

Skills Development Strategy

Domestic and family violence reforms

What is the Skills Development Strategy?

The Skills Development Strategy is a partnership between Family and Community Services (FACS) and TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute (SWSi) to provide education, training and professional development for frontline non-government workers who deal with victims of domestic and family violence in NSW.

TAFE SWSi will develop the Strategy and coordinate the training in partnership with other experts in the field. TAFE SWSi will also work with government agencies responsible for delivering training in the area, ensuring consistency and collaboration across all sectors.

What is the purpose of the Strategy?

The Strategy will enhance the capability of the domestic and family violence workforce, ensuring the successful implementation of the reforms, including the risk identification tool and minimum practice standards. As well as informing those working in the sector of changes to the way domestic violence cases are to be reported and managed, workers will have opportunities to undertake nationally recognised accredited training to deepen their skills in this specialist area.

Who will receive the training?

It is expected that most frontline workers in the domestic and family violence sector will receive professional development to support the reforms.

Domestic and family violence workers will also be able to participate in nationally accredited training. There will be a special focus on providing training to those working within Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Will regional workers be able to access this training?

Yes, online learning opportunities will be available, allowing those workers from remote areas to access the same educational resources and training as their metropolitan based counterparts.

How much will the Strategy cost?

1.5 million dollars has been allocated to the development and implementation of the Skills Development Strategy.

Who is involved in developing the Strategy?

The strategy will be overseen by a broad Reference Group. This group is made up of key DFV sector organisations, including representatives from NSW Health, Education Centre Against Violence, the Department of Attorney-General and Justice as well as non-government organisations including specialist Aboriginal and immigrant and refugee services.

For more information

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