



#SafeSystems

Keep Victims Safe and Hold Perpetrators Accountable

Family and Domestic Violence is an issue that cuts across many of the areas the Association and our members work in. We know that inadequate systemic responses increase risk to women and children. It is imperative that in Western Australia we do not make assurances that the system will provide the safety net that women and children need and then fail to deliver because resources are spread so thin. Strong leadership and political will is instrumental to improving the system for victims of violence, holding perpetrators accountable and, in time, preventing violence from occurring.

Drawing on what occurred in Victoria, in the lead up to their 2014 state election, a coalition of organisations across the community sector has joined together to call on the next Western Australian Government to commit to improving the systems that are meant to keep victims of family and domestic violence safe and hold perpetrators to account for their violence.

The Community Legal Centres Association (WA) is working in collaboration with the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services, the Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network, the Women's Community Health Network WA, Curtin University and Unions WA on the #Safesystems campaign.

Key actions called for are to:

- Breakdown Government funding, service and policy silos.
- Utilise a collaborative, coordinated and adequately resourced approach to preventing violence against women and their children.
- Make the justice system safe, supportive and responsive to the needs of women escaping violence.
- Hold violent perpetrators accountable and keep victims safe.

