

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM



WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

In line with best practice, the Domestic and Family Violence Intervention Program (DFVIP) is delivered to sentenced male prisoners and offenders who are assessed as having an identified history of violence and abuse against intimate partners.



WHY DO WE DO THIS WORK?

To contribute to safer communities, in particular the safety of women and the protection of children and young people, by offering offenders the opportunity to take responsibility, and be accountable for, their past violent and abusive behaviours, and to commit to choosing non-violence.

To prevent The creation of future victims by giving offenders the skills to manage themselves in non-violent, safe and pro-social ways regardless of the pressures or difficulties they may face.

We work for the victims by working with the offenders.

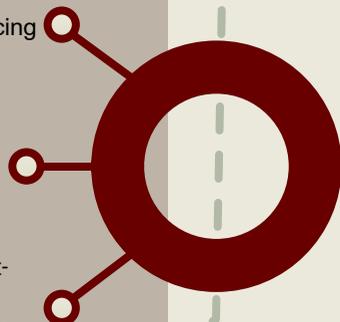


HOW DOES IT WORK?

Research has demonstrated that offender rehabilitation programs are effective at reducing the risk of re-offending.

Outcomes for participants are monitored through ongoing evaluation to ensure that DfVIP is effective at reducing the risk of violent and abusive behaviours in intimate relationships.

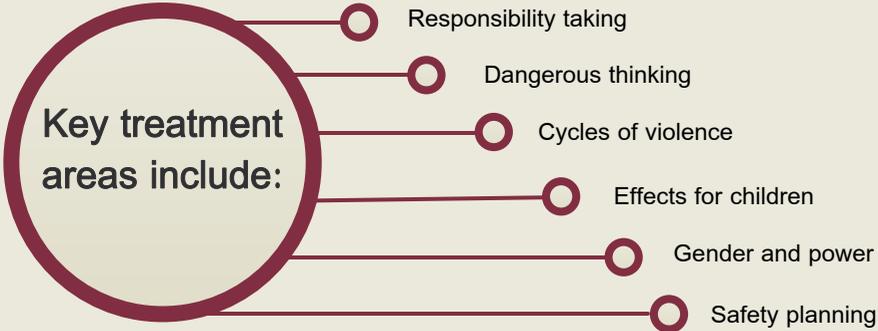
Providing rehabilitation to offenders is a cost-effective strategy with important benefits for society; if fewer people become victims of crime, the associated costs from police and court contact, the long-term costs of imprisonment, and costs to the health system and employers, can be reduced.





WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

The Domestic and Family Violence Intervention Program (DFVIP) is part of the suite of DCS rehabilitation programs, and has been designed specifically for male offenders with an identified history of violence and abuse against female intimate partners. DCS is partnered with the Women’s Safety Services SA, who offer women’s safety contact services to all (former) partners of offenders who participate in the DFIVIP. This partnership reflects best practice guidelines for working with perpetrators of domestic and family violence. It serves both to protect the victim/partner and enables information-sharing, which informs ongoing risk assessment and safety planning.



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PROGRAM?

DFVIP participants continue to receive case management from DCS after completing a program. This includes identifying appropriate supports to assist them to reintegrate into the community, and developing targeted risk-management strategies to ensure compliance with any conditions set by the Parole Board or the Courts.

“Deep down I knew something had to change, the course helped me see the dangerous thinking that led me to being abusive”



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