

Family Violence Practitioners

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Applicant Practitioner

What is the role of the Family Violence Applicant Practitioner?

The family violence applicant practitioner provides non-legal information, support and referrals for people who are seeking an application for an intervention order or are named as the affected family member in an application for an intervention order.

How can a Family Violence Applicant Practitioner help?

The family violence applicant practitioner engages with the affected family member and conducts a risk assessment interview to assess their safety.

They also undertake an assessment of immediate safety risks, develop safety plans, and make referrals to appropriate agencies for ongoing support, counselling and longer-term safety planning.

What services are not provided?

The family violence applicant practitioner does not provide financial support, housing services, legal advice, or negotiate matters between parties. They may, where needed, refer clients to ongoing support, case management and programs for counselling.

Referrals to the family violence applicant practitioner are prioritised based on risk. Where possible, cases considered high risk will meet a practitioner before a family violence matter is heard in court.

Who is eligible for this service?

The service is available to those who are applying for a family violence intervention order. A family violence applicant practitioner may directly approach the affected family member at court or will receive referrals from family violence registrars, magistrates, legal and other support services.

Respondent Practitioner

What is the role of Family Violence Respondent Practitioner?

A family violence respondent practitioner provides non-legal information, support and referral for people who are respondents to an application for an intervention order or involved in criminal proceedings arising from or including allegations of family violence.

What services are provided?

The family violence respondent practitioner engages with the respondent, conducts assessments and makes referrals for ongoing support, case management services and programs to help address accountability, behaviour change and other issues contributing to the risk of further family violence.

The family violence respondent practitioner can refer the respondent to a men's behaviour change program. The program is aimed to support the respondent better understand the impact of family violence.

What services are not provided?

The family violence respondent practitioner will not provide mental health assessments, financial support, housing services, legal advice or negotiate matters between parties. They may, where needed, refer clients to ongoing support, case management and programs for counselling.

Referrals to the family violence respondent practitioner are prioritised based on risk. Where possible, cases considered high risk will meet a practitioner before a family violence matter is heard in court.

Who is eligible for this service?

The service is available to those responding to a family violence intervention order. A family violence respondent practitioner may directly approach the respondent or will receive referrals from family violence registrars, magistrates, legal and other support services.