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DAY 1 - September 2

SESSION TIME	PRESENTATION / SPEAKER		
10-10:30a AEST	SUMMIT WELCOME Acknowledgment of Country: Aunty Lesley Williams, Murri Elder Conference Welcome: Dr Heather Nancarrow, Adjunct Research Fellow, Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University		
10:30-11:15a	Safe & Together Welcome & Keynote Address Celebrating 6 Years of Safe & Together Model Implementation in Queensland David Mandel, Executive Director, Safe & Together Institute		
11:15-11:30a	Break		
11:30a-12:30p	Keynote Address The Ripple Effect: practitioners, managers and researchers changing DFV practice through the Safe & Together Model Cathy Humphreys, Professor of Social Work, University of Melbourne		
12:30-12:45p	Address from Minister Hon Leanne Linard, Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Queensland Government		
12:45-1p	Break		
1-2p	Workshop 1: "Safe & Together" – a perpetrator pattern based framework that offers transformational learning to improve practice and responses to Child Sexual Exploitation Speakers: Emma Rees, Queensland University of Technology, Christine Odell and Talia van Gils, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, Christine Odell, Program Officer Walking With Dads, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs and Talia van Gils, Manager & Community Partnerships, Gympie Region Domestic & Family Violence Service	Workshop 2: Integrated Services Forum: Safe & Together Across Agencies Speakers: Members of the Logan/ Beenleigh and Brisbane High Risk Teams: Sophie Manion, Bernadette Wright, Kirstyne Ford, Narelle Simmons, Isabel Fraser	Workshop 3: 5 Steps to Engaging Fathers (who use violence and abuse) in Child Protection: A shift in systems and how we respond to domestic abuse Speakers: Peter Thorpe and Leanne Downes, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs

	Workshop 4: A study that looks at adolescent violence – a focus on partnering with mothers and holistic responses Speaker: Dr Silke Meyer, Monash University	Workshop 5: Part 1: Survivor-led interventions (getting it 'right' and getting it 'wrong') – using role plays to show Safe & Together work with victims and perpetrators Speakers: Emma Rogers, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs and Jackie Wruck, Centre Against Domestic Abuse	Workshop 6: Intersections: When Domestic Violence Perpetration, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Meet Speaker: Heidi Rankin, Safe & Together Institute
2-3p	POST-SUMMIT EVENT Preview of Scenes from “No Ordinary Love” Movie Tracy Rector, Executive Producer and Chyna Robinson, Writer, Director and Producer with Ruth Stearns of the Safe & Together Institute		

DAY 2 - September 3

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10-10:15a AEST	WELCOME BACK David Mandel, Safe & Together Institute		
10:15-11:15a	Executive Panel The Queensland adoption of the Safe & Together Model (2015-21): Reflecting on practice and systemic change. Discussing next steps. Panelists: Deidre Mulkerin, Director General, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs, Karyn Walsh, CEO, MICAH Projects, Julieann Cork, Regional Executive Director, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs and Steve Lock, Domestic Family Violence Practice Leader, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs Facilitator: Dr Meegan Crawford, Chief Practitioner, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs		
11:15-11:30a	Break		
11:30a-12:30p	Workshop 1: The Caboolture Multi-agency Accountability and Risk Collaboration (MAARC) tool: the secret sauce to get a collaboration to be focused on children and to be survivor-led to hold perpetrators accountable Speakers: Angela Pritchard, Mercy Community, Lenore Wasaga, Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH), Leanne Downes, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs and Rodney Vlasis, Independent Contractor	Workshop 2: Smashing Silos Using Safe & Together by the Caboolture Champs Speakers: Tanya Mullins, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, Melanie Safonoff, Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Carmen Park, Queensland Corrective Services, Zoe Rowling, Queensland Police Service, Fiona Worrall, Centre Against Domestic Abuse	Workshop 3: Transforming legal systems to be DV-informed Speakers: Tracey De Simone and Adele Tennant, Office of the Child and Family Official Solicitor, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

	Workshop 4: Engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander fathers who abuse their loved ones: working with our grandfathers, uncles and brothers Speakers: Nazareth Rueben and Rosaria Quartermaine, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs	Workshop 5: Part 2 : Survivor-led interventions (getting it 'right' and getting it 'wrong') – Two DV survivors will discuss their personal experiences of survivor-led intervention and their experiences of when professionals got it 'right' or got it 'wrong' Speakers: Jess and Kylie, Survivors Facilitators: Emma Rogers, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs and Meryl Ehrenberg, Centre Against Domestic Abuse	Workshop 6: NEW Mapping Tool: improving assessment with an eye on intersectionality & worker safety Speaker: Brittany DiBella, Safe & Together Institute
12:30-12:45p	Break		
12:45-1:45p	Keynote Address "See what you made me do": David Mandel & Jess Hill discuss coercive control and the impact on children, the Safe & Together Model and shifting the paradigm away from victim blaming Jess Hill, Investigative Journalist and Author with David Mandel, Safe & Together Institute		
1:45-2p	Conference Close Dr Meegan Crawford, Chief Practitioner, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs David Mandel, Safe & Together Institute		

Program Descriptions & Workshops - Day 1



Acknowledgment of Country

Speaker: Aunty Lesley Williams, Murri Elder

Lesley Williams is a respected Murri (Aboriginal) Elder. She is best known for instigating the domestic and international Justice for Aboriginal Workers campaign, which led to the Queensland State Government in 2002, delivering a historic reparation package of \$55.4 million to all Indigenous workers who had their wages and savings controlled by past governments. In 2003 she was awarded the Centenary Medal for her distinguished services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Lesley has co-produced and consulted on a number of documentary films including *The Ration Shed and For Their Own Good*, and co-wrote *On The Banks of the Barambah: A History of Cherbourg* and *Not Just Black and White: a conversation between a mother and daughter*. She is also a proud and devoted 'Nana' to six grandchildren.



Summit Welcome

Speaker: Dr Heather Nancarrow

Dr Heather Nancarrow is an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University. For forty years she has worked to address violence against women, including in community services and advocacy, government policy, and research.

Heather recently retired from full time work with her most recent role being the inaugural CEO of Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS). She was also the foundation Director of the Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research at CQ University. Heather has held many leadership roles at the state and national level, including Deputy Chair of the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, which produced *Time for Action*, the blue-print for COAG's National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

Heather has a MA (Hons) and a PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Her scholarship is focused on justice responses to violence against women. Her book, *Unintended consequences of domestic violence law: Gendered Aspirations and Racialised Realities* was published in 2019. She has also published several book chapters and numerous peer-reviewed articles related to justice for victim/survivors of domestic and family violence.



Safe & Together Welcome & Keynote Address: Celebrating 6 Years of Safe & Together Model Implementation in Queensland

David Mandel, MA, LPC, Executive Director at the Safe & Together Institute

Description: Over six years ago, Brisbane and Mackay QLD hosted the first Safe & Together Institute trainings in Australia. Since then, Queensland has become an international leader in domestic violence-informed practice change. In this keynote, David Mandel will talk about key highlights of those efforts, their implications for families and systems change, and the future of practice change in Queensland and beyond.



Keynote Title: The Ripple Effect: practitioners, managers and researchers changing DFV practice through the Safe & Together Model

Cathy Humphreys, Professor of Social Work, University of Melbourne

Description: Five practitioner-led research projects have provided the foundations of a partnership between David Mandel and the Safe & Together Institute and Professor Cathy Humphreys and colleagues at University of Melbourne and several other universities. In a long career researching child abuse and domestic and family violence (DFV), these projects shine as exciting and stimulating opportunities which have brought researchers, practitioners and managers together in an area in which new directions were required. Across the five research projects, more than 1000 practitioners and their managers have been directly involved in simultaneously learning and building the knowledge base in the area of child abuse and DFV. This presentation will highlight the different projects and the learning, key findings and the processes involved to create a ripple effect to change practice in the area where children are living with DFV.

Cathy Humphreys is Professor of Social Work at University of Melbourne. She specialises in applied research. Four projects in the past 5 years have worked with the Safe & Together Institute using practice-led, action research through facilitated multi-stakeholder workshops and Communities of Practice. This approach reflects a profound interest in knowledge translation to ensure the support of practice through research. Her research focuses on DFV and child abuse. She has a long-term interest in the intersection of DFV with other complexities including mental health and AOD. Professor Humphreys is a well published author of more than 125 journal articles. She worked at the University of Warwick for 12 years leading a domestic violence and child abuse research centre before returning to Australia in 2006. For 15 years she worked as a social worker.



Address from Minister

Hon Leanne Linard, Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Queensland Government

Leanne Linard is the Queensland Member of Parliament for Nudgee on Brisbane's northside, and is the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

She has lived in the Nudgee Electorate for most of her life and, along with her husband Ian, is raising her two young boys in Nudgee.

As the daughter of a RAAF pilot and engineer, Leanne spent her early years growing up in a Defence Force family and learned the values of community service.

Leanne has previously held community roles, including Co-Chair and Patron of Upbeat Arts, was a member of the Australian Catholic University Brisbane Community Chapter, and was a former board member with Bravehearts, Brisbane Roar FC and Nundah Activity Centre.

She was first elected as the Member for Nudgee in 2015, was re-elected in 2017 and again in 2020.

Prior to being appointed Minister for Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs in November 2020, Leanne served as Parliamentary Chair of several portfolio committees between 2015 and 2020, including child safety.

Prior to entering Parliament, Leanne worked as the Executive Officer of a Commonwealth Statutory Authority, as a policy advisor in the Queensland Government, and as a private sector manager.

She holds a Bachelor of Business from Queensland University of Technology, and a Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training.

Workshops - Day 1

Workshop 1 Title: “Safe & Together” – a perpetrator pattern based framework that offers transformational learning to improve practice and responses to Child Sexual Exploitation

Speakers: Emma Rees, PhD student, Queensland University of Technology, Christine Odell, Program Officer Walking With Dads, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs and Talia van Gils, Manager & Community Partnerships, Gympie Region Domestic & Family Violence Service

Description: This presentation has been developed as a collaboration between a Walking With Dads Practitioner in the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, a regional Domestic Violence Service Manager (both of whom are certified Safe & Together Trainers) and PhD student who will present the information. At the summit the report from the inquest into the death of Mason Jett Lee and other de-identified child safety cases will be used to demonstrate how mapping the perpetrator’s behaviour and partnering with the victim creates opportunities to identify and disrupt DV, CSE and CSA. Analysis of these cases will demonstrate how different agencies held different pieces of information that, when joined together through an interagency approach, CSE was identified. The experience of prosecutors in the UK is that “...when you shine a light on something, you will see more of it” (Azfal cited in Barnett, 2021). Having a clear framework that describes what CSE is and the application of the Safe & Together™ Model would allow the identification and disruption of CSE perpetration.



Emma Rees is an early career researcher and an experienced child protection, social work practitioner currently undertaking a PhD with QUT’s School of Public Health and Social Work. Emma’s critical reflective practice in social work has enabled her to embrace research as a means of improving social work practice. Emma’s current research interests centre upon expanding the knowledge base in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation in Queensland using feminist, qualitative methods to undertake an analysis of the needs of a particular service user group to plan for improved service delivery.



Talia is Manager at Gympie Region Domestic & Family Violence Service, where she works closely with other stakeholders to resource and support survivor safety and to make visible the efforts of survivors to keep themselves and their children safe. Talia is a certified Safe & Together Trainer and is passionate about supporting domestic violence informed practice.

Talia has worked in Community Services for over 30 years in community development, workforce development, education and homelessness.



Chrissy Odell is a Domestic Violence Specialist for the Dept of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs in the 'Walking With Dads' program.

Previous position High Risk Domestic Violence Coordinator and over 27 years in law enforcement in Australia including investigation of Child Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse, 12 years as a Forensic Specialist, a further 7 years working in Cambodia and Mozambique with Foreign Law Enforcement/French Prosecution Org responding to Child Sexual Exploitation and Anti-Human Trafficking. Admitted to the International Criminal Court Hague. Sworn Justice of the Peace and L2 Mediator.

Workshop 2 Title: Integrated Services Forum: Safe & Together Across Agencies

Presenters: Members of the Logan/Beenleigh and Brisbane High Risk Teams: Sophie Manion, Bernadette Wright, Kirstyne Ford, Narelle Simmons, Isabel Fraser

Description: The 'Not Now, Not Ever' Report recommended that the Queensland Government establish a model for inter-agency response to high risk cases which works within, or complements integrated responses and which is progressively established throughout the state. Practitioners across the state have begun to implement the Safe & Together model to share a language and framework that is improving multi-agency responses to survivors and children. This workshop will include a panel of professionals experienced in applying the model from their respective roles across government and non-government sectors. Together they will highlight some of the benefits and learnings of applying the Model in a collaborative forum.



Sophie Manion (convening the panel) Logan/Beenleigh HRT coordinator and Mens Program facilitator

Sophie is a certified trainer with the Safe & Together Institute since 2020 and has been using the model since 2017. She has seven years of experience in child protection across various roles before working with specialist domestic and family violence services in Brisbane and Logan. Currently she is the coordinator for the High Risk Team in Logan/Beenleigh and provides training/education from her role at the Centre for Women and Co.



Bernadette Wright, Brisbane HRT coordinator at Brisbane Domestic Violence Service

Bernadette is one of the Brisbane High Risk Team Coordinators and has been working for Brisbane Domestic Violence Service for over 4 years. During this time, her roles have included a crisis outreach response as part of the Safer Lives Mobile Service; DV worker embedded at QPS Vulnerable Person's Unit, Brisbane North and Women's Advocate, supporting women whose partner or ex-partner are mandated to attend the Men's Domestic Violence Offender Program. Bernadette completed the Safe & Together Training in October 2020. Bernadette is also a qualified professional supervisor for counsellors and a practicing counsellor, specialising in grief and trauma recovery.



Kirstyne Ford, Domestic and Family Violence Child Protection Practitioner, Brisbane Region High Risk Team, Department of Child Safety, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

Kirsty is the DFV Child Protection Practitioner for the Brisbane Region, supporting six Child Safety Service Centres and the Regional Intake Service. This role encompasses supporting staff with understanding, identifying and responding to DFV utilising the Safe & Together Model, whilst also being a core member on the Brisbane High Risk Team.



Narelle Simmons, Health core representative on the HRT in Brisbane

Narelle is an Accredited Mental Health Social Worker who is a strong advocate for change with particular interest in exploring the impacts of systems, power, oppressions, social justice, resilience and wellbeing. Narelle has worked across a variety of settings including domestic and family violence, sexual assault counselling, women's shelters, homelessness, crisis management and acute hospital care.

Commencing her career in the field of young women's housing and health, Narelle has worked in community, private and hospital settings, combining practical personal support, liaison with other health professionals and referrals to professional services that meet client needs.

Narelle has over 15 years' experience and has built her knowledge across a range of sectors with a particular interest in domestic violence and sexual assault, Narelle's approach is always client-centred and trauma-informed. She is deeply committed to understanding a person's situation and working together to devise strategies that are practical, meaningful and realistic. Narelle's approach ensures that everything happening in a client's life is considered, from current supports, housing, financial, cultural considerations, trauma, health, legal situations and education.

Narelle truly believes that everyone is capable of change with the right support, time, connections and strategies that are tailor to an individual's needs, their lived experience, history and aspirations and that each person is the expert in their own lives.



Isabel Fraser, Corrective Services core representative on the HRT in Logan/Beenleigh

Isabel Fraser is the current Queensland Corrective Services core representative on the Logan High Risk Team. She has been with QCS for four and a half years as a senior case manager, monitoring and delivering intervention for high risk sexual and violent offenders in the community. In 2019 Isabel completed the Safe & Together CORE training allowing her to navigate the Corrections space with a Safe & Together lens.

Workshop 3 Title: 5 Steps to Engaging Fathers (who use violence and abuse) in Child Protection: A shift in systems and how we respond to domestic abuse

Presenters: Peter Thorpe and Leanne Downes, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs

Description: How we speak about domestic violence, both in child protection and society more broadly, has traditionally focused on the actions of the mother. Child Protection has treated fathers as being disposable, and as such, we have minimized their role as a parent. This has made them and their behaviours 'invisible' in child protection practice, and has led to DFV destructive practice: practice that seeks to intervene with the mother, often through punitive measures that are ineffective and can, in fact, increase the risk to children and mothers. Since 2015, Queensland statutory and non-government services have invested in the Safe & Together Model to support system and practice improvement. This has included the development of the Walking with Dads (WWD) program, with WWD project officers located in four Child Safety Service Centres. One of the ways WWD project officers embed the S&T model is through providing training and mentoring in the WWD 5 steps for engaging fathers. This workshop will overview this process and how it has supported child protection practitioners to increase the effectiveness of their interventions, through partnering with mothers and effectively engaging fathers, to increase both safety and accountability.



Peter Thorpe, Program Officer, Walking With Dads Program, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs
Peter Thorpe is a Program Officer for the Walking with Dads Program with the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs. Peter has worked for the child protection sector for the past 8 years. Peter has a Bachelor of Science Psychology University of Southern Queensland and is about to complete the Graduate Diploma for Domestic and Family Violence with Central Queensland University. Peter has also worked as a Facilitator of the Caring Dads Program.



Leanne Downes, Walking With Dads Program Officer, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs
Leanne Downes is a Principle Program Officer for the Walking with Dads Program with the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs. The Walking with Dad's program was developed in response to the identified need to strengthen the engagement of fathers in child protection intervention and as an approach to implementing the Safe & Together (David Mandel) framework as best practice in understanding and responding to families living with domestic and family violence.

Leanne is a Certified Trainer of Safe & Together and has worked in the child protection sector for the past 13 years. Leanne holds a Bachelor of Human Services from University of the Sunshine Coast, a Post Graduate Certificate in Child Protection and has studied in the Graduate Certificate in Family Studies through University of NSW. Walking with Dads has been closely aligned with ANROWS funded Invisible Practices and STACY research studies (led by Professor Cathy Humphreys).

Workshop 4 Title: A study that looks at adolescent violence – a focus on partnering with mothers and holistic responses

Presenter: Dr Silke Meyer

Description: This presentation will draw on qualitative interview data derived from interviews with mothers who participated in a larger study on experiences of DFV/IPV and related help-seeking. Findings highlight an intergenerational transmission of violence, specifically for young boys growing up with parental IPV, which contributes to mothers' dual victimisation experiences. Despite those experiences, mothers' narratives reflect an understanding of children's use of violence as learnt behaviours and long-term effects of having experienced fathers use of IPV in the home during their childhood. This raises implications for DFV informed practice in child and family welfare services along with policing and other interventions relevant to families affected by parental IPV to ensure the primary parent and child victims are equally recognised and adequately supported. Findings further suggest that while mothers' short- and long-term recovery needs relating to IPV victimisation are now well understood and documented, children's individual support and recovery needs remain less recognised. This raises implications for holistic and trauma-informed responses, aligned with the S&T model but further extended to long-term recovery support for children experiencing IPV to mitigate the risk of adverse long-term outcomes, including the intergenerational transmission of violence.



Dr Silke Meyer is the Deputy Director of the Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre. She is a criminologist and social worker by training, bringing practical and theoretical expertise to her research, teaching and writing. Her research centres on different aspects of domestic and family violence, including women and children's safety, wellbeing and recovery, men's accountability in their role as perpetrators and fathers, experiences specific to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the role of domestic and family violence-informed practice in child protection, policing and court proceedings. Silke has delivered evaluations for a number of government and non-government organisations, including police, child protection, perpetrator interventions and victim support services. She is currently working on two ANROWS funded projects around the experiences and use of violence in the home among young people and arising support needs for young people and their families. Silke is a Subject Matter Expert for the Raising Children Network and a former non-government member of the inaugural Qld Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board. Her research has been published and cited across disciplines and continues to inform policy and practice in areas of victim, perpetrator and family-related service delivery.

Workshop 5 Title: Part 1: Survivor- led interventions (getting it 'right' and getting it 'wrong') – using role plays to show Safe & Together work with victims and perpetrators

Presenters: Emma Rogers, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs and Jackie Wruck, Centre Against Domestic Abuse

Description: Part 1 of a two part workshop will have three experienced DFV practitioners who are Safe & Together trainers, two from CADA the Caboolture DFV service and one from Child Protection Walking with Dads program. They will present videos where they role play working with an Aboriginal Mother (survivor) and the father (perpetrator). The focus will be on how the partnership with the mother captures “survivor led intervention”. It will show how the survivor helps the work plan the intervention work with the father. The role plays show how to do it right and how to do it wrong! After watching each role play there will be opportunity for questions and discussion.



Emma has over 25 years of experience working in the social work field in Australia and the UK in the areas of Domestic and Family Violence (women's refuges), Mental Health, Youth Homelessness, Asylum seeker support and Child Protection. Emma currently works for the Queensland Government Department of Child Safety, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs as a Regional DFV Practitioner. For the past four years she has developed and worked in the Walking with Dads Program – an innovative program that has a strong partnering foundation with mothers and children to create intervention for fathers, to hold them accountable and responsible for their destructive behaviours to increase safety and wellbeing for families. Emma is also a Safe & Together Trainer.



Jackie Wruck is a proud Aboriginal Yindinji woman from Far North Queensland, Yarrabah region and Crisis Practitioner for Centre Against Domestic Abuse. Jackie's own experience of domestic and family violence led her to becoming a certified Safe & Together trainer, and a facilitator and previously the cultural advisor for the Walking with Dads program that works with, and walks with, fathers who have perpetrated violence in their families. Jackie has recently completed her Bachelor of Social Work and is keen to work with families to try and make a difference by working from a strength's based approach.

Workshop 6 Title: Intersections: When Domestic Violence Perpetration, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Meet

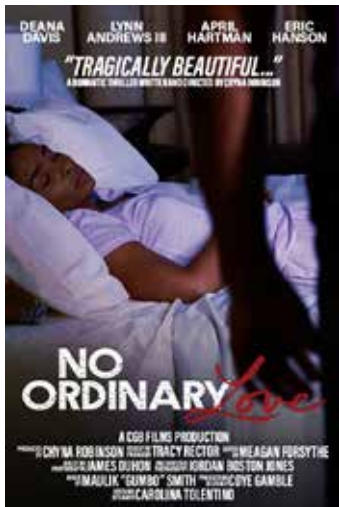
Presenter: Heidi Rankin, Associate Director, Safe & Together Institute

Description: Many families impacted by domestic violence perpetrators' behaviors have multiple, complex, intersecting issues. In the past, we might have referred to these as co-occurring issues. But the language of co-occurrence often does not provide us with a sense of how these issues interact. For example, listing the family's



issues is not as powerful as explaining how the domestic violence perpetrator interfered with his partner's recovery. Using an intersections framework, versus a co-occurrence framework, we increase perpetrator accountability, improve our ability to diagnose and treat each member of the family, and improve our ability to help the adult and children survivors.

Heidi Rankin, MPA, has over 20 years experience in the sexual and domestic violence field. She has worked in crisis counselling, program and policy development and advocacy in both the United States and Canada. As a member of the Prince Edward Island Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention, Heidi helped develop a child welfare domestic violence screening protocol. Heidi received a Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in domestic violence from University of Colorado at Denver, the only program of its kind in the country. In her current role, she oversees the training staff and faculty, manages our Certified Trainers and presents nationally and internationally.



Post-Summit Event: Preview of Scenes from “No Ordinary Love” Movie

Tracy Rector, Executive Producer & Chyna Robinson, Writer, Director and Producer with Ruth Stearns Mandel of the Safe & Together Institute

SHORT SYNOPSIS: Lines between romantic ideals and control become blurred when Elizabeth's charming husband manipulates her into believing she is going insane. At the same time, Tanya's idyllic life is marred when her husband can no longer handle the stress of his career. When both women decide to leave, they realize it isn't going to go as smoothly as they'd planned.

Director, writer and producer Chyna Robinson made her film debut with the short film entitled Greenwood: 13 Hours (2017). The short won 18 awards including 3 Best Short Film Awards. On the heels of producing No Ordinary Love, Chyna was honored at SXSW 2019 as a “Female Filmmaker to Watch” by Film Fort Worth. She also appeared on prime news segments on the CW network in Orlando, FL and Live at 9 in Memphis, TN, and Good Morning Texas.



Tracy Rector served as executive producer on her first foray into independent film with No Ordinary Love. She reached out to young filmmaker, Chyna Robinson, to write and direct a film on Intimate Partner Violence.

Tracy served for seven years on the board of directors for SafeHaven of Tarrant County (Texas), the area's only domestic violence shelter and service agency. Her experience on the board and as a survivor of a 23-year marriage with intimate partner violence drove her passion to raise awareness of domestic violence through film.

Program Descriptions & Workshops - Day 2

Welcome back: David Mandel, Safe & Together Institute

Executive Panel: The Queensland adoption of the Safe & Together Model (2015-21): Reflecting on practice and systemic change. Discussing next steps.

Panelists: Deidre Mulkerin, Director General, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs, Karyn Walsh, CEO, MICA Projects, Julieann Cork, Regional Executive Director, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs, Steve Lock, Domestic Family Violence Practice Leader, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs
Facilitator: Dr Meegan Crawford, Chief Practitioner, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs

Description: This panel will feature executive managers and practice leaders who have contributed to the Queensland adoption of the S&T model over the last 6 years.

The panel will describe how child and family practice has changed in domestic violence casework. The group will talk about the training (L&D) and research approach and the various other ways that S&T has been embedded. This will include Aboriginal and Torres Strait leadership, the WalkingWithDads model and the way that S&T has been picked up in other systems including Courts and High Risk Teams. The panel will reflect on how a shared framework and language has benefitted wider partnerships across the child welfare and domestic violence sector. Finally the panel will look forward to the next steps on the Safe & Together journey, a recognition and discussion of the challenges that remain.



Deidre Mulkerin is the Director-General of the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA), a role she has held since February 2020. Prior to taking up this role she was Deputy Secretary, People and Culture, Department of Education, New South Wales, responsible for driving workforce reform, workplace safety and leadership.

Deidre has a wealth of experience in the child protection and juvenile justice sectors. Earlier in her career she worked in frontline roles in these areas and managed regional operations across human services. She also led state-wide reform initiatives for both the Queensland and New South Wales governments.

Since 2004, Deidre has held numerous senior executive roles responsible for statutory child protection, juvenile justice, housing, homelessness, and domestic and family violence prevention, including as Deputy Secretary, Commissioning, for the New South Wales human service government agency, Family and Community Services. In this role, Deidre was responsible for ensuring decisions about how services were delivered, monitored and

improved and that the focus of delivery was guided by client outcomes and robust evidence and data. In addition to her senior executive and leadership experience, Deidre has provided evidence at several Commissions of Inquiry, including the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Her strengths in policy development and delivery were demonstrated through her leadership of the New South Wales Premier's priorities of Protecting Our Kids and Reducing Youth Homelessness.

As an inaugural participant in the New South Wales Public Service Commission's Leadership Academy, Deidre has been recognised as an outstanding public sector leader.



Karyn is the CEO of Micah Projects, a not-for-profit providing services across the Brisbane Metropolitan Area to over 6,000 people. Micah Projects provides regional Brisbane Domestic Violence services, Home for Good homelessness services to individuals, families and children and early intervention young parenting programs. Karyn has been advocating for many years to break down silos between services and systems to improve access and outcomes for people relying on services for their safety, protection and wellbeing. Karyn has worked in the community services sector for over 40 years in direct service delivery, management, governance, collective and collaborative work. She has contributed to national, state and local boards.



Julieann Cork, Regional Executive Director, Department of Child, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, BSocWk and her child safety operational team were responsible for leading the development, implementation and evaluation of the Walking With Dads trial into Queensland Child Safety Service Centres. Julieann has also had extensive experience in the child and family policy, programming and commissioning areas for Queensland.



Steve Lock, Practice Leader (Domestic Family Violence), Child Protection Practice, Office of Chief Practitioner, Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs has 25 years experience as a child protection social worker; working previously in London, Edinburgh and Canberra. He has a Masters Degree in Child Protection (Distinction) from Kingston (London) University.

Steve has been part of various initiatives to build Domestic Violence informed practice in Child Safety work across Queensland. He has worked on a series of ANROWS research studies (2015-20) led by Professor Cathy Humphreys. These studies have supported the adoption of the Safe & Together (David Mandel) model in child protection work in Queensland. Steve is a Safe & Together trainer and leads the statewide group (24 trainers). And in the context of this learning Steve led the 'Walking with Dads' (WWD) initiative from 2016-18. Following a successful evaluation the WWD approach is being developed more widely across Child Safety work. WWD works with fathers who have patterns of violent and coercive behaviour – with the intention to hold them accountable for the violence in the context of their parenting responsibilities.



Dr Meegan Crawford is the Chief Practitioner for the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, Qld. With oversight of the teams responsible for child death and serious injury reviews; child safety complaints; child safety training; operational policy and practice development and guidance; and partnerships and projects, the Chief Practitioner role leads reforms to improve safety, belonging, cultural and wellbeing outcomes.

Workshops - Day 2

Workshop 1 Title: The Caboolture Multi-agency Accountability and Risk Collaboration (MAARC) tool: the secret sauce to get a collaboration to be focused on children and to be survivor-led to hold perpetrators accountable

Speakers: Angela Pritchard, Mercy Community, Lenore Wasaga, Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH), Rodney Vlasis, Independent Contractor/Change Consultant and Leanne Downes, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

Description: Leading change can be especially challenging within a system of siloed agencies, differing resources, limited funding, and varied programs. In this session we will learn about the forming of a successful collaboration by using the Safe & Together model as the foundation and shared language for a community of practice (CoP) and the development of a tool that came out of the CoP called the MAARC, which became the secret sauce for the collaboration used to hold perpetrators accountable across the sector. The session will share the components of the MAARC tool used by the sector, the development of the tool and how it cemented the collaboration.

Presenters will discuss the focus for the collaboration including: survivor led work and partnering with the adult survivor, exposing impacts on children and children voices, information sharing on perpetrator patterns of coercive control, and the ongoing cultural consults ensuring provisions were appropriate and culturally safe. The session will also demonstrate how the tool can be used to facilitate partnership with the mother and child survivor to seek permissions, wishes, decision making, and a feedback loop all directing the integrated service response (ISR) to intervene with the perpetrator to hold him accountable and responsible to increase safety and wellbeing for adult and child survivors. The session will discuss the successes, the challenges, highlights and outcomes and future recommendations. Finally, reflections are shared by the presenters around the benefits of this CoP, the MAARC tool and the ongoing collaborative processes for both practitioners and organisations.



Angela earned a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University majoring in psychology and criminological research. Angela received her Master of Social Work at ACU and has held leadership roles in fostering and DFV services. Angela has facilitated a Community of Practice with the Safe & Together framework embedded in practice and continues to work toward keeping perpetrators accountable. Angela has facilitated varied training to both practitioners and those outside of her profession. Angela serves on the board of a DFV charity and values communication, collaboration, genuine consultation, and inclusion.



Lenore Wasaga first became involved in the DFV sector in 2000. During this time, she served as Chairperson of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander NGO DFV organisation for 4 years and has been on multiple committees over the years since then. Lenore's background includes working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community, state-wide government training and facilitation, policy, and consultant liaison. Lenore earned a Bachelor of Health Science from Charles Darwin University and is currently undertaking further post-graduate Domestic and Family Violence studies at Queensland University of Technology.



Rodney Vlasis, independent contractor/change consultant, is a psychologist, supervisor, consultant and trainer in engaging men who cause family violence harm. They have substantial experience both as a men's behaviour change practitioner and in policy and capability-building work, having run projects commissioned by NGOs and/or government agencies focusing on FV harm in each Australian state and territory. Rodney is passionate about communities and a wide spectrum of services taking collective responsibility to end gender-based violence.



Leanne Downes is a Principle Program Officer for the Walking with Dads Program with the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs. The Walking with Dad's program was developed in response to the identified need to strengthen the engagement of fathers in child protection intervention and as an approach to implementing the Safe & Together (David Mandel) framework as best practice in understanding and responding to families living with domestic and family violence.

Leanne is a Certified Trainer of Safe & Together and has worked in the child protection sector for the past 13 years. Leanne holds a Bachelor of Human Services from University of the Sunshine Coast, a Post Graduate Certificate in Child Protection and has studied in the Graduate Certificate in Family Studies through University of NSW. Walking with Dads has been closely aligned with ANROWS funded Invisible Practices and STACY research studies (led by Professor Cathy Humphreys).

Workshop 2 Title: Smashing Silos Using Safe & Together by the Caboolture Champs

Speakers: Tanya Mullins, Senior Practitioner, Morayfield Child Safety Service Centre, Moreton Region, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, Melanie Safonoff, Integration Manager, Office for Women and Violence Prevention, Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Carmen Park, Supervisor, Caboolture Community Corrections, Queensland Corrective Services, Zoe Rowling, SGT, Queensland Police Service, Fiona Worrall, HRT Senior Coordinator, Centre Against Domestic Abuse

Description: About 10 years ago, a small group of highly motivated and passionate professionals in Caboolture started a journey to bring siloed systems together to work in the spirit of keeping women and children safe. Some of these professionals and additional champions would like to share what breaking down the silos and building an integrated response journey looks like in practice. This will be presented by representatives of the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (CYJMA), QLD Police Service (QPS), Qld Corrective Services (QCS), Department of Justice and Attorney General (DJAG) and the Centre against Domestic Abuse (CADA). Over the years, Caboolture has had a number of initiatives to build integration including PRADO, DVCAM, communities of practice, the introduction of the high-risk team in Caboolture and the recent Safe & Together training of the High Risk team. These initiatives were developed to build relationships, share information and strengthen processes resulting in positive outcomes for women and children and increased perpetrator accountability. As a result of the successful service system integration in Caboolture, these initiatives have been adopted in other parts of the State.

Two real-life (de-identified) case studies will be showcased to highlight the challenges of collaboration and the positive outcomes of using the integration of Safe & Together and interagency partnerships.



Tanya Mullins, Senior Practitioner, Morayfield Child Safety Service Centre, Moreton Region, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

Tanya has worked in child protection for the last 15 years. Before this, Tanya was a Queensland Police Officer for approximately 10 years. Her career in child protection is heavily grounded within the investigation and assessment area where she was the Senior Team Leader with the Caboolture Investigation team for nearly 5 years. Tanya more recently has been working as the Principal Child protection practitioner where she works closely with partner agencies in a consultancy role on child protection matters, as well as education on statutory child protection system processes and responsibilities.

Tanya is also heavily involved with the Caboolture high risk team by providing supervision to the Child Safety core members and more recently having trained all members of the High-Risk Team in Safe & Together. Tanya currently works as a Senior Practitioner at the Morayfield Child Safety Service Centre.

Tanya was introduced to Safe & Together in 2016 completing the 4-day core training and has since implemented and embedded this model within her teams and across the Moreton Region.

Tanya is a true champion of the model, having extensively worked the model in practice alongside her investigation team and has experienced first-hand the positive outcomes of keeping women and children safe and accountability to perpetrators in the context of child protection.

Tanya became a trainer in S&T in 2020 and passionately enjoys the training of colleagues both Departmental and partner agencies and is a true pioneer at influencing practice.



Melanie Safonoff is the Integration Manager, Office for Women and Violence Prevention, Department of Justice and Attorney-General. Melanie is responsible for oversight of the Brisbane and Caboolture High Risk teams and place-based Domestic and Family Violence Integrated Service Responses. In addition, Melanie's role is to manage the funding contracts for domestic, family and sexual violence services in the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay and Brisbane. Melanie holds a Master of Social Work and has worked in the area of statutory child protection for over 25 years. Melanie has encouraged the use of the Safe & Together (S & T) model as a framework for collaboration across agencies, and was the first to introduce core S & T training and communities of practice to the High Risk teams in Queensland.



Carmen Park, Queensland Corrective Services (QCS), has worked for the public Service in community safety roles spanning 23 years in New Zealand and Queensland. Carmen is permanently appointed to role of Supervisor at Caboolture Community Corrections where she has maintained this role for 10 years. Carmen has also fulfilled several secondments including Public Service Representative on the Parole Board Queensland and the Principal Project Office role in the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Unit for Child, Safety, Youth and Women. Carmen is a strong advocate for the protection of women and children experiencing DFV, perpetrator accountability, working collaboratively and contributed to the development and implementation of DVCAM, PRADO and HRT. Carmen has attended Safety and Together (S&T) Model training and advocates for and encourages the inclusion of the S&T principles and practice in the work that Caboolture Community Corrections does.



Zoe Rowling is a Sergeant of Police, District Domestic and Family Violence Coordinator in the Moreton Police District. I have 30 years service and have worked in numerous stations around the State of Queensland. I started my service at Petrie Police Station, working in General Duties. I remained in General Duties for the majority of my service starting from the rank of Constable to my current rank of Sergeant. Other Stations that I have worked at North Brisbane Mobile Patrols, Brisbane City Station, Redcliffe, Charleville, Quilpie, Morven, Tambo, Kirwan, Townsville Communications Centre, Maryborough, Tiaro, and Redcliffe Communications Centre.



I started my current role as the Domestic and Family Violence Coordinator in 2008 at the Redcliffe Police Station. My role includes working in partnership with CADA (Centre Against Domestic Abuse) with the Prado Project and also with the local Redcliffe Neighbourhood Centre, Encircle. I work closely with the other Government departments on a regular basis including Community Corrections, Child Safety, Youth Justice and Housing. I am also one of the QPS representatives for the Moreton High Risk Team.

Fiona Worrall, High Risk Team Senior Coordinator for the Centre Against Domestic Abuse (CADA)

The Caboolture High Risk Team is a team of representatives from government and non-government organisations that meet together to discuss cases where people experiencing domestic violence are at risk of serious injury or lethality. The Caboolture High Risk Team (HRT) shares information about domestic violence, completes risk assessments and provides case coordination to improve the safety of people experiencing domestic and family violence. The Caboolture HRT also aims to increase perpetrator accountability and improve systems responses to people experiencing domestic violence.

Workshop 3 Title: Transforming legal systems to be DV-informed

Speakers: Tracey De Simone, Official Solicitor, Office of the Child and Family Official Solicitor, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs & Adele Tennant, Practice Leader, Office of the Child and Family Official Solicitor, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

Description: Two presenters from the Office of the Child and Family Official Solicitor will present on innovative legal practice in child protection proceedings over the last three years. This in-house legal unit has created an environment that has allowed staff across the department to use the legal process to support practice consistent with the Safe & Together model. The presentation will also discuss collaboration across stakeholders in the larger legal system, with the Family Court and legal aid solicitors.



Tracey de Simone is the Official Solicitor in the Office of the Child and Family Official Solicitor.

She leads a team of around 100 lawyers and paralegals across Queensland situated in child safety service centres. She has previously worked at Legal Aid Queensland in a variety of roles. She has also worked as a strategic policy officer in the Department of Justice. She started her 25 year career in private practice. She specialised in family law, domestic violence cases, independent children's representation and separate representation in child protection matters. She has also practised in criminal law and anti-discrimination law.



Adele Tennant, Practice Leader, Office of the Official Child and Family Solicitor, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

I have worked in the child protection sector for over 25 years in various roles including Court Services Adviser, Senior Practitioner, Quality Practice Officer and Manager. I am committed to a strength based approach to practice and since undertaking the four day Safe & Together training when it was first introduced to the department it has resonated with me and has been incorporated into my practice framework. In terms of Safe & Together, I have also undertaken the case reading training and a two-day training developed specifically for Lawyers in Queensland. In my current role as Practice Leader for the Office of the Child and Family Official Solicitor, Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs, I am committed to ensuring that all our OCFOs lawyers have access to training in the Safe & Together model that is offered within the department and further, I endeavor to assist our staff to actively apply the principles of the model in the work that they undertake.

Workshop 4 Title: Engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander fathers who abuse their loved ones: working with our grandfathers, uncles and brothers

Speakers: Nazareth Rueben and Rosaria Quartermaine, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

Description: DFV has always been the unspoken, hidden shame with beliefs of DFV being 'a part of our culture' from not only our non-indigenous people but also sometimes our people. This generational trauma has been passed down from generation to generation. We are First Nations people from both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, together we will bring our cultural knowledge and present how we engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander fathers and engage them about not just being a father to their children but also as a cultural father to their nieces and nephews and to children within their communities.

Our focus will be on how we engage with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander father's, brothers, uncles and grandfathers, acknowledging their role as a father, a cultural father, their responsibility as a father to their children and a cultural father to the children within their community, yarning time with father's and asking them "what legacy will you be leaving behind for your young people, your children that look up to you as a leader as you look up to your old people, fathers and uncles as leaders, what are their fathering values and teachings, who do they look up too as leader, role model and was a father to them with the message that DFV is not a part of our culture, it's not men's business and we should talk about it

We will also talk about the 5 steps of engaging father's that the WWD Team created and how we incorporate the S&T model with it and use Safe & Together as a framework to be survivor focused on what mothers and children want from their fathers and step/fathers to support our engagement to hold father's accountable, acknowledge

and honouring them as fathers and cultural fathers and walk alongside them on their journey to better understand that DFV isn't a part of our culture, this is a generational thorn that we will work together to remove.



Nazareth Reuben, Program Officer, WalkingWithDads, North Queensland Region, Mount Isa & Gulf, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

I am a proud Darnley Island woman from the Torres Strait Islands and I currently work on Kalkadoon country in Mt Isa as a Walking with Dads Program Officer. I have been in this position for 3 years, within this role I imbedded the Safe & Together framework to support Child Safety professionals and external agencies to better respond to Domestic and Family Violence. In 2018 a Safe & Together Community of Practice was held in Mt Isa and I supported facilitation with Leanne Downes. In 2019-2020 I have also facilitated regular (6) Safe & Together monthly consult led by a Safe & Together facilitator from the Safe & Together Institute. Within my WWD role I regularly host training to staff to better understand perpetrator pattern base approach, partnering with mothers, multiple pathways to harm and how they impact children within indigenous families. In 2018, I completed the 4-day S&T CORE training with Leanne Downes and Jackie Wruck as my trainers.



Rosaria Quartermaine is a Noongar woman who was born in Port Headland Western Australia and raised in Carnarvon and Perth. Rosaria has gained her qualifications in psychology from James Cook University Townsville (which is ironic). She has worked in the government and non-government sector in women's services, children services including disability services as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled organisations for 20-years. Rosaria is passionate about reconciliation and restitution for Aboriginal Peoples of Australia.

Workshop 5 Title: Part 2 : Survivor-led interventions (getting it 'right' and getting it 'wrong') – Two DV survivors will discuss their personal experiences of survivor-led intervention and their experiences of when professionals got it 'right' or got it 'wrong'

Presenters: Jess and Kylie, Survivors

Facilitators: Emma Rogers, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs and Meryl Ehrenberg, Centre Against Domestic Abuse



Description: In Part 2, we are honoured to have two survivors discuss their experiences of destructive, neglectful and oppressive practice and when they experienced DFV informed responses and engagement that was survivor-led and their concept of survivor led intervention and recommendations for future practice for the sector. Discussion will be facilitated by DFV practitioners/ Safe & Together trainers.

Emma has over 25 years of experience working in the social work field in Australia and the UK in the areas of Domestic and Family Violence (women's refuges), Mental Health, Youth Homelessness, Asylum seeker support and Child Protection. Emma currently works for the Queensland Government Department of Child Safety, Youth Justice

and Multicultural Affairs as a Regional DFV Practitioner. For the past four years she has developed and worked in the Walking with Dads Program – an innovative program that has a strong partnering foundation with mothers and children to create intervention for fathers, to hold them accountable and responsible for their destructive behaviours to increase safety and wellbeing for families. Emma is also a Safe & Together Trainer.



Meryl Ehrenberg B.Occ.Thy.; M. Counsel is Principal Practitioner Domestic and Family Violence with the Centre Against Domestic Abuse (CADA). CADA provides services in the local government area of the Moreton Bay Regional council and surrounds. Meryl has worked with CADA for around 27 years in various practitioner roles and in the leadership team, and is currently a certified trainer for Safe & Together. Meryl's first profession was as an Occupational Therapist.

Meryl is committed to encouraging and supporting colleagues within CADA, partner agencies and broader systems responding to DFV to achieve proficiency in responses to DFV and to maintain high standards of practice. A particular focus of interest is around multi-agency collaborations and integrated service responses to DFV. In recent years, Meryl has been privileged to participate in communities of practice in Caboolture for the Invisible Practices and Stacy projects, and in the trial project focused on multi-agency accountability and risk coordination (MAARC).

Workshop 6 Title: NEW Mapping Tool: Improving Assessment with an Eye on Intersectionality and Worker Safety

Presenter: Brittany DiBella, Head of Operations & Resource Development, Evaluation & Events Manager, Safe & Together Institute

Description: This session will introduce the new Safe & Together Model Virtual Mapping Tool coming late-2021. Learn about the gaps and challenges the new tool seeks to address and its innovative approach to assessment. The Mapping Tool has been one of the most popular Safe & Together Model tools and has proved to create meaningful change in both individual practice and systems.



Brittany DiBella, MSW, Head of Operations, Resource Development, Evaluation & Events Manager, Safe & Together Institute

Brittany DiBella has been Safe & Together Institute Faculty since 2015 and currently holds the title of Head of Operations and Resource Development & Evaluation Manager. She assists with the development of curricula and facilitates training on the Safe & Together™ Model for child welfare and domestic violence professionals. Brittany has over eight years of experience in the field of domestic violence work including research and evaluation of New Jersey's co-located advocate program; educating advocates, child welfare professionals and social work students

on issues related to violence against women and children; direct-practice experience with survivors of trauma and interpersonal violence and work with adolescents impacted by violence. Brittany also served on New Jersey's Child Fatality Review Board in 2017, is certified in Violence Against Women & Children from Rutgers University School of Social Work and is certified in New Jersey as a Domestic Violence Specialist.

Keynote Title: “See what you made me do”: David Mandel & Jess Hill discuss coercive control and the impact on children, the Safe & Together Model and shifting the paradigm away from victim blaming

Speakers: Jess Hill & David Mandel

Description: In this session David Mandel (Executive Director of the Safe & Together Institute) and Jess Hill (author of 'See what you made me do') will discuss how coercive control impacts on mothers and how children experience this. David will talk about how the perpetrator behaviour mapping tool is used to assess this behaviour and Jess will comment on her research with mothers in this context. They will discuss the national debate about criminalisation of coercive control and competing views on this topic. Most importantly, David and Jess will comment and provide advice on how practitioners across the system can prevent the coercive control focus leading to 'victim blaming' or increased removal of children.



Jess Hill is a Walkley-award winning investigative journalist who's been reporting on domestic abuse for several years. Prior to this, she was a Middle East correspondent, and worked as both a producer and reporter for various programs across the ABC, including AM, PM, The World Today, and Background Briefing. In 2019, she published her first book, See What You Made Me Do, about the phenomenon of domestic abuse in Australia. It was awarded the 2020 Stella Prize, and has been shortlisted for several others, including the Walkley Book Award and the Prime Minister's Literary Award. In 2021, SBS will broadcast a three-part series adaptation of her book, and she is producing an audio documentary series with the Victorian Women's Trust.



David Mandel, MA, LPC, Executive Director, Safe & Together Institute

With over almost 30 years' experience in the domestic violence field, David's international training and consulting focuses on improving systems' responses to domestic violence when children are involved. Through years of work with child welfare systems, David has developed the Safe & Together™ Model to improve case practice and cross system collaboration in domestic violence cases involving children. He has also identified how a perpetrator pattern-based approach can improve our ability to help families and promote the development of domestic violence-informed child welfare systems.

David and the Safe & Together Institute's staff and faculty have consulted to United States' child welfare systems in a number of states including New York, Louisiana, New Jersey, Iowa, Wisconsin, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware,

Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, the District of Columbia, Vermont, Oregon and Ohio. In the last five years, their work has expanded outside the United States with research, training and consultation in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and other countries. The Safe & Together Institute works closely with domestic violence advocates, in the United States and abroad, to help them more effectively work with child protection systems and better advocate for child welfare-involved adult and child domestic violence survivors. David has written and published online courses which has launched a new Safe & Together Model Certified Trainer initiative that will increase the Institute's ability to support sustainable implementation of domestic violence-informed practice in the US and abroad.

David has written or co-written journal articles on batterer's perceptions of their children's exposure to domestic violence, domestic violence case reading tools, and the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare practice. His chapter on "Batterers and the Lives of Their Children" was published in the Praeger Series Violence Against Women in Families and Relationships.



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