ALICE SPRINGS INTEGRATED RESPONSE

TO FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

aims
* increase the safety of women and children
* improve accountability of men who use F&DV and support them to change their behaviour
WHY SUCH a BIG FAMILY and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT?

and

WHY ALICE SPRINGS?
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5 key components

- Respectful relationships
- Community engagement
- Men’s Behaviour Change Program
- Family Safety Framework
- Court Support

Prevention Crisis intervention Justice response Social & behavioural change
The Northern Territory Domestic & Family Violence Reduction Strategy including the Family Safety Framework operates in the context of ...

the NT *Domestic and Family Violence Act*

the NT *Care and Protection of Children Act*

the NT *Criminal Code*
Legislative Definition

- The *Domestic and Family Violence Act* (NT) uses the term ‘domestic violence’ to mean violence against someone with whom the person is in a ‘domestic relationship’.

- ‘Domestic relationship’ is defined to include family members, intimate personal relationships, same sex relationships, carer relationships, guardianship relationships, people who live together, and people who are relatives according to Aboriginal tradition or contemporary social practice.
Recognising Domestic & Family Violence

- Is usually an ongoing pattern of behaviour aimed at controlling a partner or family member through fear by using behaviour which is violent and threatening.

- In most cases, a combination of tactics and types of violence are used to exercise power and control over women, children and other family members.

- May include a range of forms of violence and abuse i.e. physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, cultural, cyber, social or financial abuse.

- D&FV includes both criminal and non-criminal behaviour.
Alice Springs Women’s Shelter
From July 2014 – June 2015

528 women and 410 children stayed at the shelter
The women were from 86 towns and communities across 5 states majority from Alice Springs
Turned away 1986 clients.
On 160 occasions the service had no accommodation available
The outreach service had 486 clients they supported across a number of months
64 clients were non-indigenous that equates to 16.5% of clients
Outreach clients from 15 different countries
What Do We Provide?

- Place for rest and respite
- Safety Planning
- Access to other services
- Children are individual clients
- Evacuation
- Support through legal processes.
- Outreach program
- Court Support
- Supportlink
- Family Safety Framework
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