
**Research, Scope and Design
a Safer Families Project for
the ACT AOD Sector (AOD Safer
Families Project)**



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ACT Health have engaged ATODA to December 2017 to scope and design a multi-year multi-component pilot project that provides more effective responses for people who use alcohol and other drugs (AOD) in harmful ways and either experience domestic and family violence (DFV) or are at risk of using violence.

This document provides a summary of the current status and recent activities undertaken as part of the *Research, Scope and Design a Safer Families Project for the ACT AOD Sector* (referred to as the *AOD Safer Families Project*). This includes:

- Consultations / forums summary
- Deliverables summary
- Other activities summary

For information on the AOD Safer Families Project:

- visit <http://www.atoda.org.au/research-scope-and-design-a-pilot-project-safer-families/> —includes the Terms of Reference of each of the project components
- Or contact the AOD Safer Families Project Team at ATODA on dfv@atoda.org.au or (02) 6249 6358.

Consultations / Forums:

Date	Duration	Audience	Topics	Further details
19 July 2017	½ day	AOD Sector, invited DFV stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool (DFVCAT) • Scope of Practice 	Forum agenda included: an overview of the AOD Safer Families Project from ATODA; a discussion of the potential domains for the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool (DFVCAT)</i> ; criteria across the domains of the DFVCAT; overarching principles of practice; and a discussion of a scope of practice.
6 September	½ day	AOD Sector, invited DFV stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool (DFVCAT) • Brief: Scope of Practice • Brief: Pilot design: Evidence Based Practice Framework; Evaluation Framework 	Forum agenda included: overview presentation of AOD Safer Families Project, including an update of the components; individual and small group feedback on the DFVCAT document
7 September	Full day	Clinical / expert roundtable (by invitation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool (DFVCAT) • Brief: Scope of Practice • Evidence Based Practice Framework • Brief: Pilot design: Evaluation Framework 	Clinical Roundtable agenda included: overview presentation of AOD Safer Families Project, including an update of the components; individual and small group feedback on the DFVCAT document; formation of clinical questions to inform the development of the Evidence Based Practice Framework

20 October	Full day	AOD sector, invited DFV stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool (DFVCAT) • Scope of Practice • Pilot design • Evaluation Framework 	Forum agenda included: a briefing on the background and status of the AOD Safer Families Project; feedback on the implementation testing of the DFVCAT and consultation on the draft program logic for the AOD Safer Families Project.
24 October	Full day	Clinical / expert roundtable (by invitation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence Based Practice Framework 	Clinical Roundtable agenda included: review of evidence tables (from a systematic literature review) related to the Evidence Based Practice Framework. Where evidence was not available or insufficient, clinical consensus was reached in order to provide practice guidance.
9 November	Full day	AOD sector, invited DFV stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool (DFVCAT) • Evidence Based Practice Framework • Scope of Practice • Pilot design • Evaluation Framework 	Forum agenda will include: briefing on the background and status of the AOD Safer Families Project; briefing on the finalisation of the DFVCAT; briefing on the Evidence Based Practice Framework; consultation on the pilot design; consultation on the draft monitoring and evaluation framework.

Note: A further engagement is being planned, including a launch of the multi-year AOD Safer Families Project.

Deliverables:

Deliverable	Description	Level / focus of the deliverable	Activities undertaken between October - November	Current Status / Next step
Project Advisory/Working Group	Convening of an Advisory Group whose primary function is to provide high level advice, strategic guidance and governance to the Project.	Whole of sector / policy level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Project Advisory Group meeting was held on Thursday 26 October 2017. • Membership is drawn from specialist AOD services; representatives from the Womens Services Network and Domestic Violence Prevention Council; consumer organisation; ATODA; ACT Health & clinical consultants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Project Advisory Group meeting to be held 23 November 2017.
Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool	Development of a fidelity instrument for utilisation by AOD services to measure capacity for responses to DFV. An example of such a measure being utilised by ACT AOD services before is the Dual Diagnosis Capability in	Organisational level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second draft of the DFVCAT was produced reflecting feedback from the 6 September 2017 Sector Forum and 7 September 2017 Clinical / Expert Roundtable. • A resource package was produced to inform the implementation testing process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Instructions for the implementation testing ○ Summary of information sources mapped to DFVCAT domains ○ File audit guide ○ Staff interview questions ○ Service consumer interview questions ○ Feedback form • 7 specialist ACT AOD services undertook implementation testing of the DFVCAT from 26 September – 19 October. On-site support to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DFVCAT will be finalised.

	Addiction Treatment Index Tool.		<p>implementation testing process was provided as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sector forum was held on 20 October to obtain feedback on the DFVCAT implementation testing process, and any further amendments required to the DFVCAT. 	
'Scope of practice' (i.e. level of care quadrants) for AOD and DFV	Documentation of the roles and responsibilities of AOD service`s when working with consumers with DFV issues (based on presentation, severity of issues etc)	Organisational and practice / clinical level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft of the 'scope of practice' was produced (informed by the systematic literature review, DFVCAT, Evidence Based Practice Framework and consultations to date). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft Scope of Practice will be consulted on through the 9 November Sector Forum.
Evidence Based Practice Framework / Clinical Guidelines	Development of practice / clinical guidelines for responding to domestic and family violence in specialist AOD services	Practice / clinical level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A systematic literature review was undertaken. • Comprehensive evidence tables were produced. • A draft Evidence Based Practice Framework was produced. • A clinical / expert roundtable (with interstate and local attendees) was held on 24 October 2017 to review the evidence tables and generate clinical consensus to guide practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A revised draft of the Evidence Based Practice Framework is being produced and will be disseminated for key stakeholder review prior to finalisation. • A presentation will be done at the 9 November Sector Forum.

Evaluation Framework	Development of an evaluation framework	Whole of sector / policy level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARTD consultants were appointed to co-produce the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. • An evaluation working group was established with 2 full day development workshops held to draft the program logic and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. • A consultation on the draft Program Logic was held as part of 20 October 2017. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program logic will be finalised. • A draft monitoring and evaluation framework will be produced and consulted on at the sector forum on 9 November 2017.
Pilot design	Description / report of the pilot design elements and recommended approaches for utilising the AOD Safer Families resourcing from 2018 onwards	Whole of sector / policy level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATODA has been meeting regularly with ACT Health. • A working document outlining pilot design elements and options for consultation has been produced. This document seeks to articulate a range of elements related to project implementation from 2018 that have become apparent through the co-design process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consultation on the pilot design elements and options will occur at the sector forum on 9 November 2017.

Other Activities:

- The ATODA Project Team met with Jo Wood, Coordinator General for Family Safety and staff from the Office.
- Fortnightly teleconferences between the ATODA Project Team and the clinical consultants 360Edge.
- Regular meeting with ACT Health to further refine project deliverables and seek ongoing input.
- Identified workers across specialist ACT AOD services to fill 10 places for the one-day training, *Domestic Family Violence Education Session*, delivered by the Domestic Violence Crisis Service on 8 November 2017 – to inform future training needs of AOD services.