

# Media Release

## The Hon Ros Spence MP

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## MORE SUPPORT TO PREVENT ADOLESCENT FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Andrews Labor Government is expanding the Adolescent Family Violence in the Home program across the state to prevent family violence before it starts – ensuring Victorian families are kept safe.

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence today announced six organisations will share in more than \$17 million to deliver integrated early intervention responses for adolescents who use violence.

The successful providers are Anglicare, Australian Childhood Foundation, Berry Street, Melbourne City Mission, Uniting and Quantum Support Services.

The providers will deliver trauma informed, evidence-based services to young people – providing a coordinated response that supports a young person’s developmental and therapeutic needs and safety for the entire family.

The new model of care draws on evidence-based interventions and was developed following a review and analysis of national and international programs, approaches and research.

The *Royal Commission into Family Violence* highlighted family violence that is perpetrated by an adolescent requires a targeted and distinct response.

Young people who use violence against a family member are often victim survivors themselves and the care and welfare of the young person using violence is a primary consideration in this new program.

An additional \$5.7 million has also been allocated to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to continue to deliver Aboriginal led and community designed approaches to adolescent family violence in the home.

Victoria is leading the nation with its work to end family violence, with the Labor Government investing more than \$3.7 billion since the *Royal Commission into Family Violence*, more than every other state and territory combined.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence

*“This funding supports the statewide expansion of adolescent family violence programs, ensuring young people can access the counselling and care they need, when they need it.”*

*“Adolescent family violence is a distinct form of family violence and that’s why we’re investing in this program and providing a targeted response to support the safety and wellbeing of all family members.”*