## Maternal and Child Health Conference Family Violence







### The Government is undertaking ambitious family violence reform



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The Royal Commission into Family Violence released its final report on 29 March 2016, making 227 recommendations. The Government has committed to implementing all of them, including six recommendations led by DET.

#### The Commission recommended reforms to ensure that...

Family viole <b>gender inequa</b> tolerat	lity are not	Victim survivors, including children, are safe and supported	Perp	<b>etrators</b> are held accountable	Preventing and responding to family violence is <b>systemic and enduring</b>
	nment has nily Violence: Vict Change	responded toria's Plan for	\$2.5B	the Royal C • \$1.9 billion	n over two years to respond to Commission Recommendations. over four years to implement ence reforms.
Rolling Action Plan 2017-2020	Free from Violence: Victoria's Prevention Strategy	Yearly reports on progress	Family Safety Victoria	established to Safety Hubs	IS portfolio agency has been to coordinate the Support and and progress risk assessment on sharing reforms.



# MCH services are a key platform for identifying and responding to family violence

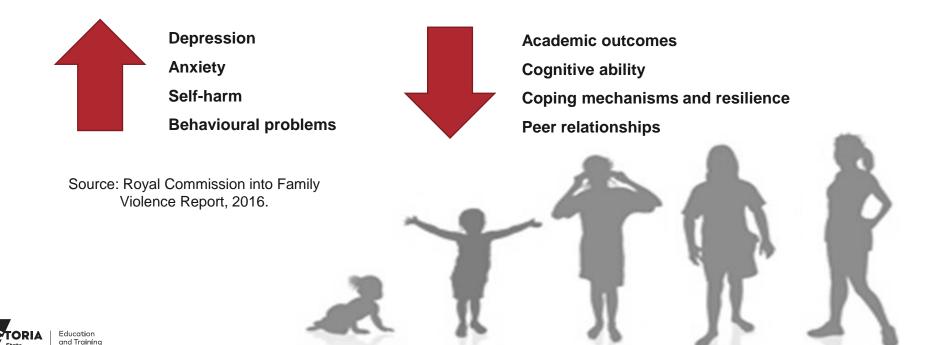
1 in 4 families have been affected by family violence (Royal Commission into Family Violence Report, 2016)

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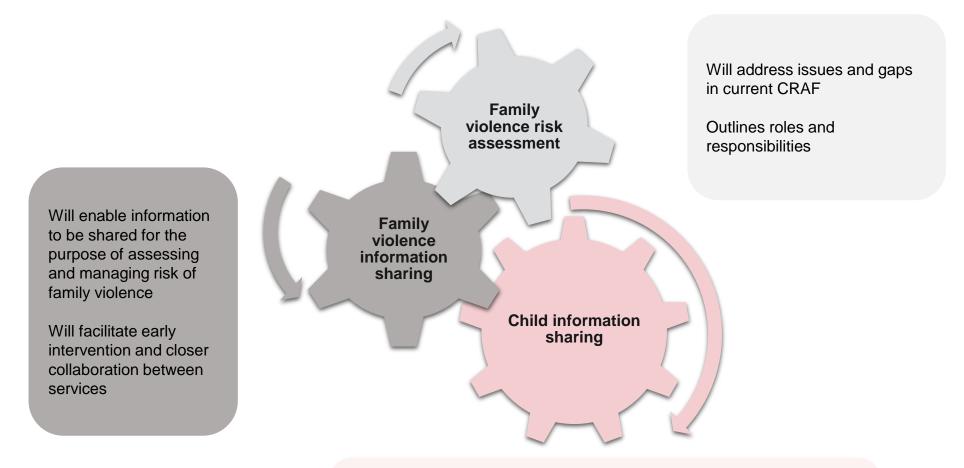


Children are present in more than 30% of family violence cases reported to police (Victoria Police, 2017) There is an increased risk of family violence after a baby is born (Royal Commission into Family Violence Report, 2016)

Outcomes for children and young people who witness or experience violence



# From September 2018, there will be changes to family violence risk assessment, risk management and information sharing for MCH services



Will enable information to be shared for the purpose of promoting child wellbeing and safety

Will be designed and implemented to align with family violence reforms

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# The redevelopment of the Family Violence Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework

-	Vision and principles				
Workforce categories	All client-facing workforces who can identify potential signs of family violence, and will contribute to coordinated multiagency action and information sharing	Workforces who will take first steps in risk assessment and risk management	Workforces with specialist expertise who will undertake comprehensive risk assessments and risk management if family violence has been established		
Roles and responsibilities	All workforces	To establish if family violence has occurred and take first steps in risk assessment and risk management	Where family violence has been established and worker has specialist expertise to undertake comprehensive assessments and risk management		
MCH in scope	Corresponding minimum standards for practice				
	C	orresponding skills and competenci	es		
	Identification/Screening	Brief risk assessment assessment	Comprehensive risk assessment		
$\otimes$	Corresponding operational practice guidance for workforces	Corresponding operational practice guidance for workforces	Corresponding operational practice guidance for workforces		
Assessment and practice guidance	Embedded in online tool and available in hardcopy if required	Embedded in online tool and available in hardcopy if required	Embedded in online tool and available in hardcopy if required		
	Implementation activities and training				



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### Training, tools and resources will be available to support MCH services



The Department will support MCH services to adapt their policies, practice guidance and procedures to align with the new Framework and information sharing requirements



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