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# Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Round 2 Early Childhood Australia

**One in four children are exposed to domestic and family violence in Australia.<sup>1</sup>**

## Early signals. First Response.

As part of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Early Childhood Australia will develop and implement the *Early signals. First response.* project. This two year project will build capability of early childhood services to identify and respond to children who have been exposed to domestic violence.

The impact of domestic and family violence on children is immense and can often affect them for the rest of their lives. Children and young people don't have to see the violence to be affected by it.

## What is the project?

*Early signals. First response.* will enable early childhood educators to address the immediate and longer term impacts of children's experience of violence. This will intervene and disrupt the intergenerational cycle of violence.

The project will train early childhood educators in domestic and family violence trauma-informed practice. It will offer:

- Free online and face-to-face training and webinars, expertise and coaching
- Networking opportunities with domestic and family violence, child and trauma experts
- Action research component that uses video-analysis feedback with educators, gather evidence, informs product development and identified best practice and ongoing strategies.

*Early signals. First response.* supports the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 by intervening early and making the lives of children safer.

## Further information

For further information regarding *Early signals. First response.* please contact Women NSW at [DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 9248 0800.

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<sup>1</sup> Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse 2011, The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children: A Literature Review.