

# DRAFT - GREATER DANDENONG FAMILY VIOLENCE ACTION PLAN, 2011

	Action	By Whom	Target	Input	Progress
<b>Public Education</b>					
Inform the public about family violence and available services	Prepare and distribute press releases about family violence to the local print media		Ongoing	Medium	✓
	Publicize family violence through City News		Ongoing	Medium	✓
	Prepare and release articles about family violence to the non-English language print media				
	Organise Council or public events on White Ribbon Day [25 Nov.], International Women's Day [8 March], Week without Violence [3 <sup>rd</sup> week in Oct.] and Reclaim the Night [last Fri in Oct.]		2010 September	High	✓
	Conduct events with community and industry groups, to raise profile of family violence				
	Obtain and distribute a poster on family violence, in English and community languages		2010 December	Medium	
	Distribute brochures and other general information to community agencies, and display around Council		2010 November	Low	✓
	Distribute bumper stickers on fleet vehicles, to staff and to other councils			Low	✓
	Prepare information about family violence and available sources of support and further information, for the website		2011	High	✓
Place information about family violence and services on website in community languages		2011	Low		
<b>Community Projects</b>					
Facilitate community initiatives	Participate in the regional 'Critical Linkages' network meetings.		Opportunity	Low	
	Participate in the Southern Region Indigenous Family Violence Action Group		Ongoing	Low	✓
	Support community projects relating to family violence and women's rights		Opportunity	High	
	Support women's groups and activities through the Council Community Grants process		Ongoing	High	
<b>Advocacy and Inter-Council Collaboration</b>					
Advocate to State & Federal Governments	Advocate for improved government responses to family violence		Opportunity	Medium	
Participate in State-wide co-ordination and advocacy bodies	Participation in the MAV Leadership, Evaluation and Sustainability (LEAS) Network Meetings		As meetings are scheduled	Low	✓
Collaborate with other councils	Collaboration with neighbouring councils, where appropriate, in information-sharing and projects		Ongoing	Medium	
	Explore the possibility of forming a regional inter-council group on family violence		Ongoing	Medium	
<b>Service Delivery</b>					
Strengthen service delivery response to family violence by Council business units	Family Support and Counselling service, providing early intervention, prevention, education and counselling services to vulnerable families in the municipality.		Ongoing	High	✓
	'Dads in Dandenong' men's parenting program, funded by Council and Communities for Children, focusing on family violence prevention, outreach support, education and counselling.		Ongoing	High	✓
	'Male Adolescents at Risk Project', facilitating behaviour change among adolescent males exhibiting aggressive behaviour; and the GRIPP (Gain Respect, Increase Personal Power) program for young males at risk of using violence in their adult personal relationships		Ongoing	High	✓
	A variety of service delivery initiatives conducted by the Maternal and Child Health and Youth Units, and provision of training opportunities for the early years sector		Ongoing	High	✓
	Investigate appeal and usefulness of conducting training on responding to family violence - or subsidizing existing training of certain kinds for local workers				
<b>Organisational Development</b>					
Strategies and Policies	Consider possibility of preparing a Family Violence Policy				
	Prepare a Family Violence Strategy		March, 2011	Medium	✓
	Participate in the Women's Charter process				
	Maintain a women's network				
	Maintain a cross-council Family Violence Steering Group		February 2011	Medium	✓
Integrate family violence into relevant council plans	Incorporate responses to family violence into the Community Plan, Community Wellbeing Plan, Safety Plan, Early Years Plan and other relevant plans and strategies.		Opportunity	Low	✓
Develop procedures for responding to issues of family violence within Council	Adoption of procedures for supporting staff who face issues of family violence			Medium	
	Inform members of staff about family violence and relevant family violence measures, and encourage participation in Council-wide or public events, such as White Ribbon Day		Opportunity	High	✓
<b>Keeping Informed</b>					
Monitor current trends and developments	Monitor trends in family violence, service delivery and policy, communicating these developments to relevant Council staff and external partners		Ongoing	Medium	✓
	Prepare and distribute a report summarising the nature, prevalence and effects of family violence, and outlining relevant State and Federal Policy and local initiatives		2010 September	High	✓