



# The Safer and Accountable Men's Program

### Parallel Participant Journeys

The Program helps participants to:

- **Examine** their belief system and behaviours that support violence
- Expand definitions of violence and controlling beaviours
- Discuss the effects of violence on women, children, and themselves
- Identify and practice non-controlling alternatives.

#### Person using violence (PUV) **Victim Survivor (VS)** Referred to the SAM Day Program Identified as Aboriginal. by the North Brisbane Vulnerable **REFERRAL** Persons Unit (VPU). Previously demonstrated high Previously supported by BDVS risk behaviour patterns. and referred to the Brisbane **HIGH RISK** High Risk Team. History of drug and alcohol use. Currently living together. Recently recommenced the Victim survivor was already relationship with the VS. linked in with several services and supports prior to Women's There was a previous domestic advocate engagement. **OTHER** violence order which expired one **FACTORS** month prior to the referral. PUV was motivated to engage in the program.

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#### **Topics**

The topics covered in sessions over 16 weeks include:

- Nonviolence
- Non-threatening behavior
- Respect
- Support and trust
- Accountability and honesty
- Sexual respect
- Shared responsibility
- Economic partnership
- Responsible parenting
- Negotiation and fairness

### The Role of Women's Advocate (WA)

The role of the WA is to offer ongoing **support** including:

- Risk assessment and safety planning
- Information sharing
- Advocacy and referrals

to partners and/or ex-partners of participants commencing the program who have been impacted by their violence.

## **VS** accepted ongoing Women's Advocate support for the purpose of psychoeducation and risk assessment.

VS shares concerns. WA listens and communicates them with program facilitators. **Fortnightly calls** between **VS** and **WA** to discuss program topics...

VS was highly focused on their child and his needs...

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#### **Outcomes**

- Increased communication between VA and PUV
- Increased independence as VS and PUV shared responsibility for their son
- VS increased understanding and ability to recognise DFV patterns and behaviour in PUV
- No DFV incidents in the 6 months duration of support









**PUV** supported this.

... and any changes identified in **PUV's** behaviour.

**PUV** completed his court ordered parole halfway through the SAM program and **chose to continue** to attend and complete the program.

**PUV's** patience and responses toward their son improved over 6 months.





**PUV**'s is linking with a psychologist to further unpack his past use of DFV behaviours following his completion of the program.



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