The Pathways Project: exploring the continuum of responses for people using family and domestic violence

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No to Violence
Leading the change to end male family violence in Australia

The Pathways Project

- Funded by Snow Foundation
- Commenced March 2025
- Currently mid way through first year
- Survey of NTV members complete
- Nationwide consultation and interviews underway
- Report launched March 2026

Project objectives

Objective 1

To develop an explorative map of current responses to men using domestic and family violence around Australia

→ Weaving

Objective 2

To explore practitioner insights into the continuum of responses needed for men using family and domestic violence

→ Deepening

Policy context

- Consultation on National Minimum Standards for MBCPs
- Innovative Perpetrator Response Initiative recent funding boost
- ‘Broadening the focus’: Queensland’s strategy to strengthen responses to people who use domestic and family violence 2024–28
- NSW Person Using Violence Strategy soon to be released
- VIC and WA reviews of MBCP minimum standards
- …and more!!

Member survey – sample quotes

- *“Funding to support holistic approach to PUV interventions ... that is interconnected [so that] all areas have a "menu" of services that meet men where they are at”*
- *“Group and change readiness expansion”*
- *“Sustainable housing options to allow separation when needed or mandated”*
- *"More systems work for high-risk cases that don't meet the criteria of MBC, i.e. case management”*
- *“Therapeutic practices specialising in family violence”*
- *“Greater partner and family engagement options including group conferencing / restorative practices.”*
- *“Expand to young fathers and young people using violence as an earlier intervention pathway”*

Emerging themes

Community responses over criminal justice system

First Nations responses must be self-determined and sustainably funded

Connection with victim-survivor work is essential

Prioritise relationality and working with men in their context

Questions

If you imagine an effective ecosystem of responses for people using family and domestic violence… What do you want to see? What is needed?

What would take us one step closer to that vision?

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