

Media Release

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PARTNERING WITH PRIDE TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE

Organisations will join forces to identify what works to prevent family violence, thanks to a new guide supported by the Andrews Labor Government

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence welcomed the launch of Rainbow Health Australia's *Pride in Prevention Partnership Guide*.

Developed in partnership with Safe and Equal, the guide increases the ability of LGBTIQ+ and family violence prevention organisations to work together to deliver prevention programs addressing family violence experienced by LGBTIQ+ people.

Violence against LGBTIQ+ people is driven by rigid ideas of gender and sexuality that have much in common with the drivers of violence against women.

The Labor Government is leading the nation on family violence reform, taking steps to prevent family violence in Victoria and learn about the drivers of violence against LGBTIQ+ people.

The guide brings together the expertise of organisations working in these sectors and shows that by partnering together, Victoria can be a safer place for LGBTIQ+ people.

The guide is the culmination of the collaborative partnership between Rainbow Health Australia and Safe and Equal.

In December last year, the Government provided Rainbow Health Australia with \$750,000 for the continuation of the LGBTIQ+ Family Violence Primary Prevention Project, building on \$695,000 funding for the project between 2019 and 2021. These programs complement the guide.

The guide will also support the Government's landmark 10-year plan to drive equality for LGBTIQ+ communities, *Pride in our future: Victoria's LGBTIQ+ strategy 2022–32*.

Quote attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence

"This guide is an invaluable resource for organisations within the LGBTIQ+ and prevention sectors. We know that when we support greater collaboration between organisations, we provide better connected services."

Quote attributable to Minister for Equality Harriet Shing

"LGBTIQ+ Victorians deserve to live safely and be themselves, that's why guidelines like this are so important – so that organisations can work together to continue to prevent violence before it starts."

Quotes attributable to Rainbow Health Australia Director Marina Carmen

"This guide will support organisations across sectors to address the shared drivers of violence, the deep underlying social causes that result in violence for both LGBTIQ+ communities and women."

"When we work together, we can make a big difference in changing rigid ideas of sexuality and gender, which ultimately harm us all."

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