



TANGENTYERE
WOMEN'S FAMILY SAFETY GROUP
"Strong Women, Strong Families"

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency...000

**Police Assistance
Line...131 444**

**TANGENTYERE:
Night Patrol...
1800 133 110
Family Violence
Prevention Pro-
grams...
08 8952 1430**

**24hr Women's
Shelter...
08 8952 6075**

**Public Housing
Safety Officers...
131 444**

**24hr Counseling...
1800 737 7328**

**CATT Team...
1800 682 288**

Life Line...131 144

**Parents Line...
1300 30 1300**

**Headspace...
1800 659388**

**THE FIRST RULE
OF KINDNESS
IS TO BE KIND
TO YOURSELF.**

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Family Violence Prevention Training at St Mary's.



Opposite (Left) (L-R) Glorianna Mocketarinja, Theresa Davis, Nanetta Kenny, Desma Abbott, Tina Drover, Adrianne Gorey, Marissa McMillan, Beverly McMillan & Maureen Nungala

Below: Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group diagram exploring the Experience of a Women living through Family and Domestic Violence in Central Australia". Contacts available below for a copy of this diagram in PowerPoint or PDF form.

The Tangentyere Family Violence Prevention team recently delivered a 2 day training session on Family Violence Prevention and Family Safety at St Mary's with Tangentyere Employment Services participants.

Over the 2 days (24th and 25th October), 19 women participated in the training– 17 on the first day and 9 on the second day. The topics that were covered included:

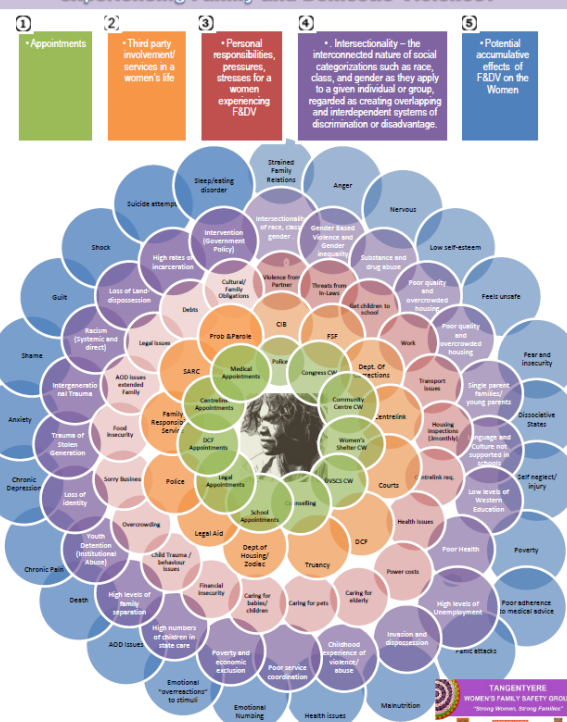
- Definition of family violence;
- Forms of violence;
- Cycle of violence;
- Rights of women and children;
- Safety of women and children;
- Smokescreens;
- Experience of a Women living through F&DV in Central Australia.
- Warning signs;
- High risk indicators;
- Safety planning;
- Referrals;

In the session on "Experience of a Women living through Family and Domestic Violence in Central Australia", (pictured opposite) what is highlighted is the number of appointments; third party involvement/services in a women's life; Personal responsibilities, pressures, stresses for a women experiencing F&DV; Considerations of intersectionality of race, class and gender; Potential accumulative effects of F&DV on Women. In the picture of the women holding all of the balls (top photograph), these balls were representative of each of these pressures and responsibilities shown as a circle on the diagram to the right of the page.

What was highlighted in this exercise was to see that while all of these pressures might be too much for one women to carry, with a community or family of women and men supporting each other, these pressures and responsibilities can be shared and there can be such strength and power from community and family coming together to support and care for each other in good times and in hard times.

If you have any questions or you are interested in training, or any resources of the TWFSG, please contact Carmel Simpson carmel.simpson@tangentyere.org.au 0411 955 837

How many of these pressures is an Aboriginal Women in Central Australia trying to balance or hold whilst also experiencing Family and Domestic Violence?



Senator Malarndirri McCarthy visits TWFSG



(L-R Standing) Marlene Hodder, Doris O'Brien, Lousie Abbott, Malarndirri McCarthy, Shirleen Campbell, Noline Forbes, Sadie O'Brien, Maree Corbo.

(L-R Sitting) Helen Gillen and Marlene Hayes.

Malarndirri McCarthy was born in Katherine and is a Yanyuwa woman from Borroloola. In 2016, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy was elected to the Australian Senate.

The Women's Group met with Senator Malarndirri McCarthy on Monday the 3rd October 2016 to discuss the work being done by the TWFSG in the area of Family Violence Prevention and Family Safety.

During the meeting, the TWFSG members shared information about the meetings, advocacy, awards, presentations and training that the TWFSG have been involved in over the past 2 years. The meeting was a two-way learning and sharing exchange and Senator Malarndirri McCarthy has since highlighted the work of the TWFSG on a national platform in the area in family violence prevention and family safety in Alice Springs.

Calling all Town Camp Women! Would you like to join the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group?

"Just tell them to come!"

-Gwen Gillen, Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFSG) Member about people visiting and joining the TWFSG.

The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group are always looking for new members who are interested in working towards a future where "Town Camps Free from Family Violence." If you have already completed the 2 days of Family Violence Prevention Training, you are welcome to join us at any time!

We are specifically looking for women from the following Camps to join us in 2017:

- Hidden Valley Camp (Ewyenper-Atwatye)
- Larapinta Camp (Yarrenyty-Arltere)
- Warlpiri (Ilperle Tyathe)
- Palmers Camp (Aper-Alwerrkng)

- Namatjira Camp (Anhelke)
- Old Timers (Ilperenye)
- Ilparpa

If you are a Town Camp Women and would like to know more information on how to join, contact us on 08 8951 4206.

Thank you to Hana Hall-Emms!

Hana Hall-Emms at Olive Pink Botanical Gardens, Alice Springs, 2016.



The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group has recently had to say goodbye to our most recent RMIT University social work student, Hana Hall-Emms. Hana was with the TWFSG for a three month placement which not only saw the development of the project "Stories of

Hope and Healing (a collection of stories from TWFSG members recorded on film) but also the development of a really strong bond and friendship between Hana and the TWFSG members.

Hana's support, work, consideration, listening ear, communication, commitment and

friendship to the TWFSG was so valued and so, on behalf of the TWFSG, we would like to thank Hana for all that she has done with and for this group. Hana you will be missed, you are always welcome to visit and we will stay in contact.