

# Welcome to Central Highlands

Hello and welcome to the family violence system in Central Highlands!

As the Principal Strategic Advisor for the Central Highlands Integrated Family Violence Committee (CHIFVC), I want to welcome you to our sector and our region. It's a great place to work, and we hope that this Guide will support you as you navigate our local system.

The Central Highlands community services sector prides itself on its exceptional relationships and collaborations. Everyone is focussed on changing the world together, one case at a time. This grounding supports us as we innovate, face difficulties together, and challenge each other to be guided by our aspirations for a world without violence.

## About CHIFVC

CHIFVC is a cross-sector body made up of 28 different agencies, all of whom in some way participate in the family violence services system in Central Highlands. Our shared vision is that **all people are safe, respected and valued, and live free from family violence**.

As a strategic governance body, we seek to identify blockages in the system and design solutions that work across agencies to strengthen our shared response to family violence. You'll find details about how to remain connected with CHIFVC at the back of this Guide.

## About the Guide

This CHIFVC Guide to the Family Violence System in Central Highlands is designed as a living document to support your practice. It contains information and data about the Central Highlands region, about family violence, and some key practice resources.

As new resources are developed, including outcomes of projects CHIFVC has run or participated in, they will be made available via the CHIFVC website. You will be able to download and/or print them to add to a binder if you prefer. If you have feedback or suggestions about resources to be added to the Guide, please do get in contact with us.

All the best,



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