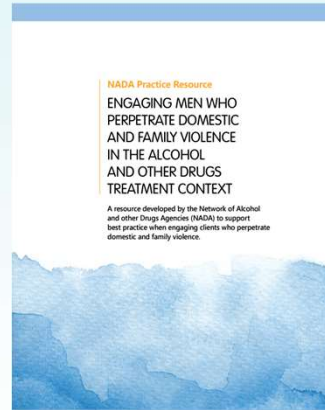


## NSW NGO Alcohol and Other Drugs Sector response to gender-based violence

### NADA Practice Resource:

Engaging Men who perpetrate  
domestic and family violence in  
the alcohol and other drugs  
treatment context

Presenter:  
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I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which I am today. I extend this acknowledgement to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia, online and pay respects to Elders past, present and future.



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NADA proudly recognises people with living and lived experience of alcohol or other drug use, acknowledging their important role in shaping policy, education and services.

We acknowledge that through their guidance, diverse experience and peer support, lives are saved, and health outcomes are realised. We acknowledge that participation takes courage, gives a voice, and reduces stigma and discrimination in our community.



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## NADA Practice Resource

The development of this resource was led by Rodney Vlasis in collaboration with NADA and member services. Rodney is a policy consultant, trainer, researcher and supervisor in gender-based violence, including men's use of domestic and family violence.



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## NADA Practice Resource

This resource aims to support practitioners working in the alcohol and other drugs sector to work safely and effectively with clients who perpetrate domestic and family violence.

It is not intended to cover all the complex and varied factors involved in engaging these clients with respect to their DFV use – this would require much more detail and training.



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## Support

In appreciation of the sensitive nature of the content, NADA launched the resource with online videos to provide context and support.

Available at:

<https://nada.org.au/resources/engaging-men-who-perpetrate-domestic-and-family-violence-in-the-alcohol-and-other-drugs-treatment-context>




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Resource
Videos

**Watch these recorded webinars**


These videos should be viewed in conjunction with this resource:



Watch on YouTube

**Engaging men who perpetrate DFV in the AOD treatment context**

This webinar is the first in a series that explores NADA's *Engaging men who perpetrate DFV in the AOD treatment context practice resource*. This resource and series of videos aim to support the AOD workforce with practical skills and knowledge to work safely and effectively with clients who perpetrate DFV and to become familiar with suitable pathways for specialist support. Though DFV is a highly specialised area, and not core business for AOD services, it is important that the workforce build capacity to better respond to people who use DFV and work alongside other service sectors, to address this very serious problem.



Watch on YouTube

Engaging men who perpetrate DFV in an AOD treatment context—practical techniques and considerations for initiating contact

## NADA Practice Resource

This resource provides starting points on how to:

- Have safe and non-collusive conversations with clients who cause DFV
- Minimise collusion with the attitudes, belief systems and narratives that men who use violence adopt to justify and give themselves permission to use DFV
- Discuss referral to appropriate, specialised DFV services



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## NADA Practice Resource

- Background to understanding of DFV and choice to use violence
- Importance of considering issues of men who use violence as relevant to core AOD business
- Practitioner roles, responsibilities and parameters on engaging these clients
- Guidance and practice tips on how to respond
- Men's behaviour change programs – how and when to refer



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## Working with men who use violence training

- Following the resource NADA provided a two-day training around the use of gender-based violence in 2023 and 2024.
- We aim to continue this annually



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## Feedback from the training

**The 'two most useful things that respondents got from participating in the event' included:**

- The five questions to explore empathy
- Practical tools and techniques for both the attendees and their clients
- The Duluth model (power and control wheel)
- More insight into and understanding of clients who use DFV



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## Feedback from the training

### Suggestions for additional resources, information needs or activities

- Practical tips on interacting with men who use DFV
- More practical resources, online training and web-based resources
- DFV workshops focusing on specific client groups
- Follow-up or refresh training



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## Sector Reflections

- Recognition of the need to develop confidence to have the difficult conversations
- The need for early intervention, youth services seeing a rise in violence against parents
- Awareness of the sector's capacity and need to build capability
- The importance of the sector identifying champions from the front line



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## Where to from here

- In response to feedback from the AOD sector and conversations with sector peaks NADA will be holding a forum to discuss gender-based violence
- Include MBCP practitioners, DFV services, DCJ, AOD services and peaks in the conversation
- Regular meetings with DVNSW to work together as peaks to bring the sectors together



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## Thank you for your time today

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