

AVERT Family Violence Training

Cross disciplinary training to enhance collaborative responses to Family and Domestic Violence

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Legal Frameworks

One-day Workshop

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The Legal Frameworks workshop provides an understanding of the legal frameworks currently in operation and invite considerations for good practice and ongoing development. The legal system provides a major component of Australia's response to family violence, structuring and delimiting a range of possible interventions. A raft of recent enquiries and reports attests to a vital and ongoing engagement in honing this response (for example ALRC 2010; AIFS 2009; Chisholm 2009; NCRVWC 2009). Most states and territories have engaged in reviews of their legal systems and developed strategies for supporting 'joined-up' services within and between relevant sectors. There is a desire to refine and improve the manner in which the legislative framework assists practitioners to work collaboratively, to not only recognise and address violence but also identify risk and prevent future abuse.

To achieve this, the workshop will:

- Provide a brief overview of the main legal systems that can assist victims of family violence to stay safe
- Canvass some of the issues and difficulties which arise when these laws are used
- Outline some of the interactions between protection orders, parenting orders and injunctions under Commonwealth family law
- Provide guidance to professionals on how the *Family Law Act 1975* deals with family violence and its relevant legislative obligations.

NOTE: This workshop assumes participants have an understanding of family violence prior to attending the day. Those who do not may wish to attend the Dimensions, Dynamics and Impacts workshop in preparation. Alternatively participants are encouraged to read the AVERT Paper: *Dimensions, Dynamics and Impact of Family Violence* as prior reading.



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Collaborative Responses in the Family Law System

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**Australian Attorney-General's Department, AVERT Family Violence: Collaborative Responses in the Family Law System.

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