### Course Name:
**Domestic violence for NSW Health workers**

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| **Course Description:** | Domestic violence is the highest risk factor contributing to ill health and death for women aged 15-44 years. Health workers have an important role in identifying and responding to those who experience domestic violence.  

This 2 day course provides an opportunity for workers from a range of Health services to understand the tactics of domestic violence, the physical and mental health outcomes for people who experience domestic violence (mainly but not exclusively women and children) and the implications of domestic violence for child protection.  

There will be a focus on identifying indicators of domestic violence as well as interventions that protect children, maximise safety of the victim and ensure worker safety.  

There will be exploration of frameworks, skills and resources for responding to victims of domestic violence, consistent with the NSW Health policy and procedures for identifying and responding to domestic violence (including routine screening) and consistent with work roles. |

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<th>NSW Health workers providing counselling and support to people who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence.</th>
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| **Learning Outcomes:** | Discuss definitions of domestic/family violence, tactics, prevalence and incidence amongst diverse populations.  

Identify the social, cultural and historical contexts that support the tactics of domestic violence and shape community attitudes.  

Outline the impacts of domestic violence on children, and child protection responsibilities which support mothers in safe parenting.  

Apply frameworks and skills to work with victims of domestic violence in a Health context  

Recognise the importance of cross-agency collaboration, advocacy and case management when responding to victims of domestic violence.  

Explore the effects of vicarious trauma, identifying possible indicators and implement strategies to manage the effects of vicarious trauma and respond to worker safety. |


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