

2026–27 PAEC Budget Estimates

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Families,
Fairness
and Housing

Our achievements in 2025-26

The 2025-26 state budget invested \$123.2 million to:

- › support Respect Victoria to undertake campaigns, research and innovative projects to prevent family and gendered violence
- › continue the work of multicultural and faith-based organisations to deliver targeted family violence prevention and early intervention activities in their communities
- › continue to equip close to 400,000 workers with tools and training to identify and manage the risk of family violence through our nation-leading family violence risk assessment and information sharing scheme
- › provide ongoing funding for the statewide Adolescent Family Violence in the Home program, supporting young people using violence and their families
- › continue essential frontline support services for people experiencing family violence and sexual assault
- › extend the trial of the innovative program, Changing Ways, for high-risk people using family violence.



Strengthening Women's Safety Package



Saturation model –
Respect Ballarat



CIP Technology
Improvement



Support for women and
children to stay safely in
their homes



Effective perpetrator
interventions



Respect Victoria
campaign



Therapeutic supports for
children and adult victim
survivors



Working Women's Centre



Justice Navigator Pilot



Landmark perpetrator
study



Sentencing review relating
to FVIO breaches



Improving FVIOs



Increased funding for
legal assistance



Legislative reform relating
to stalking



Strengthened RSA training



Expand Respectful
Relationships



Supporting students to
navigate the online world

8 initiatives are led by DFFH 1 initiative is co-led by DFFH and DJCS 5 initiatives are led by DJCS 2 initiatives are led by DE

Overview of activity in 2025-26

Exceeding targets



20,804

cases of sexual assault services expected to be provided in 2025-26, above the target of **19,000**.



5,000

expected participants of the Men's Behaviour Change Program in 2025-26, surpassing the target of **4,000**.

Increasing services



185,000+

The Orange Door network referrals in 2025.



33%

of expected The Orange Door referrals in 2025-26 will be self-referrals — more than double the 13% recorded in 2018-19.



54,109

nights of refuge accommodation delivered in 2025-26, an increase of **↑7.6%** on 2024-25

Reaching the community



3,500+

children and young people are receiving a therapeutic response to support recovery from trauma in 2025-26



29

Aboriginal community led projects to prevent and respond to Family Violence supported by the Aboriginal Community Initiatives Fund in 2025-26.



80

Primary prevention projects delivered across Victoria in places where people live, work, learn and socialise in 2025-26.

2026-27 Budget

\$100 million over two years comprised of:

- › \$74.4 million over two years to ensure the continuation of critical family violence responses including:
 - » Expanding the Personal Safety Initiative to keep more victim survivors safely in their homes
 - » Family violence core and cluster refuge operational funding
 - » Berry Street STAR program
 - » Crisis accommodation for victim survivors (Nic's Place)
 - » Family violence case management
 - » Flexible support packages for victim survivors on temporary visas
 - » Therapeutic responses for children and young people
- › \$2.2 million over two years to continue funding for peak body Sexual Assault Services Victoria (SASVIC)
- › \$23.2 million to continue the Central Information Point (CIP), to support practitioners to assess and manage risk posed by people using family violence, keeping them in view and accountable.



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