

Purpose: All communities in Ovens Murray live free from Family Violence

Scope: Ovens Murray catchment – Alpine, Benalla, Indigo, Mansfield, Towong, Wangaratta, Wodonga and border local government areas; family violence prevention, early intervention and crisis response activities.

The Ovens Murray – Family Violence Partnership (hereafter OM-FVP) has undertaken a collaborative process of strategic planning to establish a strong foundation for the work of the OM-FVP and involve people across the prevention – early intervention - crisis response – recovery spectrum of family violence work. The OM-FVP Memorandum of Understanding (2019), ‘Family Violence Regional Integration Project’ report (2018) and Victoria’s ‘Free from Violence’ strategy (2017) provide context for this plan.

Throughout February to June 2020 (during COVID19 restrictions) information was gathered from family violence and support workers and people with lived experience of family violence through face-to-face and online groups, individual interviews and surveys asking three key questions regarding family violence needs, strategies and priorities in the Ovens Murray catchment.

As a result, 153 people contributed to the evidence base for this strategic plan. A thematic analysis of the respondent data identified the priorities is presented in this summary. A background report of the OM-FVP Strategic Planning process including methods and de-identified data will be publicly available.

The foremost implementation approach we will use to address the identified priorities is the establishment and support of OM-FVP Executive and Operations – Collaborative Working Groups. These groups will meet regularly and develop annual action plans to address regional priorities.

All endorsed strategic planning documents will be available www.upperhumeqpcp.com.au.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2023: SUMMARY

Regional Priorities	Who is responsible
1. Collaborative Integration and Service Development	
<p>a. <u>Overall system integration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve family violence service information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focusing on agencies & communities • Strengthen cross sector collaboration culture and structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including Orange Door establishment 2020/21 • Targeted early intervention strategies • Better connection between specialist FV workers and local services <p>b. <u>Service development for identified populations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim – survivors (women unless otherwise stated) • Perpetrators (men unless otherwise stated) • Children (0-12 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in collaboration with Children and Family Services Alliance • Young people (12-25 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ including Adolescents using violence 	<p>OM-FVP Executive – Working Groups & Principal Strategic Adviser (PSA)</p> <p>OM-FVP Operations – Working Groups + existing networks + projects + PSA</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ including Elder Abuse • Aboriginal communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in collaboration with Ovens Murray Dhelk Dja Action Group • Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities • LGBTQI people • People with Disabilities • Rural communities • Border (Vic/NSW) communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in collaboration with Border Domestic Violence Network <p>c. <u>Targeted sector development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of family violence • Criminal Justice (Courts & Police) • Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in collaboration with Hume Region Homelessness Network • Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in collaboration with AOD/MH/FV project • Alcohol and Other Drugs • Family Violence and Disasters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ including COVID19 • Financial Support 	<p>OM-FVP Operations Working Groups in collaboration with existing networks and projects + PSA</p>
<p>Indicators: Establishment of Working Groups, Production of Action Plans, Outcomes & Evaluation of Action Plans</p>	
<p>2. Workforce Development and Capacity Building</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ including MARAM Collaborative Practice • Recruitment and retention 	<p>OM-FVP Exec/Ops + PSA</p>
<p>Indicators: Delivery of training, Evaluation of training</p>	
<p>3. Evidence and Data</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data systems to guide strategic improvements • Monitoring and Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In alignment with state-wide approach 	<p>OM-FVP Executive + PSA</p>
<p>Indicators: Establishment of collaborative data reports and Monitoring & Evaluation processes</p>	
<p>4. Governance and System Leadership</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OM-FVP Executive and Operations meetings • Statewide meetings and partnerships • Finance management • Funding • Involvement of people with Lived Experience of family violence in OM-FVP planning and action 	<p>OM-FVP Executive + PSA</p>
<p>Indicators: Meetings organised, documented and actions implemented in a timely manner; establishment of a governance structure enabling the involvement of people with lived experience of family violence</p>	

The Ovens Murray- Family Violence Partnership Strategic Plan 2020-2023 will be reviewed annually.