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



Project Update # 6

December 2017

ACT Health 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 some key 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/>
- Or contact the AOD Safer Families Project Team at ATODA on dfv@atoda.org.au or (02) 6249 6358.

The 2017 AOD Safer Families Project activities have now concluded and the final report has been submitted to ACT Health.

Many stakeholders made an invaluable contribution to the Project in 2017 and we plan to acknowledge those contributions at a launch in early 2018.

Consultations / Forums:

Date	Duration	Audience	Topics	Further details
19 July 2017	½ day	ATOD Sector, invited DFV stakeholders, ACT Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool • Scope of Practice 	Discussion included: an overview of the <i>AOD Safer Families Program</i> (year 1) from ATODA; a discussion of the Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool including potential domains; criteria across the domains; overarching principles of practice; and a discussion of a Scope of Practice
6 September 2017	½ day	ATOD Sector, invited DFV stakeholders, ACT Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool • Scope of Practice • Program design • Practice Guide • Evaluation Framework 	Discussion included: overview presentation of <i>AOD Safer Families Program</i> (Year 1), a brief on all deliverables components; individual and small group feedback on the Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool
7 September 2017	Full day	Clinical and expert roundtable (by invitation), ACT Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool • Scope of Practice • Practice Guide • Program • Evaluation Framework 	Discussion included: overview presentation of <i>AOD Safer Families Program</i> (Year 1), including an update of the components; individual and small group feedback on the Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool; formation of clinical questions to inform the development of the Practice Guide
26 September – 19 October 2017	3 weeks	Specialist AOD services including ACT Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation testing of the Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool 	Specialist ACT AOD services were invited to undertake intensive implementation testing of the Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool within a single program. When completed in full over the three week period, this included: reviewing domains and potential information

				sources; file audits; staff interviews; service consumer interviews and the completion of a feedback form
12 October 2017	Full day	ATOD sector, ACT Health, Evaluation consultants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Logic from the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework 	Evaluation Working Group discussion included: development of the program logic and program theory of change (for further consultation with broader stakeholders)
19 October 2017	Full day	ATOD sector, ACT Health, Evaluation consultants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and Evaluation Framework 	Evaluation Working Group discussion included: development of evaluation questions, an outcomes matrix and data sources (for further consultation with the broader stakeholders)
20 October 2017	Full day	ATOD sector, invited DFV stakeholders, ACT Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool • Scope of Practice • Program design • Evaluation Framework 	Discussion included: a briefing on the background and status of the <i>AOD Safer Families Program</i> (Year 1); feedback on the implementation testing of the Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool and consultation on the draft program logic for the <i>AOD Safer Families Program</i>
24 October 2017	Full day	Clinical and expert roundtable (by invitation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Guide 	Discussion included: review of evidence tables (from a systematic literature review) related to the Practice Guide. Where evidence was not available or insufficient, clinical consensus was reached in order to provide practice guidance
9 November 2017	Full day	ATOD sector, invited DFV stakeholders, ACT Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic and Family Violence Capability Tool • Practice Guide • Scope of Practice • Program design • Evaluation Framework 	Discussion included: briefing on the background and status of the <i>AOD Safer Families Program</i> (Year 1); briefing on the finalisation of the Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool; briefing on the Practice Guide; consultation on the program design and funding model; consultation on the draft monitoring and evaluation framework
14 November – 24	10 days	Clinical and expert roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Guide 	Final clinical and expert review of the Practice Guide

November 2017		participants, academics, ATOD sector, invited DFV violence stakeholders, ACT Health		
23 November – 30 November 2017	1 week	ATOD sector, invited DFV stakeholders, ACT Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and Evaluation Framework 	Final review and feedback on the full draft of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
4 December 2017	Half day	Specialist alcohol and other drugs Executives, invited DFV violence stakeholders, ACT Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Design including funding model 	Discussion included: further consultation and consensus on the program design

Deliverables:

The final report titled **ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Safer Families Program 2017 – 2021: Design, Model, Implementation Plan and Evaluation Framework** was submitted to ACT Health on 21 December 2017. Contents included:

- Introduction and Background
- *AOD Safer Families Program* Description
- *AOD Safer Families Program* Implementation Plan January 2018 – June 2021
- Methodology: Co-design and Collective Impact
- Future Revisions
- Acknowledgements
- Conclusion
- Attachment: Copy of Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool: for Alcohol and Other Drug Settings
- Attachment: Copy of Scope of Practice: for Working with Service Consumers in Alcohol and Other Drug Settings who Experience or Use Domestic and Family Violence
- Attachment: Copy of Practice Guide: for Responding to Domestic and Family Violence in Alcohol and Other Drug Settings
- Attachment: Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Safer Families Program 2017-2021

Deliverable	Description	Level / focus of the deliverable	Activities undertaken between November - December
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"> • The final Project Advisory Group meeting was held on Thursday 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 Addiction Treatment Index Tool.	Organisational level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DFVCAT was revised based on feedback from implementation testing and the 20 October 2017 Sector Forum. • A presentation on the final version of the DFVCAT was provided at the 9 November Sector Forum. • The Domestic and Family Violence Capability Assessment Tool: for Alcohol and Other Drug Settings was finalised and included within the report to ACT Health.
'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 Scope of Practice was consulted on at the 9 November 2017 Sector Forum. • The Scope of Practice was revised based on feedback. • The Scope of Practice: for Working with Service Consumers in Alcohol and Other Drug Settings who Experience or Use Domestic and Family Violence was finalised and included within the report to ACT Health.
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 presentation on the Practice Guide was provided at the 9 November Sector Forum. • The Practice Guide was circulated for expert / clinical review from 14 November – 24 November 2017. • The Practice Guide was revised based on feedback. • The Practice Guide: for Responding to Domestic and Family Violence in Alcohol and Other Drug Settings was finalised and included within the report to ACT Health.

Evaluation Framework	Development of an evaluation framework	Whole of sector / policy level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consultation on the draft Monitoring and Evaluation Framework was undertaken at the 9 November 2017 sector forum. • The Monitoring and Evaluation Framework was circulated for stakeholder feedback from 23 November – 30 November 2017. • The Monitoring and Evaluation Framework was revised based on feedback. • The Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Safer Families Program 2017-2021 was finalised and included within the report to ACT Health.
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"> • A consultation on the working document outlining pilot design elements and options was undertaken at the 9 November 2017 Sector Forum. • A revised working document and options paper was produced for further consultation. • Specialist alcohol and other drug Executives and invited DFV stakeholders were invited to a workshop on 4 December 2017 to provide feedback and reach consensus on the program design. • ACT Health was consulted on the proposed program design and implementation guidance. • The <i>AOD Safer Families Program Description & AOD Safer Families Program Implementation Plan</i> January 2018 – June 2021 was finalised and included within the report to ACT Health.

A launch is planned for early 2018.