensure research aligns with current and emerging needs and addresses research gaps
- Strengthen practice-led research and capability through co-design and co-production with sector partners
- Create meaningful research opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate students



Actions

- Increase engagement and research partnerships at local, national and international levels
- Develop and implement strategies to enhance researcher capability, internally and externally
- Develop a research action plan that outlines our priority areas and identifies research gaps



Outcomes

- High-quality, rigorous research that informs policy, practice and community outcomes
- Increased research outputs, including publications and other forms of knowledge translation across diverse media
- Enhanced research reach, engagement and social impact
- Production of new knowledge and real-world solutions
- Expanded research skills, knowledge and opportunities for students and sector partners



We lead proactive and responsive evidence-based research

OBJECTIVE 2: EDUCATION + TRAINING

We empower learners by meeting them where they are and delivering high-quality, practice-focused education that strengthens workforce capability now and into the future. We aim to deliver Australia's most comprehensive and accessible DFSV education.



Priorities

- Equip the sector with practice focused skills
- Embed lived experience and practitioner expertise into education design
- Strengthen student experience and engagement
- Ensure education aligns with emerging sector needs and reforms
- Strengthen partnerships to ensure learning reflects real-world practice
- Develop students' capability for critical thinking and collaborative problem-solving to enhance outcomes for victim-survivors and people who use violence



Actions

- Develop stackable micro-credentials with potential pathways into Vocational Education and Training (VET) and higher education qualifications
- Deliver tailored programs that meet the needs of diverse learners, with consideration for region specific needs
- Partner with services to co-design education packages



Outcomes

- Growth in student enrolments and completions across all levels
- Increase in the uptake of our customised DFSV training workshops
- A modernised, flexible education portfolio that meets diverse learning needs
- Education that is responsive to emerging reforms and practice changes
- Improved sector capability and confidence to respond to DFSV



**We deliver high-quality,
practice-focused education**

OBJECTIVE 3: SERVICE SUPPORT, COLLABORATION + KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

We focus on knowledge translation to strengthen the service systems encountered by victim-survivors and those who use violence. We want to strengthen QCDFVR's position as a knowledge hub for DFSV information, resources and collaboration.



Priorities

- Position QCDFVR as a trusted statewide and national leader in DFSV knowledge translation, sector capability and service system reform
- Translate research into accessible knowledge that informs policy, practice and system improvement
- Build strategic partnerships locally, nationally and internationally
- Build QCDFVR membership base
- Increase lived experience and practitioner involvement across all our DFSV work



Actions

- Expand knowledge translation activities
- Enhance website for improved user experience
- Update and improve our online resources so they are easy to access, navigate and download for practitioners across all sectors
- Increase our social media presence (LinkedIn and Facebook)
- Promote QCDFVR membership benefits
- Strengthen our presence on and contributions to key government and non-government peak bodies and networks



Outcomes


- Strong brand identity and digital visibility
- QCDFVR resources and insights used as default guidance across the service system
- Increased membership engagement and value
- Increased online engagement from practitioners, services and government
- Stronger statewide and national collaboration networks

We focus on knowledge translation to strengthen service systems



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