

2024–25 Victorian State Budget

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Families,
Fairness
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Our portfolio

- › Building a more connected, responsive and inclusive system to prevent and respond to family and sexual violence.
- › Overseeing the delivery of front-line services to support the safety and recovery of victim survivors.
- › Working to keep perpetrators of family violence visible, accountable and motivated to change their behaviour.
- › Engaging Victorians in the places where they live, work, learn and socialise to prevent violence before it starts.
- › Embedding lived experience, self-determination and the needs and perspectives of diverse communities in the way we address family and sexual violence.



Our achievements in 2023-24

- › Completing the statewide rollout of **the Family Violence Crisis Response Model** to improve support to victim survivors in crisis
- › Opening **Aboriginal Access Points** in Barwon and Bayside Peninsula to provide access to culturally safe information, planning, referral and exit pathways for Aboriginal families affected by family violence
- › Supporting the delivery of **44 Aboriginal-led community projects** funded to prevent and respond to family violence in Aboriginal communities
- › Expansion of the **Caring Dads** program to four new sites
- › Expanding the **Free from Violence Local Government Program** to an additional 12 local councils to leverage the critical role of local government in preventing family and gendered violence.



Highlights from 2023-24



88%

of people accessing The Orange Door were satisfied with their experience



48,000+

connections to **support services** via The Orange Door



+24%

increase in **self-referrals** to The Orange Door



+3,000

men participating in Men's Behaviour Change Programs



107

primary prevention grant projects and initiatives delivered across Victoria



+2,500

new episodes of family violence therapeutic interventions



900,000

Victorians saw Respect Victoria's '**Respect Starts with a Conversation**' campaign

2024-25 Budget

- › **\$24.3m** to continue to provide frontline family violence practitioners with access to timely, consolidated information about family violence risk through the Central Information Point
- › **\$71.0m** to provide victim survivors of family and sexual violence, including children and young people, with access to emergency accommodation and tailored services to support their safety and healing
- › **\$41.6m** to work with people who use violence to change their behaviour, including tailored approaches for Aboriginal people and diverse cohorts
- › **\$5.1m** to support best practice by workers who engage directly with children and young people experiencing family violence.
- › **\$2.1m** to support multicultural and faith organisations to deliver tailored prevention initiatives.



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