



### **SAFE DADS (STOPPING ABUSE FATHERING EFFECTIVELY)**

Run in a group format, this program teaches men to father effectively with appropriate discipline and how to develop a healthy relationship with the mother of their children through respectful behaviours.

### **MENTAIN or STAYING SAFE PROGRAMS**

A program that reinforces positive behaviours and skills previously learnt in the MenTER program and assists men to maintain non-violent behaviour.

### **STAYING SAFE FOR CHRISTMAS**

This program is designed for men so that they can use non-violent behaviour during the Festive Season.

### **MENS RESPONDENT WORKER**

The Respondent Court Worker is available to explain the court process to respondents. The worker also assists men who use violence through the support link process, court support and shares information about programs such as SAFE Dads program and the MenTER behaviour change program.

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## **Against Violence #1**

(For Professional)



## ***Towards an Integrated Approach to Domestic & Family Violence***

### **Aims**

To conduct a service in the North Queensland region which provides direct support services, and enhances the safety of women and children involved in Domestic and Family Violence.

We also provide community education, training for service providers and co-ordination of domestic violence responses which actively promote non-violence.

### **AARDVARC PROGRAM (ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND REAL CHANGE)**

NQDVRS provides a program for children who have experienced living with domestic violence. The AARDVARC program is a supportive program for children and young people and their mother. The AARDVARC program acknowledges their experience of violence and provides an opportunity to talk and make sense of their experience within a safe and supportive environment. Please call AARDVARC for an appointment

### **MEN TER**

#### **(MEN TOWARDS EQUAL RELATIONSHIPS)**

Run in a group format, this program teaches men who choose to use violence, strategies to assist them to change. Participants gain information and tools to challenge and change the values, beliefs and behaviours that are the foundation for their use of violence.



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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Safety is our priority. We believe that domestic and family violence is about power and control and that domestic and family violence is not acceptable. We believe that the perpetrators of violence are responsible for their use of violence. We work to protect the victims of the violence and to assist victims to hold perpetrators of violence accountable for their abusive behaviour.

### **Partnership in Anti Violence Education (P.A.V.E)**

This joint women's services network was established to aid in the coordination of domestic and family violence training and community education requests. PAVE plans and implements training and meets annually to share training skills and knowledge between staff teams. This cooperation of the services will assist in meeting the varying training needs of agencies.

### **HOW TO ACCESS NQDVRS**

People can access the service directly or be referred by other services. Please phone or visit our service and a worker will assist you. Referrals and appointments are not necessary. At times it may be necessary for us to switch the answering machine on during business hours. At these times please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible

## **MOUNT ISA OFFICE**

The Mount Isa office provides court support, SAFE at home, DV and Homelessness and Men's programs.

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER APPLICATIONS**

The North Queensland Domestic Violence Resource Service (NQDVRS) provides support to people seeking safety, which may include assistance with a Protection Order application. Information about protection orders can be accessed in person or by phone. Crisis counseling is also provided to assist the victims of violence to develop strategies to stay safe and to be empowered by recognizing their strengths during the crisis.

### **COURT SUPPORT**

NQDVRS provides a Court Support Service for those seeking Domestic Violence Protection Orders. The role of the NQDVRS Court Support Worker is to provide support, information, and referral to appropriate agencies. Court Support Workers assist at court through information about what will happen and by sitting in the court room with the aggrieved person. A Safe Room is also provided at the Court.

## **CHOOSING SAFETY PROGRAM**

Assists women and children to stay in their own homes and to feel safer. Risk Assessments; Safety Audits of the homes and upgrades such as sensor lights, locks and other items can be supplied due to funding from the Department of Communities. Personal support and referrals are also provided to the client.

### **SUPPORTLINK**

SupportLink a joint initiative between NQDVRS and the Queensland Police Service (QPS). The process provides early intervention (information and referral) for those present at a police call out for domestic violence incidents. We can provide support, information and referrals. We encourage you to agree to have our service contact you.

### **DOVETAIL**

Meetings are held monthly at NQDVRS for services involved in the integrated response to domestic violence (ie. Police, court, welfare). Members work together to provide a consistent and pro-active intervention in domestic violence irrespective of which agency is the first point of contact.

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

An essential role of NQDVRS is to provide Community Education and Training on Domestic Violence issues. We facilitate discussions and provide information and training on various issues relating to Domestic Violence. Topics may include Dating Violence, Violence in Schools,

**Opening Hours: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM Monday to Friday**