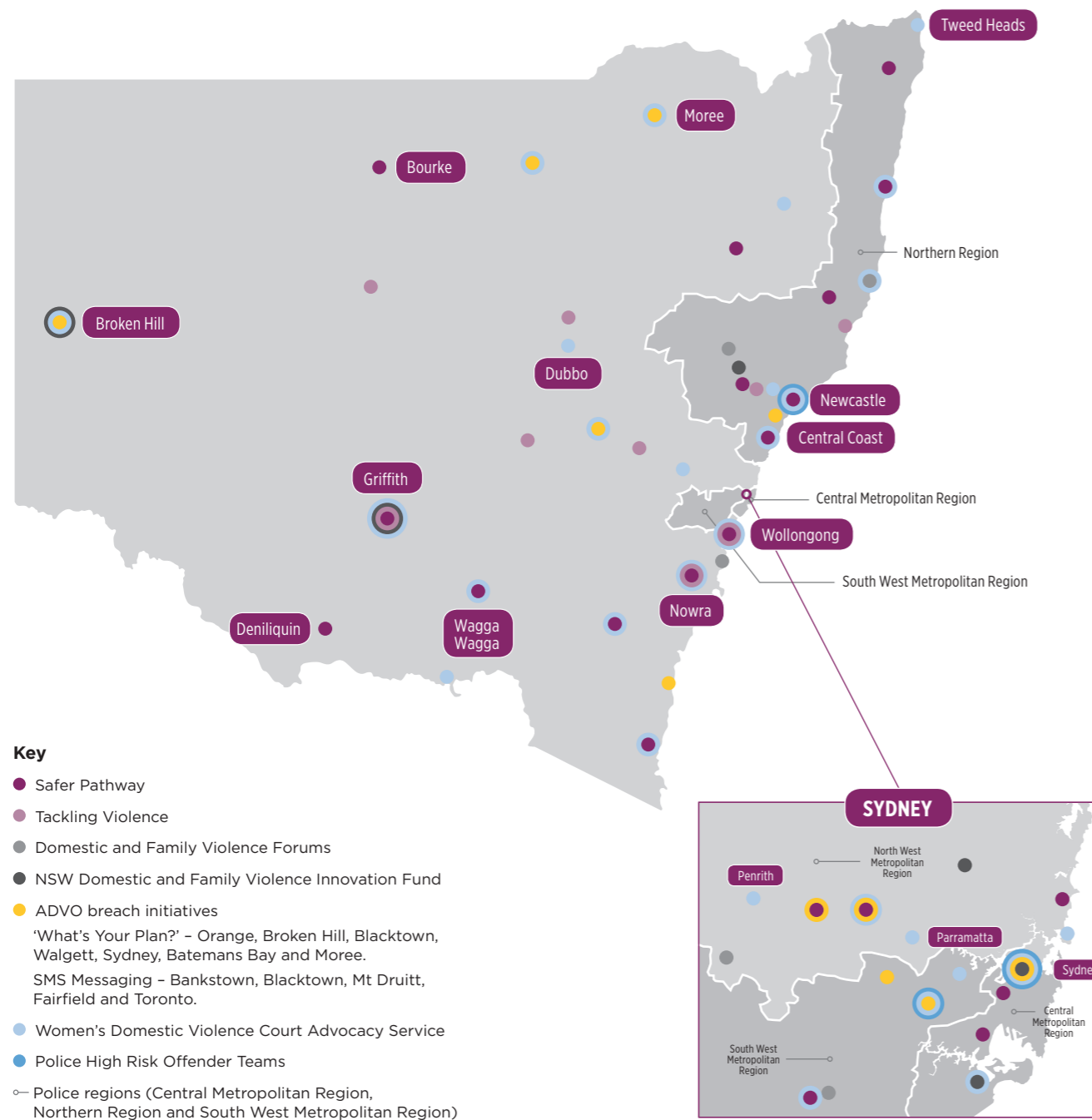


Action across New South Wales in the first year



Getting help



For information and support call the **NSW Domestic Violence Line** on 1800 656 463 or **1800 RESPECT** on 1800 737 732



For crisis accommodation and referral call **Link2Home** on 1800 152 152



For men wanting to address violent behaviour call **No To Violence Men's Referral Service** on 1300 766 491

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NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016—2021:

Safer Lives for Women, Men and Children



The *NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021* will create safer lives for women, men and children. It sets out the direction for the entire domestic and family violence service system to prevent violence, intervene early in vulnerable communities, support victims, hold perpetrators accountable, deliver quality services and improve the system.

In the first year we:

Committed

\$4.8 million

for seven projects through the first round of the **NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE INNOVATION FUND:**

- Safe Families
- Linking Communities Education Van
- Respectful Relationships Peer Educators
- Building Access for Women with Disability
- Toolbox Talks
- Leaving Prison/Leaving Violence
- Kalypi Paaka Mirika Healing Program.

Improved behaviour change interventions for high-risk offenders by employing 30 additional facilitators to deliver the EQUIPS program.

29 programs

were delivered **WITH 174 PARTICIPANTS** completing the program.



Developed and launched the **NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION STRATEGY 2017-2021.**



Completed a comprehensive and **INDEPENDENT INTER-AGENCY REVIEW OF THE DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICE SYSTEM.**



Trialed three initiatives to **REDUCE APPREHENDED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDER BREACHES:**

- SMS Messaging to increase court attendance and compliance
- 'What's Your Plan?' Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officers
- Plain English Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders

which support the Premier's Priority to reduce reoffending.



Established initiatives to **BUILD THE CAPACITY OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED MEN'S BEHAVIOUR CHANGE SECTOR** and developed new draft **PRACTICE STANDARDS** for Men's Behaviour Change programs.



Selected the inaugural members of the Minister's Domestic and Family Violence **CORPORATE LEADERSHIP GROUP** and set the date for the first meeting.



Expanded **SAFER PATHWAY** to **21 new sites** and assisted more than **33,000 women** in 2016/2017:



Extended Safer Pathway to **SUPPORT MALE VICTIMS**, with more than **13,400 referrals** made in 2016/2017.



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| Mount Druitt | Far South Coast |
| Newtown | Campbelltown |
| Taree | Griffith |
| Wagga Wagga | Northern Beaches |
| Nowra | Lismore |
| Wyong | Tamworth |
| Blacktown | Bourke |
| Deniliquin | St George |
| Newcastle | Hunter Valley |
| Coffs Harbour | Queanbeyan |
| Wollongong | |

Expanded **Tackling Violence** to **9 new communities:**



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| Bathurst | Kurri Kurri |
| Berkeley | Nowra |
| Coonamble | Cobar |
| Forbes | Old Bar |
| Griffith | |

Implemented the **TARGETED EARLIER INTERVENTION PROGRAM REFORM** initiative, which contributes to the response for children and adolescents at risk of domestic and family violence.



Introduced two new **MODELS OF INTERVENTION** for families with multiple and complex needs, *Multisystemic Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect* and *Functional Family Therapy for Child Welfare*, which will operate in



Held five **COMMUNITY FORUMS** for domestic and family violence in Moorebank, Kiama, Port Macquarie, Muswellbrook, and Luddenham.



15 priority locations across NSW.

Continued to implement the **THIRD ACTION PLAN** of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women & Their Children 2010-2022*.



Established three **POLICE HIGH RISK OFFENDER TEAMS** comprising **21 officers and 3 intelligence analysts**



in the Central Metropolitan Region, Northern Region and South West Metropolitan Region.

Launched the **'NO INNOCENT BYSTANDERS'** community service video campaign with NSW Police and Crime Stoppers NSW to encourage the community to report domestic violence.



Increased the capacity of the **WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE** to support victims through the criminal justice system with more than



43,000 women supported in 2016/2017.

EXPANDED THE ELIGIBILITY OF Start Safely,



the subsidy providing financial support for people escaping domestic or family violence, to now include those earning moderate incomes. We also introduced a new link between the program and Specialist Homelessness Services in the Illawarra Shoalhaven and South West Sydney FACS Districts.



The **2017-18 NSW Budget** delivers **\$350 million** over four years for specialist domestic and family violence initiatives. This is in addition to the hundreds of millions the government spends each year to combat domestic violence through mainstream services in **justice, police, health, child protection, social housing and homelessness.**