



Family Violence Action Plan

ATSIC'S Past Involvement

- 1989-1991 funded the Remote Areas Domestic Violence Program in the NT
- 1991 administers Family Violence Intervention Program
- 1998 establishes Family Violence Prevention Legal Services
- 2001 Round Table discussions
- Section 13 Committee on Family Violence
- 2003 Board sign up to family violence policy statement
- 2003 ATSIC Family Violence Action Plan launched.



COAG RECONCILIATION FRAMEWORK

- Nov 2000 COAG agrees on framework to continue efforts to:
 - advance reconciliation and
 - address Indigenous disadvantage
- COAG priorities include:
 - the need for more measures that improve family functioning, focus on childhood health and tackle family violence



ATSIC LEADERSHIP 2003

ATSIC Board:

- establishes Social and Physical Wellbeing Board Committee
- signs up to the ATSIC Family Violence Policy Statement
- adopts Family Violence Action Plan
- establishes Sect 13 Women's Issues Committee
- launches Family Violence Action Plan at Parliament House, Canberra August 21 2003



FOUR ACTION AREAS

1. ATSIC will develop a Family Policy:
 - the Family Violence Action Plan will be a part of the broader policy.
2. ATSIC will take a leadership role on family violence
 - we will help co-ordinate activities of other agencies.
3. Regional Councils will be engaged to raise awareness and change attitudes.
4. Additional resources will be found to support the effort.



Summary of Commitments

INITIATIVES

1. Working for families

- Allowances for 1,000 CDEP places to combat family violence \$ 10.7 million
- funding for supervision, training and management \$ 3.2 million

2. Strengthening legal protection

- Funding for 13 Family Violence Legal Prevention Services \$ 4 million
- Sexual assault workers and training \$ 0.9 million

3. Involving the Regions

- Regional Family Violence Awareness Program \$ 3 million
- Regional Projects \$ 1.1 million
- Production of resource materials and research \$ 0.7 million



1. Working for Families

Extra 1,000 CDEP places:

Objective: To increase the number of CDEP participants involved in activity associated with family violence and substance abuse.

For:

- Remote areas; and
- Activities involving combating family violence and substance abuse

Some examples of activities:

- Night patrols
- Substance abuse treatment
- Mentoring and support for families and individuals
- Community health and wellbeing activities
- Pre-school and after school care
- Police aides and justice workers



2. Strengthening Legal Protection

- ATSIIC fund 13 Family Violence Prevention Legal Services
- This includes a new service in Melbourne
- Each service will be provided with an additional worker in 2003-04
- National training to upgrade expertise in sexual assault and other issues
- Training will be provided to strengthen administration
- A national workshop will be held in 2004



3. Regional Council Family Violence Awareness Program

Objective: To assist Regional Councils to take a strong stand against family violence.

For:

- Raising awareness and helping communities to identify problems;
- Supporting development of local solutions; and
- Co-ordinating assistance from other agencies.

Examples of Activity:

- Planning workshops, seminars and conferences, women's retreats, children's camps etc.
- Any local innovative ideas

What cannot be funded:

- Construction of buildings
- Ongoing activities



3. Regional Council Family Violence Awareness Program (continued)

How much funding is involved:

- Up to \$100,000 per Region
- Can include operational costs for Regional Councils.

Eligibility:

- Sign up to ATSIIC Family violence policy statement (or similar)
- Include Family violence in Regional plans;
- Complete Family Violence Action Plan.
- Regional Office determines costings.



FAMILY VIOLENCE ACTION PLAN

**Is a long term commitment by ATSIIC
and we will continue to further
develop initiatives and planning, with
your help, assistance and ideas.**

