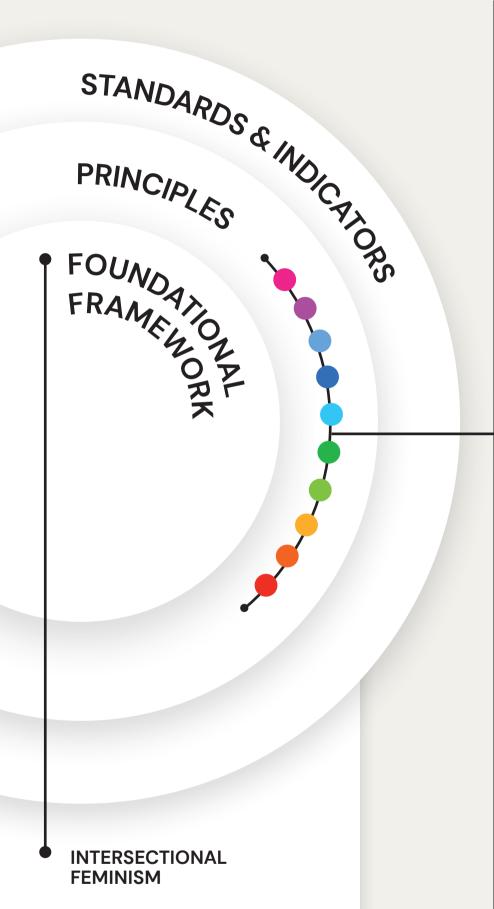
# CODE OF PRACTICE PRINCIPLES

SAFE+EQUAL

Standing strong against family violence



### **RISK AND SAFETY FOCUS**

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

#### PERSON-CENTRED EMPOWERMENT

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

## **3** CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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

### COLLABORATION AND ADVOCACY

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

#### PERPETRATOR ACCOUNTABILITY

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

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#### 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.

#### ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION

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

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

#### **CAPABLE AND SUSTAINABLE** WORKFORCE

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

#### 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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