

Women's Health Strategy and Programs (WHSP) Training and Education 2019

WHSP will be offering a range of training and education sessions in 2019. If you are interested in organising a session at your workplace please contact us on 6458 1795 or whcsp@health.wa.gov.au VC is available for Training and Education- please contact if you would like to arrange a VC.

Impacts of FDV on women and children

This session is designed to increase understanding of the impacts of FDV on women, children and babies' health and wellbeing. It is well established that FDV has negative impacts on women and their children and it is often appropriate for staff to provide women with information on the impacts to make informed decisions for themselves and their children. Following the session it is envisaged that staff will have an increased understanding of the impacts of FDV and increased confidence to sensitively discuss these issues with affected women.



Risk and Referral

This session will examine the nature of risk in a family and domestic violence situation. Participants will be provided with up to date information on risk assessment, understanding risk factors, WA Health risk assessment tool and referrals. The session will also include role plays and case studies and consider how to convey information to clients about their level of risk. It will also examine referral options for clients including how to refer in a way that increases the chances of uptake of services. Following this session participants will understand the nature of risk, be familiar with WA Health tools and have increased confidence to conduct risk assessment and refer clients.

FDV session for managers

The Australian Bureau of Statistics indicates that 1 in 4 women have experienced FDV since the age of 15. FDV will therefore impact some women who are currently in the workplace. Working with victims and perpetrators of FDV can be very challenging for staff and especially so if they are, or have been, directly impacted in their own lives. It is important that managers create a supportive environment, understanding that this is an issue which can affect staff both professionally and personally. On completing this training, managers will be aware of the nature and prevalence of FDV, understand the need to provide opportunities to debrief, handle disclosures sensitively, encourage staff self-care and be aware of staff entitlements to FDV and appropriate referral options.

Understanding Female Genital Cutting / Mutilation: A focus on practice

This training will provide an insight into understanding why FGC/M is practiced and how to respond to the practice. It will also provide participants with information on why FGC/M is practiced, the dynamics behind it, the role of gender, culture and medicine, as well as ways to support patients/clients who are affected by FGC/M. A brief medical component to the practice will also be presented.

On completing this training, participants will be able to classify the different types of FGC/M, understand the complexity and learn techniques to screen and respond to patients/clients who may be affected by FGC/M.

Working with perpetrators of FDV

This training explores why some people choose to perpetrate violence within their family. The package will explore working with perpetrators, examining risk factors and strategies for engaging perpetrators. A section on the CaLD community will also be included which will provide information on issues surrounding gender, perception of violence in the CaLD community and ways of engaging with men from the CaLD community. Upon completion of this training, participants will deepen their understanding on why violence is perpetrated and will have increased knowledge and understand of how to respond appropriately.

It doesn't all look the same – Understanding domestic violence in the migrant and refugee community

This training will explore the patterns and dynamics of domestic violence and present detailed information on dealing with clients/patients who are from a refugee and migrant background. Furthermore, this training will conceptualise the theories behind the different types of violence, which will also be illustrated by examples of different forms of violence perpetrated in the migrant and refugee community. Participants will also be given information on working with patients from such communities, on distinguishing the different forms of violence, where to seek help and how to effectively work with interpreters.

Diverse populations and family and domestic violence

This course introduces professionals to complex cohorts whose experience of FDV may differ from the mainstream population. This training will provide participants with awareness of some of the added complexity of working with people that can be further marginalised by experiencing FDV, including CaLD, Aboriginal people, LGBTQI+ and people with disabilities. This training will consider responding and referring in diverse communities.
