



GREATER DANDENONG YOUTH NETWORK – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Theme: Understanding adolescents who use violence in the home | Meeting delivered face-to-face

Thursday 23 June 2022

9:15am (for a 9:30am start) – 11:30am

City of Greater Dandenong Council Chambers - Level 2

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong - Corner of Lonsdale and Walker Streets

ITEMS	MEETING NOTES
WELCOME	All attendees welcomed Traditional Owners acknowledged
PRESENTATIONS Guest Speakers	<p>Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond their control the following guest presenters were unable to attend the meeting as planned. We will look to engage them at a future meeting given their much anticipated presentations on the topic of AVITH.</p> <p>Professor Kate Fitz-Gibbon (Director Monash gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre) Kate was to provide insight into the nature and drivers of AVITH, detail the support needed and provide an outline of the national study being undertaken by Monash University to further explore AVITH.</p> <p>A representative of Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) had been engaged to present on their Pathways to Resilience program – an AVITH therapeutic program that offers tailored service delivery to families.</p>
Karalyn Davies (Senior Project Officer at the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare)	<p>Karalyn presented an overview of the 'Building the Evidence' AVITH project, which includes the community of practice, contributing to the adolescent MARAM framework draft, as well as developing other practice leadership resources.</p> <p>In Professor Kate Fitz-Gibbon's absence, Karalyn presented a brief overview of the drivers of AVITH and how they manifest. In Australia, we don't yet have a shared understanding of the causes and drivers of AVITH. This means that programs currently being implemented throughout Victoria and Australia operate according to different theories of change, and therefore have vastly different approaches.</p>

Family Safety Victoria (FSV) has developed a framework for understanding some of the common contexts in which adolescent violence in the home occurs.

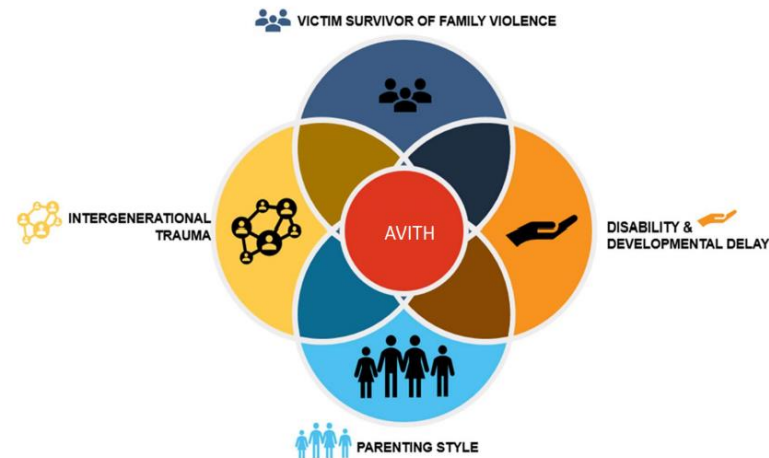


Figure 1: Contexts in which violence occurs (Family Safety Victoria, 2019)

Karalyn placed emphasis on the dynamics of AVITH, in that AVITH is a highly complex and multi-faceted issue, and it requires a much more nuanced response than the interventions used to address adult-perpetrated family violence. Additionally, the dynamics compared with IPV, whereby perpetrators can be extricated from the relationship. Children and young people remain reliant on caregivers. Work with these young people requires developmentally appropriate, trauma informed interventions that acknowledge the complex nature of AVITH.

See link below to the following Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare | AVITH Info Sheet: Implications for program delivery. <https://www.cfecfw.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/AVITH-Implications-for-Program-Design.pdf>

	<p>Karalyn spoke of the establishment of the AVITH Community of Practice - which brings together new and existing AVITH providers to strengthen practice through collaboration, discuss key themes and keep up to date with the work being done in this space.</p> <p>https://www.outcomes.org.au/adolescents-who-use-violence-in-the-home-avith/avith-community-of-practice/</p> <p>Karalyn introduced to the network a hub of accessible resources re- AVITH, established by the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare. This hub is mobilised based on the Centre for Excellence identifying, translating, and embedding the best available research and practice expertise to build Victoria’s evidence base in relation to AVITH. Notable resources include....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we know about AVITH? • Annotated Guide to Promising Programs in Victoria • Program Snapshots: Case Study Series • AVITH in Context: Webinar Series • AVITH MARAM Practice Guide and Other Resources • ‘Starting with the Young Person’ Symposium Presentations • Current Research • Community of Practice • Blog • AVITH Updates Newsletter <p>These can be accessed here https://www.outcomes.org.au/adolescents-who-use-violence-in-the-home-avith/</p> <p>Please also see accompanying link to Karalyn’s presentation slides.</p>
<p>Andy Young (Service System Navigator at The Orange Door)</p>	<p>Andy provided the network with a comprehensive overview of The Orange Door (TOD) and shared insights into how they respond to adolescent family violence as a frontline family violence service.</p> <p>Background Context</p> <p>Appointment of TOD came from the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence (recommendations 37 and 38) to establish a network of Support and Safety Hubs across Victoria.</p>

What The Orange Door does

The Orange Door is an intake service model that offers individuals and families in need of support with an entry point to access the range of services they may require from across the specialist family violence, men's family violence (people who use violence), child FIRST, Child Protection, and Aboriginal family violence service supports.

The Orange Door service model provides women, children, and families with:

- a single and coordinated entry point to access the service supports they need
- a more integrated approach to initial screening, risk assessment and planning that helps to ensure they get the right help at the right time
- specialist support and tailored advice for victims, families, children, and people who use violence
- a more visible contact point so that people know where to go for support

Key Premise

The key premise of TOD is the provision of the right service at the right time, supporting the broader, connected service system to:

- improve the safety of adults, children and young people who experience, or are at risk of, family violence
- support children and young people (and their families) with their care, wellbeing, and development

A shift in responsibility from the individual experiencing family violence to the system, to intervene early and keep people who use violence in view and accountable

A person-centred approach which supports individuals within families and is inclusive of diversity and complex needs

For referrals, including self, community members, families and friends contact


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Online: www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au

Primary physical site at 311 Lonsdale Street Dandenong (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Please also see accompanying link to Andy's presentation slides.

<p>INFORMATION SHARING</p> <p>The following attendees shared a verbal update</p>	<p>Headspace Work and Study</p> <p>Headspace Work and Study is a service tailored to a young person's needs and supports them to develop the skills and confidence to reach their work and study goals - including interviewing skills and resume writing. For young people 12-25 years. Refer weblink below for more information https://headspace.org.au/services/work-and-study-support/</p>
	<p>Engy Abdelsalam, Community Engagement Officer, Peninsula Community Legal Centre</p> <p>Peninsula Community Legal Centre in partnership with Komak are planning to undertake a Family Violence Education for the Youth Project (primarily Afghan Youths, but not exclusive). The project plans to use Theatre of the Oppressed model to explore themes of Family violence and respectful relations. Theatre of the Oppressed is a participatory theatre that fosters democratic and cooperative forms of interaction among participants. If you know of any young person that would like to get involved, please Engy directly c/ Peninsula Community Legal Centre, Telephone 9783 3600.</p>
	<p>CGD Youth and Family Services Programs various Yohana Jury, Team Leader Youth Engagement and Participation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter Wonders School Holiday Program (June July) registration is currently open, and we would love for you to promote these activities to the young people you are working with. Holiday Activities Youth (greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) Enquiries Yohana.jury@cgd.vic.gov.au or demi.bradford@cgd.vic.gov.au, or telephone 9793 2155. 2. Holiday Activities Committee introductory leadership program for 12-16yo, every Wednesday starting Term 3, 4.30-6.30pm venue 39 Clow Street Dandenong. 3. FReeZA volunteering and event management for 12-25yo, every Thursday 4.30pm - 6.30pm, for term 3 at NPAC. Enquiries Yohana Email Yohana.jury@cgd.vic.gov.au telephone 9793 2155

	<p>Noble Park Students Connect</p> <p>The Students' Connect program is a partnership project of the City of Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services and South East Community Links. Students' Connect provides young people aged 12-20 years who live, work or study in Noble Park with access to FREE weekly tutoring and study support. Students are invited to drop in every Tuesday during the school term.</p> <p>Contact junior@secl.org.au for more information.</p>
<p>POSITIVE YOUTH PATHWAYS WEBSITE</p>  <p>Youth Positive PATHWAYS GREATER DANDENONG • CASEY • CARDINIA</p>	<p>REMINDER!</p> <p>Greater Dandenong–Casey–Cardinia Online Youth Services Directory</p> <p>There are many services for young people and families within the City of Greater Dandenong, the City of Casey, and Cardinia Shire. This directory brings local service information together in the one place. It aims to assist young people, families, schools, and agencies by improving awareness of and accessibility to services available to young people and their families across the City of Greater Dandenong, the City of Casey, and Cardinia Shire.</p> <p>Please routinely check your service and program information on the website to maintain its accuracy and currency. Also, if your service is not yet listed, please visit the website, and log your service information. https://www.youthpositivepathways.com.au/about</p>
<p>GDYN E-NEWS</p>	<p>Reminder to network members: for promotion of programs/services in the monthly GDYN eNewsletter July edition: submissions due Friday 24 June COB, please send a short blurb to keely.crawford@cgd.vic.gov.au</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>August 2022 – Date TBC Time: 9.30am – 11.30am Topic: Youth Employment Agenda to be distributed closer to the meeting via calendar appt.</p> <p>For further information, please contact Keely Crawford, Youth Development and Community Engagement Officer, keely.crawford@cgd.vic.gov.au or telephone 9793 2155.</p>