

2025–26 Victorian State Budget

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Our portfolio

- › Changing the attitudes and behaviours that lead to violence through a range of primary prevention initiatives
- › Ensuring victim-survivors – including children and young people – can access the help they need, when they need it
- › Working collaboratively with frontline services to ensure perpetrators remain visible, accountable and motivated to change their behaviour
- › Driving whole-of-government reform and measuring its impact
- › Building a more connected, inclusive and responsive system across the state



Our achievements in 2024-25

- › The 2024-25 state budget invested \$141.9m for:
 - › Delivery of critical frontline and crisis responses to people experiencing family violence, including therapeutic supports for children
 - › Expanded suite of interventions to change perpetrator behaviour, such as Case Management and tailored programs for diverse cohorts
 - › Operation of the Central Information Point.
- › The \$92.8m Strengthening Women's Safety Package increased crisis and therapeutic services for victim survivors as well as innovative programs such as:
 - › **Safe at Home** 3-year trial in Geelong, to provide wrap around support to 54 victim survivors to remain in their home and community
 - › Nation-leading **Ballarat Community Saturation Model** to drive down rates of men's violence against women
 - › Aboost to the **Personal Safety Initiative**, providing technology and security responses, such as home alarms, security cameras, personal duress alarms, or fencing for victim survivors to stay safely at home



Overview of activity in 2024 and 2025

Primary Prevention



27

Aboriginal-led projects funded under the Victorian Aboriginal Community Initiatives Fund in 2025.



1.6 million

Victorian men reached in Respect Victoria's 'What Kind of Man Do You Want to Be?' Campaign in March 2025



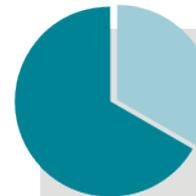
35,000+

participants reached through the Supporting Multicultural and Faith Communities to Prevent Family Violence Program since 2021.



104,000+

assessments for children undertaken at The Orange Door in 2024.



1 out of 3

people referred themselves to The Orange Door in 2024.



213,000+

people responded to by The Orange Door Network in 2024.

Overview of activity in 2024 and 2025

Response



123,380

family violence offences were recorded in 2024.



10,895

criminal incidents involving sexual offences as the principal offence were recorded in 2024.



50,000+

number of calls responded to by the statewide crisis helpline for victim survivors of family violence in 2024.



3,000+

people who use violence expected to have participated in a Men's Behaviour Change program in 2024-25.



19,000+

number of cases of sexual assault support services provided in 2024.



59,965

nights of refuge accommodation provided to 969 victim survivor households in 2023-24.



63%

increase in the number of case management responses provided to people who use violence in 2024.

2025-26 Budget

- › **\$79.7m** over four years to maintain critical services to prevent and respond to family violence including:
 - » Respect Victoria's work to prevent family violence and violence against women
 - » Preventing Family Violence in Multicultural and Faith Communities program
 - » Adolescent Family Violence in the Home program across the state
 - » Family Violence Case Management, flexible funding and crisis brokerage
 - » Funding for provision of specialist therapeutic interventions for Children in Refuge
 - » Delivery of intensive interventions with high-risk family violence perpetrators
- › **\$26.5m** over two years for critical sexual assault support services, including:
 - » the Sexual Assault Crisis Line
 - » Sexually Abusive Behaviour Treatment services to young people displaying harmful sexual behaviour
- › **\$16.9m** over two years to support organisations to undertake their roles and responsibilities in family violence risk management and information sharing



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