

## TRAINING CALENDAR 2021

Safer Families is a professional development program that supports community legal centre lawyers to provide high quality, effective advice and representation to clients experiencing family violence.

If you have any questions about the trainings please email [admin@womenslegal.org.au](mailto:admin@womenslegal.org.au)

### FAMILY VIOLENCE FOR GENERALIST LAWYERS

29 & 30 APRIL 9.30AM – 1.30PM BOTH DAYS

ONLINE

\$50

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**This training explores the dynamics of family violence and how to discuss family violence appropriately. It will provide an overview of the Family Violence Protection Act and you will learn practical tips on working with all parties in an intervention order matter.**

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Community legal centre lawyers who practice in generalist CLCs or who practice in an area other than family violence intervention orders

#### YOU WILL LEARN

- How to apply the Family Violence Protection Act to assist clients
- How to explain the Intervention Order process to clients
- How to ask the right questions to identify family violence, even when a client presents with a separate issue
- How to discuss family violence appropriately, particular where clients are facing additional barriers to justice
- Practical tips to represent and work with respondents to intervention order

#### WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *"I am more able to explain the process of Intervention Orders"*
- *"I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss cases and feed off the knowledge in the room"*
- *"Great overview of such a large topic"*
- *"Knowing the right questions to ask and identify the red flags [of family violence]"*

## MASTERCLASS

12 & 13 MAY 9.30AM – 1.30PM BOTH DAYS

ONLINE

\$50

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**This training provides an in-depth analysis of family law and family violence legislation and its intersection with other jurisdictions such as child protection, criminal and immigration law**

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Community Legal Centre lawyers who have more than 2 years' experience working in the family violence jurisdiction

### YOU WILL LEARN

- How the Family Violence Protection Act intersects with immigration law, criminal law, family law and child protection
- A broader knowledge of your role in the family violence sector as a whole, including identifying new changes in the sector (such as MARAM, family violence information sharing scheme and COVID-19)
- Develop leadership and advocacy skills through facilitated workshops and discussions with colleagues and experienced practitioners

### WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *"I will be more alert to advising about child protection issues when working with clients with Intervention Order matters"*
- *"I now have greater understanding of family violence consequences for clients with visa and immigration matters"*
- *"Great to talk with other practitioners who are experiencing similar challenges in their work."*

## WORKING WITH CLIENTS AFFECTED BY TRAUMA

20 & 21 MAY 9.30AM – 1.30PM BOTH DAYS

ONLINE

\$200

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**This training is delivered in collaboration with Phoenix Australia, Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health. You will learn about how trauma affects clients and strategies to work with clients in a trauma informed manner. You will also learn about the importance of self-care and how you can be better supported at work.**

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All community legal centre staff, including managers

### YOU WILL LEARN

- Describe how traumatic events affect the brain and may affect how clients present and provide instructions
- How people can react to and recover from traumatic events
- Strategies on interviewing and obtaining instructions from clients impacted by trauma
- Develop a trauma informed and culturally safe(r) work manner
- Skills to practice self-care

**\*This training is co-facilitated with Phoenix Australia, Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, an independent, not-for-profit organization. The cost of this training covers the external facilitators**

### WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *"The most useful thing I learned was strategies for managing distressed clients"*
- *"Great training, so very important for the legal profession"*
- *"The most useful thing I learned was how to broach discussing traumatic events with clients"*

## FAMILY VIOLENCE FOR GENERALIST LAWYERS

10 & 11 JUNE 9.30AM – 1.30PM BOTH DAYS

ONLINE

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## 3- DAY DUTY LAWYER INTENSIVE

JULY DATES TBC

Please email [tasha@womenslegal.org.au](mailto:tasha@womenslegal.org.au) with an expression of interest

\$100

**This highly regarded intensive training is tailored specifically for family violence duty lawyers. The training is not merely an overview of the family violence protection act, but also includes practical strategies on using the legislation for advocacy and negotiation. Duty lawyers will appreciate the invaluable experience of translating theory into action through a simulated court day before a Magistrate.**

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Community legal centre lawyers with less than 2 years' experience who work as duty lawyers in Family Violence Intervention Order matters

### YOU WILL LEARN

- How to use the Family Violence Protection Act to assist clients
- How to succinctly explain the intervention order process to clients
- How intersectionality and working with clients who face additional barriers to justice can affect their experience of the court and legal system
- How the FVPA intersects with the Family Law Act and how to make submissions regarding these matters at the Magistrates Court
- How to be an effective advocate and develop your advocacy and presentation skills

**\*You will put your skills into practice by appearing before Magistrate at court, in a mock court day**

### WHAT DO OTHER PARTICIPANTS SAY?

- *“I intend to practice the role of duty lawyer in a much more sophisticated way now that I have developed confidence in understanding and using the legislation”*
- *“The day with the Magistrates was fantastic; a rare opportunity”*
- *“The ability to practice submissions and receive feedback from Magistrates was invaluable”*
- *“My favourite sessions were those centered on advocacy training, but I learnt something new every day.”*