



Alice Springs Women's Shelter



The Northern Territory Domestic & Family Violence Reduction Strategy including the Family Safety Framework operates in the context of ...

the NT *Domestic and Family Violence Act*

the NT *Care and Protection of Children Act*

the NT *Criminal Code*



Legislative Definition

- The *Domestic and Family Violence Act* (NT) uses the term ‘domestic violence’ to mean violence against someone with whom the person is in a ‘domestic relationship’.
- ‘Domestic relationship’ is defined to include family members, intimate personal relationships, same sex relationships, carer relationships, guardianship relationships, people who live together, and people who are relatives according to Aboriginal tradition or contemporary social practice.

Recognising Domestic & Family Violence

- Is usually an **ongoing pattern of behaviour** aimed at **controlling** a partner or family member through fear by using behaviour which is violent and threatening.
- In most cases, a combination of tactics and types of violence are used to exercise power and control over women, children and other family members.
- May include a range of forms of violence and abuse i.e. physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, cultural, cyber, social or financial abuse.
- D&FV includes both criminal and non-criminal behaviour.

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From July 2014 – June 2015

528 women and 410 children stayed at the shelter

The women were from 86 towns and communities across 5 states majority from Alice Springs

Turned away 1986 clients.

On 160 occasions the service had no accommodation available

The outreach service had 486 clients they supported across a number of months

64 clients were non-indigenous that equates to 16.5% of clients

Outreach clients from 15 different countries



What Do We Provide?

- Place for rest and respite
- Safety Planning
- Access to other services
- Children are individual clients
- Evacuation
- Support through legal processes.
- Outreach program
- Court Support
- Supportlink
- Family Safety Framework



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