

Women's Health West Year at a glance: 2016-17



WHW is one of Victoria's only organisations that provides services and programs encompassing every level of response to family violence – from primary prevention, to early intervention and response.

Our work has actively contributed to improving the health, safety and wellbeing of women and children in the western metropolitan region of Melbourne since 1988.



Provided flexible support packages to

571

women who were experiencing family violence

Received 9,970 police referrals

This is 5 per cent lower than last year, as a result of the police rolling out two pilot projects in 2016-17. The aim of the projects was to improve the accuracy of referrals and deliver consistent police responses to women experiencing family violence.



311

women and girls participated in Women's Health West's health promotion programs

Services and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children

Launched our Reconciliation Action Plan, endorsed by Reconciliation Australia, on 1 February 2017.

Delivered health promotion programs to 125 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women through the Koori Health Days program, Sacred Sistas workshops and the Nan, Auntie, Mum program.

Appointed two new Aboriginal Family Violence Case Managers to provide culturally-sensitive services and support.

Evaluated Preventing Violence Together

An independent evaluation of the five-year Preventing Violence Together partnership (WHW is lead partner) found that it is an effective mechanism for mobilising and coordinating regional efforts to prevent men's violence against women.



609

women provided with family violence case management support



566

women accessed 24 hour crisis support service

Supported women with a disability

Increased membership of the Sunrise groups for women with a disability by 27 per cent, with 70 women partaking in social and wellbeing activities in different locations across the west.

Invested over
\$200,000

in training and development for our staff teams



Provided

175

children with counselling support

Increased out-posted services

Increased the number of family violence support staff out-posted to key locations throughout the region, in order to improve access for isolated women. Staff are available 2 days per week in Melton, 1 day per week in Brimbank, 2 days per week in Wyndham and 1 day per week in Moonee Valley.

Increased our integrated family violence services

Recruited to 17 new roles in the WHW family violence stream.



Introduced new integrated family violence services information sessions for our community. The first session was fully booked with

45

attendees



1,203

women supported at court

Worked in partnership on support and safety hubs

Co-delivered a forum on the hubs to over 80 attendees in May 2017.



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