

Our Vision

A Territory that is free from domestic and family violence; where women and children are safe.

Aims of the Strategy

The Northern Territory Government's Strategy aims to increase the safety of victims and their children, reduce rates of intergenerational trauma caused by exposure to domestic and family violence, increase accountability of perpetrators and establish integrated service delivery systems that are sustainable and adaptable.

The Strategy is directly aligned with the 'Framing the Future' blueprint and the 'National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022'. The five key areas of action are;

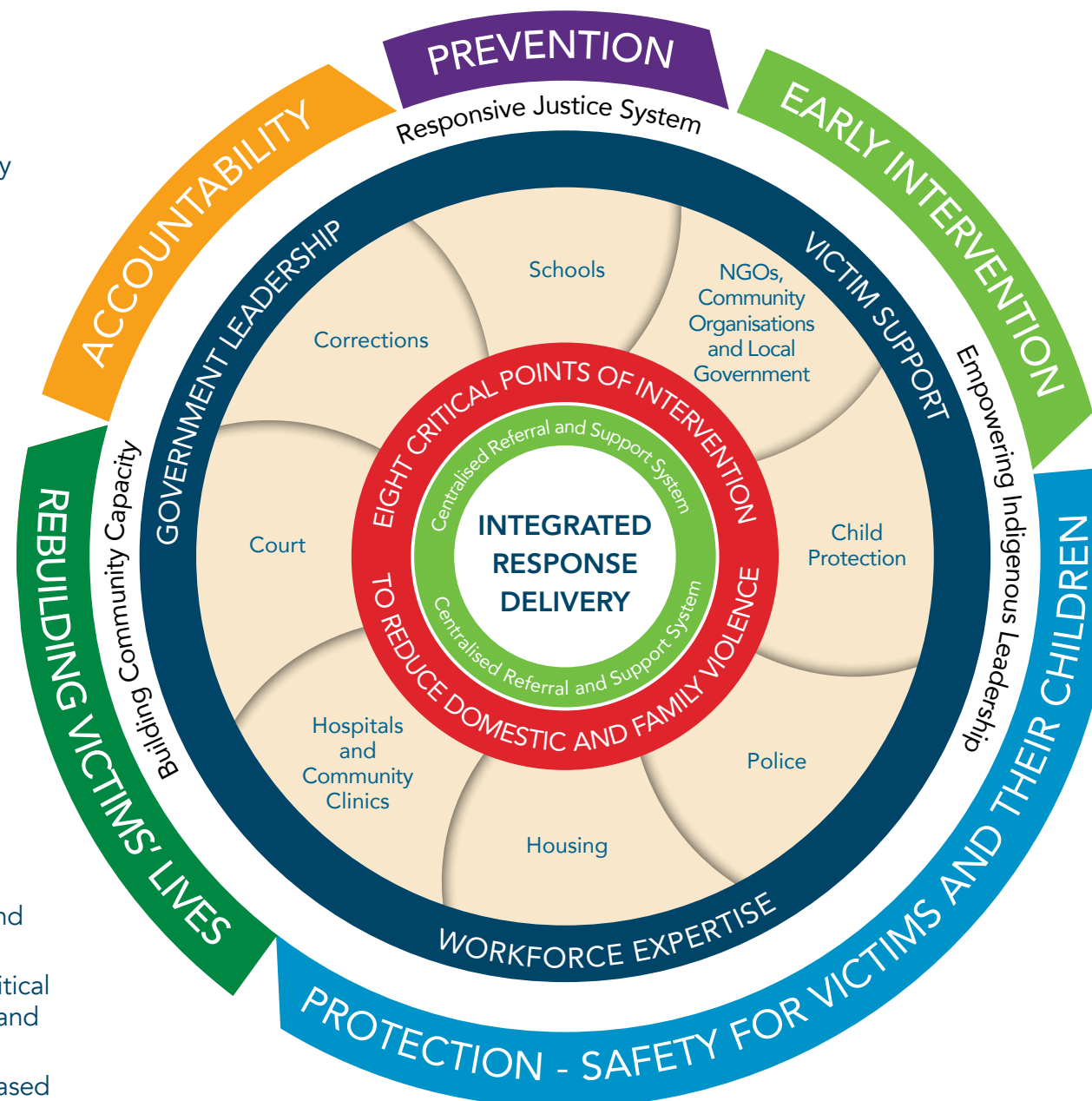
An Integrated Response led by the Northern Territory Government

The key to the Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy is an integrated response that addresses the negative impact of service fragmentation has upon vulnerable persons.

An integrated response will be achieved by mobilising staff across Eight Critical Points of Intervention and ensuring that every contact between a victim and a frontline worker (both in government and NGO services) results in the victim receiving appropriate support and, where needed, a referral to a relevant organisation.

Key Components of the Strategy

- The Domestic Violence Directorate to provide leadership and support
- A centralised referral system – SupportLink – to identify victims and intervene early
- The Family Safety Framework – to protect high risk victims from further harm
- Specialised support services for victims and their children – to protect and help victims rebuild their lives
- A Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Framework
- Indigenous Men's Leadership Grants that prevent, respond and speak out against violence towards women and children
- Building the capacity of front line workers across the Eight Critical Points of Intervention through improved information sharing and domestic violence training
- Ensuring all NT funded perpetrator programs are evidence based and comply with National Standards
- Reviewing all domestic and family violence legislation



For further information contact the Domestic Violence Directorate on ph 8935 7671.

1. Prevention

- Develop an evidence based Prevention Framework for the Northern Territory
- Support Indigenous leaders to drive domestic and family violence prevention
- Build community capacity

2. Early intervention

- Intervene early to prevent violence
- Develop and trial new models to improve and strengthen Police responses
- Improve responses to children exposed to domestic violence, with Indigenous children as a priority

3. Protection – safety for victims

- Enhance the first point of contact for victims
- Build the expertise and capacity of the workforce to identify and respond effectively to domestic and family violence, including sexual assault

4. Rebuilding the lives of victims and their children

- Support and expand specialist domestic violence and sexual assault services to deliver responses that meet needs
- Support culturally responsive services
- Adopt a strengths based approach to rebuilding victims' lives

5. Accountability and positive change for perpetrators

- Reduce recidivism
- Establish mechanisms to improve system accountability
- Develop evidence-based behaviour change programs