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Strengthening risk management

New demonstration projects are designed to strengthen risk management

The Client Services and Programs Branch of Victoria's Department of Human Services, Housing and Community Building Division has announced the establishment of two new integrated demonstration projects.

They focus on family violence risk management strengthening and will test the implementation and delivery of coordinated multi-agency approaches.

They will also trial new integrated governance arrangements, new roles and responsibilities, and ways of working collaboratively to ensure an integrated response to the needs and situations of women and children.

New positions

The projects are running from May (2011) to June 30, 2013 and the funded positions include a project coordinator, a women's case manager, a children's case manager and a case manager to work with men to challenge their use of family violence. The two projects align with the whole-of-government priorities to improve

responses to women and children who experience family violence and to men who use violence against family members.

Under development

The projects will implement a multi-agency approach to strengthen risk management as detailed in the *Strengthening Risk Management* framework and practice guidelines currently being developed by KPMG in consultation with the specialist sector and stakeholders of the integrated family violence system (IFVS).

These framework and practice guidelines are due for broader release in the second half of this year.

Systems evolution

The Victorian family violence reforms, overseen by the Family Violence Interdepartmental Committee, have supported the IFVS to develop new ways to better identify and respond effectively to family violence and to those at risk of family violence.

While the IFVS is working in a more
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Tasmanian intervention program reworked

A new improved version says AG

In April, the then Tasmanian Attorney General David Bartlett announced changes to the state's Family Violence Offender Intervention Program (FVOIP).

Mr Bartlett said the program, which helps family violence offenders reduce their violent and abusive behaviour, is delivered to individuals and groups by Tasmania's Community Corrections as part of the 'Safe at Home' initiative. He unveiled what the government calls a "new and improved" version at Hobart's Magistrate Court.

Greater capacity

Probation Officers will facilitate 12 hour individual programs, as well as 50 hour rolling group programs that will allow more flexible participant entry. They will be available statewide and delivered outside normal business hours, as required. Community Corrections staff, who have received specialised training in working

with family violence offenders, will also continue to supervise family violence offenders, one-on-one, subject to community-based orders.

The government says Ken McMaster, who developed the original program, has redesigned it so that more offenders can complete it. Ken McMaster is widely known in New Zealand and Australian correctional services circles; he has 26 years experience delivering group-work programs in addiction, violence and sexual abuse.

Innovative and effective

"Safe at Home is widely recognised as one of the most innovative and effective initiatives for countering family violence, anywhere in Australia," said Mr Bartlett. "It's also attracted overseas attention, from jurisdictions looking to strengthen their approach to family violence."

Source: Tasmanian government media release •

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Strengthening risk management

New demonstraton projects

co-ordinated and consistent way, situations still occur where women and children are at increased risk of (further) harm or lethality.

This highlights the need to continue to evolve a system which provides for consistent and timely responses when assessing, planning and responding to the

needs of a woman and her children regardless of circumstances, or where she may enter the family violence system.

To achieve this goal, strengthening family violence risk management system across the service has been a key focus of the

family violence reforms over the past two years.

Selection criteria

The projects will be conducted by Berry Street Victoria in the City of Hume (North and West Metropolitan region) and Bethany Community Support in the City of Greater Geelong (Barwon South Western region).

These two areas and funded agencies were selected as both have high rates of family violence attendances by Police and high numbers of applications for intervention orders.

Neither area currently hosts a specialist response to family violence in the Magistrates' Court. In addition, both agencies have a proven track record in delivering innovative multi-agency approaches to improve safety outcomes for women and children.

The projects are funded by the Victorian Government in partnership with the Commonwealth Government Service Integration Projects initiative.

Info sharing

At the local level the demonstration projects will introduce regular risk assessment and management panel (RAMP) meetings. These meetings will provide an ongoing forum for effective risk assessment, risk management and case coordination.

The RAMP meetings will monitor cases and

ensure that all relevant details are tabled to enable consistent information sharing on the status of relevant cases with clearly defined actions, responsibilities and timelines developed for each case plan.

In negotiation and by agreement with local

agencies, core members of the RAMP meetings are likely to include a senior representative from all specialist family violence providers, police, legal services, and Child Protection, Child FIRST and family support

agencies. Provision is to be made for non-core members to attend RAMP meetings or provide information on a case by case basis, for example:

- homelessness and housing agencies,
- Centres Against Sexual Assault (CASA),
- Victims Assistance and Counselling Program (VACP),
- mental health and drug and alcohol Services,
- disability services,
- Aboriginal agencies,
- CALD agencies,
- health services, and
- education providers.

Oversight
At a state-wide level, a reference group will be established to provide project governance and oversight. Membership will consist of representatives from all Government jurisdictions involved in the RAMP and integrated family violence reforms, Berry Street Victoria and Bethany Community Support, in addition to other specialist family violence representatives including the peak bodies. •

For more information on the project:

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Responding to sexist jokes and comments. In May, NTV's Rodney Vlasis led a White Ribbon Day workshop for Western Region Health Centre workers in Footscray •

SAFER research update

MBCP survey preliminary results

The recent SAFER survey among DHS funded Men's Behaviour Change (MBC) programs was the second, and final, survey within this project, measuring change in program collaboration during the family violence system reform over the past few years. While response to the first survey (2008) was 100%, with 26 running programs participating, only 16 programs completed responses to the second round survey (2011). Follow up is continuing to garner participation from the outstanding agencies.

Increased referral relationships

Preliminary analysis has begun in relation to one of the key SAFER research questions: how is the emergence of whole of government 'integrated policy' realised through the MBC intervention system? Responses from survey round 1 and survey round 2 for the 16 agencies participating in both rounds, illustrates a positive increase in collaborative referral relationships with external agencies and services.

Both informal and formal referral relationships into the MBC programs increased. Formal referrals into MBC programs (MoUs) increased more often with agencies/services traditionally working in the family violence field including: police (increasing from 10 agencies to 13), women's services (increasing from 1 to 5), and child protection (increasing from 2 to 6).

Broader range of agency referrals

Informal referral relationships increased notably with agencies not regularly referring into MBC programs, for example: Maternal and Child Health (increasing from 3 to 10), solicitor referrals (increasing from 3 to 9), sexual assault services (increasing from 7 to 12) and victims' assistance programs (increasing from 5 to 12).

A final positive note illustrating collaborative referral practices is the overall increase in referral arrangements between both indigenous and CALD specific services. Formal agreements with Indigenous services increased from 5 to 8 and among CALD services, from 9 to 11. Informal arrangements also increased in both categories.

Individual response summaries for the two surveys have been sent to participating agencies. It is hoped that a comparison between the two surveys may be used internally for service and practice reflection as well as ongoing training.

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Typologies of men who present to MBCPs

NTV's Rodney Vlais asks is *type* a useful analytical tool

As a practitioner who has seen hundreds of men do at least some part of a men's behaviour change program, I have sometimes wondered about whether it is useful to think about different 'types' of men who present at programs. Questions that I am curious about here include:

- are there some men who require a more intensive or even somewhat different approach than the 'standard intervention' (note the inverted commas) and could there be a way of predicting who these might be at assessment?
- although there are understandable and important critiques of the concepts of personality disorders, do those men who score relatively highly on particular personality disorder traits require somewhat of a variation to the 'standard treatment approach'?
- how might our work be different for those men who have a history of significant use of violence outside the family context, in addition to within intimate partner and family settings?
- although men's use of family violence is a chosen tactic to maintain gender-based power, privilege and entitlements, do some men use violence in a less emotional, more 'cool' instrumental way than others?

US constructs

Similar sorts of questions have led some U.S. researchers to investigate the construction of categories or types of men who present to batterer intervention programs. This research, based largely on court-mandated men who have been referred to a program as part of their probation conditions following criminal prosecution, has come up with three or four main categories that have been debated over the past fifteen or so years. Some of the most recently published articles on this typology are referenced at the end of this column (Fowler & Westen, 2011; Huss & Ralston, 2008; Panchanadeswaran et al, 2010; Stoops et al, 2010). The following excerpts from Fowler and Westen (2011)'s article provides a typical example of how this typology is described:

"Subtype 1:

Psychopathic Partner-Violent Men ... tend to use violence instrumentally, possibly to dominate their spouse. They tend to be generally violent, with a history of assaultive behavior across relationships that begins in childhood ... We chose to call this group psychopathic because of the features this group has in common with

psychopathic personality as described by Cleckley (1941), such as impulsivity, remorselessness, and a lack of empathy." (p. 627).

"Subtype 2:

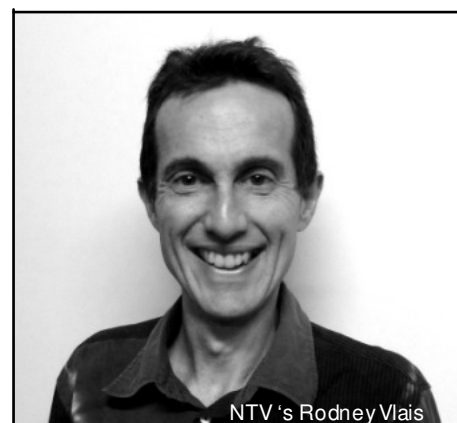
Hostile/Controlling Partner-Violent Men ... are angry and controlling and seem to have a "hair-trigger" propensity for rage ... They are suspicious, hypersensitive to perceived criticism, and tend to hold grudges. They tend to externalizing blame, and view themselves as misunderstood. These characteristics appear to alienate others, leaving them with few friends. As a result, their spouse is likely to be one of the few individuals with whom they have a relationship and may be a frequent scapegoat for the problems they experience in other areas of life." (p. 629)

"Subtype 3:

Borderline/Dependent Partner-Violent Men ... are unhappy, depressed, and prone to emotions that spiral out of control ... Whereas feelings of depression, particularly anxiety, might serve as a protective factor for men who more closely resemble the psychopathic subgroup prototype (by putting the "brakes" on impulsive violence), negative affect appears to be a clear risk factor for borderline/dependent partner-violent men. These men are likely very dependent on their partners to soothe their feelings of failure, anxiety, and emptiness. However, they also suffer from deep fears of abandonment and tend to lash out at the person they love and need the most. These men may tend to catastrophize, and when strong emotions are stirred up they may 'lose control' (inverted commas inserted) and become violent. They may engage in partner violence when feeling their lowest, creating a spiral in which they feel "bad," unworthy of love, and abusive, fueling their fears of abandonment." (p. 630)

Inconclusive

While this and similar typologies can appear to make clinical sense in some contexts, research has not (or at least not yet) consistently demonstrated typologies such as these to be useful in predicting treatment outcomes (Panchanadeswaran et al, 2010; Jones et al, 2010). Given this, the jury is still out about the applicability of personality-based typologies to clinical practice with men who use family violence. Research on the usefulness of these types of personality-based typologies is likely to continue for some years to come.



NTV's Rodney Vlais

Another approach

In the remainder of this column I'd like to draw attention to a different approach which focuses on complex behavioural patterns over time, to determine if there are different types of trajectories by which men, through and after participating in a program, come to reduce, relapse or increase their use of particular types of violence. This study (Jones et al, 2010) comes from Ed Gondolf's research team and presents a compelling case of the need to incorporate a complex trajectory analysis of violent and controlling behaviours in long-term outcome research assessing the effectiveness of batterer intervention programs / MBCPs.

Other indicators

Rather than relying solely on statistics referring to re-assaults and re-arrests, this study focused on multiple and complex indicators of violence and abusive tactics. The researchers cited studies which provide support for the recommendation that "evaluation of DV offender programs be based on outcomes that reflect the full constellation of violent or coercive behaviors that are manifested, often simultaneously, over time." (p 6) Specifically, the study focused on perpetrators' behaviours across four domains: physical violence, controlling behavior, threatening behavior, and/or verbal-emotional abuse. Data was drawn from Gondolf's major multi-site evaluation of batterer intervention programs across four locations, using partner interviews as the major source, at three-month intervals. The results are complex, but are perhaps best summarized in the following passage from the article:

"Four states characterized by distinct and complex patterns of abusive behavior were identified along with transition probabilities for those states. The state characterized by the least amount of violence has very high prevalence, in each time period (between

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The Men's Referral Service new letter

On the phones

Winter report

During the month of April and May the *Men's Referral Service* received 470 calls in total; the public holidays in April month made it quieter month. May was well covered with our response rate improving to 85%, which is the amount of calls answered during service hours.

With the onset of winter our coverage for the roster continues to fluctuate with April having a decent 77% coverage. The coffee is good, the phone room is warm and the calls will be responded to if you come in for a shift!

MRS Course in Telephone Counselling

The MRS is ready to embark on the 2011 course in Telephone Counselling; starting on Saturday July 30, it will continue on Tuesday evenings. We anticipate having at least 10 to 12 new trainees after a smaller advertising campaign this time.

Professional Development and Group Supervision

The well received *Professional Development Assessment of Suicide Risk* workshop with Rodney Vlasis was a valuable refresher for Telephone Counsellors responding to callers revealing suicide as a strong possibility.

The most recent group supervision with Mark Kulkens was also well attended. Reflections such as 'finding my voice in the call' substance affected callers and identifying the hidden shame element in a caller were explored.

All sessions are open to both new trainee telephone counsellors and other telephone counsellors.

While in the phone room:

- remember to check the phone in the debriefing room (this is the MRS supervisor's line) and more importantly, any missed calls!!
- if by chance the rostered supervisor is not answering their phone, do make two more attempts and then attempt to reach another supervisor rostered.

While on a call:

- establish rapport,
- assess risk,
- check safety,
- confront any caller minimisation of violence,
- encourage caller responsibility,
- make an appropriate referral.

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Tony's tips

Four things to think about

It is important that, as a *Men's Referral Service* telephone counsellor, you give as much thought about the check-in with the supervisor as you do with the debrief at the end of a shift. We all have things that affect us, such as financial, relationship, health and work matters and we can bring these concerns into the phone room with us.

If we do not touch base with the supervisor and make him or her aware of the extent of the effects these matters have on us, the supervisor is not in a position to discuss whether you are able to be 'totally present' and 'in the moment' with the caller.

Openess

Equally, you need to be open and truthful with the supervisor about each call you have undertaken. The supervisor can only go on what it is you tell them about the content of the call, how you've worked with the caller and why, and the emotional effect the call has had on you.

There will be calls when you will have a sense that you've handled the call well. Conversely, there will be occasions when you will be less than comfortable with how you've handled the call. In these instances, a certain amount of maturity and honesty is required so you can reveal these misgivings to your supervisor.

Empathy

Another crucial component of the work of being a *Men's Referral Service* telephone counsellor is having empathy with the core principles of the service. Each telephone counsellor needs to have a clear understanding and commitment to the Service's pro-feminist critique of patriarchy and male privilege.

If for any reason you find yourself in disagreement or seeking clarification of this philosophical position, you need to declare it to either the team leader, supervisor or coordinator of the Service.

Full debrief

Finally, some clarification about conversations with the team leader following an individual call and de-briefing with the supervisor at the end of the shift. Whilst the team leader is available as an initial sounding board following calls, you are still required to fully debrief with the supervisor.

Tony Kelleher

Team Leader

Men's Referral Service •

City of Yarra recognition



Volunteer Telephone Counsellors Raymond S. and Frank H. were all smiles at the Fitzroy Town Hall after receiving their 2011 Yarra Volunteer awards •

After Hours Service Report

The *After Hours Service (AHS)* is nearing the completion of its first year of state-wide operation

In the next issue of NTV notes, I hope to have some stats on the first year. An evaluation of the Enhanced Intake Service (EIS) has been completed and is now with the Department of Human Services (DHS); we are waiting to hear if any recommendations may determine changes in service delivery.

Training

Advanced training for statewide EIS workers has been funded by DHS and will be delivered by NTV in July this year.

The AHS team met with police recently to discuss the Police Code of Practice for the investigation of Family Violence and to hear from them how that translates into the work done when police attend an incident.

Form update

Police are trialling a updated form used to make referrals to EISs. AHS is providing feedback which we hope will improve the standard of referral information.

AHS will be attending a meeting with Police and DHS to discuss *Service Support*, a police initiative to make referrals to EIS agencies through the internet rather than by fax.

Numbers

Referral numbers for AHS are still down on what they were towards the end of last calendar year. They are quite consistent with approximately 50 to 60 being received on weekends.

Peter Londesborough
After Hours Coordinator
Men's Referral Service •



Men's Referral Service Profile – Mike Esler

Telephone Counsellor Mike Esler started on the phones at the Men's Referral Service this year. He hails from Kinglake, northeast of Melbourne

What do you do when you are not at the Men's Referral Service?

At work: I am currently concentrating on my two courses at the moment. I'm studying the Graduate Certificate in Men's Behaviour Change Group Facilitation as well as Telephone Counselling at MRS.

With family: I have a very close family of four sisters, three nieces and two nephews and I adore them all.

For relaxation or recreation: Love all wildlife, particularly raptors. I don't do enough camping or bike riding but intend to in the future. Love my footy team, spend too much time on the internet and am a bit of a news and current affairs junkie. I'm learning to appreciate my real friends better which is something I hope I will always be doing.

Why did you become involved with the Men's Referral Service?

I was considering starting my own men's group. I met someone who suggested MRS was looking for volunteers, and the timing and social importance of the role suited me perfectly.

What's your favourite holiday destination?

In another life I loved the friendly, tropical allure of the Fiji Islands.

The Most difficult caller?

The blamer. Everything is her fault.

When at home I like to cook

Cooking for one is not as enjoyable as for two or more but I get by with edible stir-fries, pasta and rice dishes.

If you were marooned on a desert island and could only take three things (not people) with you, what would you take?

My binoculars, a wind-up radio and a copy of The Neverending Story.

If you could invite three people to have dinner with, who would they be?

Animated legend Daffy Duck, actor/director John Cassavettes and early 20th century desert explorer Wilfrid Thesiger.

What surprises you?

Being surprised. So much in our communities is copycat or US inspired. Genuine creativity, unexpected courage or spontaneous cleverness from anyone of any age will always get my vote. •



On the phones – Mike Esler

ACT to target causes of domestic violence

More funding for prevention, early intervention and post sentencing support

At the end of May, the ACT Government announced its intention to establish a specialist accommodation and counselling intervention program for adult males who perpetrate domestic violence. The aim is to effect long-term behavioural change and reduce reoffending.

Four year plan

The ACT Minister for Women, Joy Burch MLA, says the Territory's 2011-12 Budget includes \$424,000 over four years for the Office for Women to deliver the new Family Violence Prevention Program which aims to enhance the capacity of a community service organisation to provide services which address the needs of individuals.

The funding is in addition to the \$1.3 million over four years provided last year to assist the work of the Domestic Violence Crisis Service and the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre.

The program will support the objectives

of the ACT Strategy to Prevent Violence against Women and their Children which is currently being developed and will be launched later this year. It also aligns with the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (National Plan) that the ACT recently signed up to.

"The ACT Government is committed to preventing violence against women and their children and promoting an anti-violence culture within the community," says Minister Burch, "And research tells us that the likelihood of recidivism can be reduced by addressing the underlying causes of offending behaviour."

Links

"The ACT *Prevention of Violence against Women and Children Strategy* (ACT Strategy) will have a strong link to the National Plan's objective of reducing the risk of recidivism by targeting perpetrators of domestic

violence with both early intervention and prevention as well as with post-sentencing support," Ms Burch said.

Wrap around

Funding for the program will be awarded to an existing community organisation. The government labels this a 'wrap-around approach' to reduce the duplication of costs and services that the involvement of a number of agencies would otherwise entail.

"The points of intervention for perpetrators would include addressing issues underlying or exacerbated by violence: alcohol and other drug dependency, mental illness, accommodation and support and individual counselling," says Ms Burch. "The program ensures that adult males using violence have access to appropriate specialist support."

Source: ACT government media release •

NTV Notes

New to NTV / MRS

Communications and Publication Officer



Dave Lane

Dave Lane has joined NTV/MRS as Communications and Publication Officer.

As a long-term community campaigner, Dave has built his communications and media experience in the not-for-profit, trade union and community sectors.

Old and new

On the journalism side of the media equation, he has worked in the broadcast media, with stints in Community and ABC radio, before branching out into the emerging – and converging – new media world of websites, online forums, blogs and other web-based social media.

Campaign focus

"Campaigning on social justice, workplace and equity issues has been a major part of my professional life and it's consumed many of my out-of-work hours as well," says Dave.

"I've also been part of a number of projects that have been full of surprises and rewarding in the extreme.

For example, we tend to take for granted all the electronic gadgetry that surrounds us these days; you know, computers, mobile phones, tablets, games consoles and the like.

However, when I volunteered in my neighbourhood to help out on a computer training program for recently arrived immigrants and refugees, I met people who had never used a computer or even come across a mouse before - the plastic variety that is.

To see them then come to grips with the technology - and use it to open up a world of information and communication with their new country as well as the places they had left behind - was a wonderful experience for me."

Over the past few years, Dave has been active in election campaigns on the progressive side of politics.

"Until the 2006 state election campaign, I'd always avoided party politics and focused more on direct hussle of politicians about particular social justice, rights or equity issues.

So working on more general political campaigns has been a real eye opener for me," says Dave. "To see just how disenchanted your average person is with parliamentary politics is disturbing.

It seems to be mainly the result of the way politicians behave, the lack of respect they display towards their opponents or the parliament itself, together with the cynical way they play the political game.

I think it's had a major impact in the electorate and made many people's faith in democracy a fragile thing.

It also threatens some traditional Australian notions such as a 'fair go', as well as those values we need to focus on more in political and social debates – tolerance, non-violence, together with the acceptance and enjoyment of diversity."

Water

But enough of politics; in his spare time Dave is a bit of a water baby. "My favourite spots include the Fitzroy Pool, summer or winter – I was lucky to be part of that great campaign to save it from closure back in the dark days of the 1990s – and the colder waters of Bass Strait. My partner Maria and I spend a fair bit of our spare time by the seaside; the sound of the surf is very relaxing," says Dave.

Having just started in the job, Dave Lane is feeling his way at NTV/MRS. "I don't have professional or volunteer experience in this sector but I hope to learn a lot quickly and use my journalistic, publishing and campaigning skills to help build the NTV / MRS's comms, publications and digital media presence to benefit members, men who are looking to change their violent behaviour and also the wider public."

Contact

Dave Lane is in the NTV / MRS office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and welcomes calls from members with feedback and suggestions about how we can strengthen the communications capability and effectiveness of our organisation.

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EVAs big night out

And the winner is ...



Gold Eva winner Genevieve Grieves

The 2011 *Eliminating Violence against Women* (EVAs) media award winners were announced in June during the annual awards event at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Producers Genevieve Grieves and Darren Dale won gold with their program *Lani's Story*, broadcast on SBS Television. Lani Brennan was almost killed by her ex-partner and the documentary details her courageous struggle for justice.



At the EVAs – NTV Chairperson Marg Darcy with Management Committee member Mike Wilson

The Awards are designed to build awareness about violence against women in the media, not only by publishing and broadcasting stories but also through responsible reporting of the events and issues.



The 2011 EVAs Award winners assembled

So what is responsible reporting and how can it be done well? Find out more on the EVAs' website; there are guides and tip sheets in the Responsible Reporting section at <http://evas.org.au> •

Typologies of men

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50% and 60% of all offenders) and is relatively stable with a relatively high probability ($p=.77$) of remaining in it in any given time period rather than transitioning to a more severe state.

The most severe state has the lowest prevalence, with 10% or less of all offenders in it at any given duration, and it is also relatively stable ($p = .44$) although less so than the least severe state. Transitions out of the most severe state are always to the second most severe state ($p = .56$), which is characterized by a high probability of physical violence and controlling behavior.

The two intermediate states appear to be highly unstable, with very low probabilities of staying in these states from one time point to another ($p = .11$ in both cases). Estimated transition probabilities indicate that offenders who fall into one of the intermediate states in any given time period are highly likely to move out of it in the next.

It is interesting that the second most severe state (State 2) never transition to the most severe state ($p = .00$) and is most likely to transition into the least severe state ($p = .56$), whereas the second least severe state (State 3) has a high probability of transitioning into the second most severe state ($p = .61$) and is the only state that is likely to transition into the most severe state ($p = .21$). (p.13).

States and traits

While the results are based on only one (albeit very large and multi-site) U.S. study, they are intriguing, for men's behaviour present offenders with more severe violent behavior patterns and trajectories that are unresponsive to intervention are included in programs with offenders who are highly likely to respond to intervention." (p 14). Further, the researchers concluded that "the results also suggest that DV offender profiles or typologies may need to be conceptualised as "states" that can change over time, rather than as static "traits" or dispositional characteristics. (p.14).

References

Remember that you can obtain free, electronic copies of any of the articles mentioned here – or of any other articles related to family violence – by emailing the *Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse*: clearinghouse@unsw.edu.au.

The Clearinghouse will be more than happy to email you a PDF copy, as increasing accessibility to relevant research literature for family violence practitioners is part of

Anglicare program targets dads


For fathers who complete a Men's Behaviour Change Program

Are you a dad who has completed a men's behaviour change program?


Are you happy with the relationship you have with your children?

Would you like to have more parenting tools?

Would you like advice on how to repair the damage your abuse/violence may have caused your children?

For further information, please call Anglicare Yarra Ranges on 9735-4188 and speak to the Family Violence Team.



AFTER-HOURS CRISIS HELP

- Men's Referral Service 9428-2899 (metro Melbourne) or 1800 065 973 (free call regional Vic). Service available 9am-9pm, Mon-Fri.
- Mensline 1300 789 978 (24 hrs/day)
- ParentLine 13 22 89 (8am-midnight, 7 days/week)

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Are you the kind of dad you want to be?



DADS PUTTING KIDS FIRST

A dads program for men who have completed a Men's Behaviour Change Program



Supporting families, building communities

Are you the best dad you can be?

The Dads Putting Kids First program is a ten week group program open to all dads who have completed a Men's Behaviour Change Program.

The program is a group format, running once a week for ten weeks. Each session is 2 hours long.

Prior to entry into Dads Putting Kids First, each participant has an individual needs assessment. Please phone 9735-4188 and ask for the Men's Family Violence Program.

Aims of the Dads Putting Kids First Program:

- 1) Gain additional tools to meet the challenges of parenting.
- 2) Develop an understanding of how your role changes as your children grow.
- 3) Understand the impacts of your violence/abuse on your children, and what you could do to help them.

About the Program

Attendance reports: Attendance reports will be provided upon request. Please give at least one weeks notice.



Evaluations: At the end of the program, staff would like to meet with you to gain your feedback to help us to continue to improve the program. Staff would like to hear if the program has met your needs, and your thoughts on any unmet needs your children may have.

Confidentiality: Issues discussed in the group and with program staff are confidential, except when Duty of Care applies.

Contact with family members: The Dads Putting Kids First program offers support to all members of your family and will contact (ex)partners by telephone.

Where: Anglicare Lilydale 47-51 Castella St, Lilydale, 3140

When: Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm

Staffing: All group facilitators are qualified in psychology, social work or welfare work.



Payment/Fees: Costs involved in providing these services are high. We ask for a donation of \$20 per evening. However, don't let financial difficulties in meeting costs stop you from joining the program. Please discuss this issue with staff.

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