

Doing what it takes

to support people impacted by domestic and family violence

Doing what it takes means supporting people who are impacted by domestic and family violence to enhance their safety and wellbeing, and working with men who use violence to help them understand the beliefs that drive their abusive behaviour. We also work alongside others to raise awareness and prevent violence.



Paula's story

Paula\* says it was a big weight off her shoulders when YFS' Senior Women's Advocate, Kirsty, contacted her to offer support. As part of the Responsible Men program, women's advocates support victims of violence and abuse to address crisis and help ensure their safety.



*"I knew that support was available, but I felt overwhelmed. There's so much happening at the same time you don't know what path to take, and you cannot prioritise things. It gives you hope if someone calls you to let you know they care and they want to help you. I don't know where I'd be if the police didn't refer me to Kirsty."*

Paula - Women's Advocate client (\*name and photo changed for privacy)

Highlights

We launched a Responsible Fathers domestic and family violence intervention program for men who are using violence and coercive control on their partners. The program supports positive behaviour change in men who want to be responsible fathers. The group runs evening sessions to suit participants' needs.

We improved the responsiveness of our service delivery to better meet people's needs, for example by introducing evening activities for children's counselling and women's advocates.

We are doing what it takes to upskill the sector on domestic and family violence responses. We delivered Common Risk and Safety Framework training to Scenic Rim Child Safety staff and the Scenic Rim High Risk Response group. We also provided sector training on technology-facilitated abuse.



We worked with police, courts and other service providers to improve domestic and family violence responses in our region. This included a partnership with the Centre for Women & Co to deliver a Responsible Men program in a new region (Redlands), and co-location with Queensland Police Service in Beaudesert and Jimboomba.

Statistics



women and children were supported by our domestic violence teams



men engaged in domestic violence behaviour change programs



people were reached with messages about domestic and family violence prevention through R4Respect social media