DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTORIA

CODE OF PRACTICE PRINCIPLES



01 | RISK AND SAFETY FOCUS

The safety of victim-survivors is the cornerstone principle of specialist family violence services and is prioritised at all times.

02 | PERSON-CENTRED EMPOWERMENT

Victim-survivors are supported to experience meaningful empowerment through person-centred and flexible service responses.

03 | CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Victim-survivors are informed about how their confidential and personal information is managed.

04 COLLABORATION AND ADVOCACY

Services use collaboration and advocacy within coordinated multi-agency responses to benefit victim-survivors.

05 | PERPETRATOR ACCOUNTABILITY

Perpetrators are responsible for using family violence and are held accountable and monitored through a system-wide approach.

06 | CHILD-CENTRED PRACTICE

Infants, children and young people are recognised as victim-survivors in their own right, and their safety and wellbeing are prioritised in every stage of service provision.

07 | ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION

Services respect and uphold the right to Aboriginal self-determination, choice and cultural safety.

08 | INCLUSION AND EQUITY

Victim-survivors are able to easily access inclusive and equitable specialist family violence services.

SUPPORTING FRAMEWORKS:

• HUMAN RIGHTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- ANTI-OPPRESSIVE PRACTICE
- TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE INFORMED APPROACH

09 CAPABLE AND SUSTAINABLE WORKFORCE

Services promote the professional development and sustainability of the specialist family violence workforce.

10 QUALITY GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Services provide quality governance and leadership that is accountable to victim-survivors and advocates for systemic and social change.

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