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Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Round 2

Children Australia Incorporated

Adolescent violence within the family is a complex social and health issue requiring a specialised service response.

Stronger Families, Better Communities

Addressing adolescent violence within the home is an important step in preventing current and intergenerational family violence. As part of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Children Australia will be delivering *Stronger Families, Better Communities* project over three years.

Children Australia will deliver functional family therapy to support families who may not otherwise engage with a service or seek help for adolescents showing violent behaviour. For some adolescents strengthening parenting skills and supporting parents may be enough to enact behavioural change and prevent the need for a juvenile justice response or treatment.

What is the project?

Functional family therapy focuses on relationships and addresses the complexities associated with adolescent violence. Functional family therapy will be facilitated by experienced and suitably qualified therapists to actively involve the entire family to keep the family safely together and adolescents in the home.

Stronger Families, Better Communities will support the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 by intervening early and preventing domestic and family violence.

Further information

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