

SUPPORT WORKER TRAINING CALENDAR 2017

Critical legal issues map: overview of family violence and family law

24 March 9.30am-4.00pm
Venue: Women's Legal Service Victoria
Level 10, 277 William Street, Melbourne

This workshop is an introductory course suitable for beginning workers or workers who are seeking a snapshot of legal issues arising from family violence. Registration details: to book please click [here](#)

Women's Legal Service Victoria's (WLSV) Critical Legal Issues Map provides support workers with an integrated and consistent method of identifying and responding to women's legal issues arising from family violence and relationship breakdown.

You will learn to:

- ask the questions to identify client's legal issues
- inform clients of next steps and refer clients to legal assistance
- prepare clients for stages in the legal process, preparing for interview with lawyer and court

You will receive a tailored workbook with accessible legal information, tips and the critical legal issues map that guides you to ask the critical legal questions at the optimum time.

NEW Supporting your client through child Protection

3 May, 9:30pm-4:00pm
Venue: Melbourne CBD

This workshop is suitable for all workers who have clients with child protection matters in particular cases involving family violence

Registration details: to book please click [here](#).

This workshop will assist support workers to understand the laws around child protection.

This interactive workshop will explore:

- the role of child protection and the Children's Courts.
- the different ways child protection can become involved and how to support victims of family violence
- practical tips on how your client can communicate their child's needs to lawyers, other professionals and to the courts.

Supporting your client through family violence

21 April, 9.30am-4.00pm
Venue: Colin Biggers & Paisley

This workshop is suitable for all workers who are seeking an in depth knowledge of family violence and the law.

Registration details: to book please click [here](#)

This interactive workshop will assist support workers to better understand how Intervention Orders (IO) work, including answering questions around:

- can my client apply for an IO?
- what happens if the police apply on her behalf?
- what if my client's circumstances change?
- what can my client do if there is a breach?
- how does an IO interact with other family law matters?

Supporting your client through family law

22 June, 9.30am-4.00pm
Venue: Melbourne CBD

This workshop is suitable for all workers who are seeking an in depth knowledge of family law.

Registration details: to book please click [here](#)

This training will build support workers' capacities and confidence to guide and support their client through the family law system, especially when there is family violence, and children's matters.

This interactive workshop will explore:

- parenting agreements post separation
- urgent children's matters
- property (including debt)
- interaction between child protection, family law intervention orders

Supporting your client with family violence through the family dispute resolution (FDR) process

27 July, 9.30am-4.00pm
Venue: Baker McKenzie

This workshop is suitable for all workers. Beginning workers may find it useful to attend this course after they have completed our 'support your client through family law' 22 June 2017).

Registration details: to book please click [here](#)

Many support workers will have clients who are attending a FDR Service (mediation), either through Victoria Legal Aid or a Family Relationship Centre.

You will learn to:

- explain the process of FDR to clients, particularly when they are affected by family violence
- prepare clients for FDR
- develop strategies to support clients through FDR

Working together with the police in the family violence system

12 October, 9.30am-4.00pm
Venue: Baker McKenzie

This workshop is suitable for all workers. Beginning workers may find it more useful to attend this course after they have completed our 'support your client through family violence' (20 April 2017).

Registration details: to book please click [here](#)

Together with a senior member of Victoria Police we will explore practical and effective ways to seek police assistance for clients experiencing family violence as well as new ways to advocate for your client's safety.

In this interactive workshop you will learn:

- about the Police Code of Practice for the investigation of family violence
- about police responses to contraventions of Intervention Orders
- to use the Code to increase your client's safety
- to advocate for police response to contraventions of Intervention Orders

Supporting your client through Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT)

17 August, 9.30am-4.00pm
Venue: Women's Legal Service Victoria

This workshop is suitable for all workers.

Registration details: to book please click [here](#).

Your client may be eligible to receive financial and/or non-financial assistance through the (VOCAT) system, if they have experienced family violence.

You will learn to:

- support and assist your client through VOCAT
- identify key eligibility issues
- support clients to obtain optimum VOCAT outcome

NEW Strategies to engage and respond to perpetrators and survivors of family violence.

8 December, 9.30- 4.00pm
Venue: Melbourne CBD

This workshop is suitable for all workers who support clients through a court process.

Registration details: to book please click [here](#).

How does our court system support survivors of family violence and hold perpetrators of family violence accountable?

This interactive workshop will:

- provide practical tips on how to work with perpetrators of family violence to avoid collusion and to ensure accountability.
- focus on supporting survivors of family violence during the court process.

More information

Places are limited * – RSVPs close
one week before each workshop

Our legal education team are happy to speak to
you, feel free to call them on 03 8622 0600

*Our workshops are intimate, interactive and
practical. We provide tailored and focused
training. In our training we focus on building
participants, knowledge, skills and confidence.

