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Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Round 2

Jesuit Refugee Service

Asylum seeker and refugee women face compounding risks which prevent them seeking help or services to help with domestic and family violence.

Finding Safety

As part of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund the Jesuit Refugee Service, through the three year *Finding Safety* project, will deliver a suite of programs aimed at refugee women to increase their understanding of domestic and family violence, its drivers and their rights. The project will also provide information, advice and referrals to assist refugee women experiencing violence to access support.

Finding Safety will also include capability building for migrant workers to build understanding of domestic and family violence, and for domestic and family violence workers to build understanding of issues facing women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

What is the project?

Asylum seeker and refugee women upon settlement in Australia face a number of issues such as lack of language skills, isolation, poor cultural understanding among service providers and on over-reliance on the perpetrator. The project will be delivered in the Parramatta, Auburn, Blacktown and Cumberland areas. *Finding Safety* engages a group of women that is often hidden from the mainstream domestic and family violence service sector.

Finding Safety will support the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 by intervening early and preventing domestic and family violence in high risk communities in NSW.

Further information

For further information regarding *Finding Safety*, please contact Women NSW at DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9248 0800.