

Messages from the Frontline: Australian Domestic and Family Violence Workers' Policy Advice for the implementation of National Domestic Violence Policy.

You are invited to participate in research that aims to provide an opportunity for people who work on the frontline of domestic and family violence (DFV) services or in DFV advocacy organisations to provide advice and comment on the current Australian government's *Third National Plan for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and their Children* (2016-2019) and the impact that government policies are having on the day-to-day work that you do.

The research is focusing on why, over the life of the National Plan, that there has been no evident reduction in the incidence of reported DFV nor deaths resulting from intimate partner violence at a time that front line workers face an increasingly competitive, marketised context for advocacy and service delivery. The primary aim of the project is to provide opportunities for frontline workers to produce knowledge based on their experiences as workers with or advocates for victims of domestic and family violence and provide insight into how policy can be more responsive to real life experiences of DFV services and service users in order to improve the Australian government's ability to address DFV as a social problem. The research will be based on working with key grass roots representative organisations to analyse the National Plan and to conduct in depth qualitative interviews with frontline DFV workers with a focus on their views of the detailed and strategic objectives of the plan.

If you would like to participate in this study please contact one of us via email – details below – and we will arrange an interview time at your convenience. It is estimated that the interview will take between 45 and 60 minutes. Please be assured that at no time will your identity or details of the organisation or service that you work for be identifiable in the reporting or publication of this research. We sincerely hope that you are willing to be part of this project.

If you wish to participate please contact:

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