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Information bulletin

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CRAF Training Opportunities

Family Violence Risk Assessment and Risk Management

The Victorian Government is providing a fully funded statewide training program in the Family Violence Risk Assessment and Management Framework.

Also known as CRAF, the Common Risk Assessment Framework training program in family violence risk assessment and risk management is now open for enrolments.

Conducted by Swinburne University, it includes two distinct session types:

- half-day sessions for professionals and workers who may be providing support and services to clients who may also be experiencing family violence, and
- full-day sessions designed specifically for specialist family violence practitioners.

The schedule

The session schedule has been finalised for the remainder of this year, while training in 2012 will include sessions across every DHS region in Victoria. All information on the schedule, enrolment and expressions of interest, session types, CRAF materials and regional contacts is available online at <http://www.tafe.swinburne.edu.au/CRAF/index.htm>

Risk factor responses

CRAF is a key aspect of the integrated family violence reforms. It was developed from extensive consultation with specialists in the field, plus national and international research. The framework is designed to help professional and practitioners working in a wide range of fields (for example community services, courts, health sector) identify risk factors associated with family violence and respond consistently and appropriately to people experiencing family violence.

Framework acceptance

Following previous training programs, the framework is now being used by family violence services and a wide range of agencies and service sectors including housing and homelessness, Maternal Child and Health Nurses, court registrars.

Family violence is a devastating crime that should not be tolerated in our community. It remains the leading contributor to preventable death, disability and illness in women aged between 15 and 44.

For more information go to <http://www.tafe.swinburne.edu.au/CRAF/index.htm> . •