

# DEATHS by SUICIDE in the CONTEXT of DOMESTIC and FAMILY VIOLENCE



SUICIDE OFTEN  
**OBSCURES**  
DOMESTIC AND  
FAMILY VIOLENCE

SYSTEMS **INDIVIDUALISE**  
THE ISSUE, AND **OVERLOOK**  
THE BROADER CONTEXT.

## CONTEXTS

### WOMEN'S SUICIDES

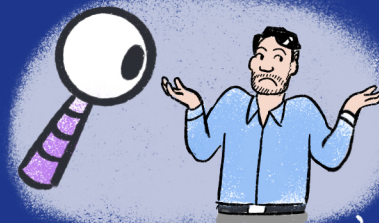


HISTORIES  
OF FAMILY  
VIOLENCE  
ARE NOT  
WELL INTERROGATED.



ENVIRONMENTS  
OF COERCION  
AND FEAR HAVE  
**COMPOUNDING**  
IMPACTS

### HOMICIDE DISGUISED AS SUICIDE



POORLY INVESTIGATED  
SOME SUICIDES ARE  
**CONCEALED HOMICIDES**

### PERPETRATOR SUICIDES

PERPETRATORS  
THREATENING  
SUICIDE AS  
MEANS FOR  
CONTROL

IT'S  
ALL  
YOUR  
FAULT



### CHILDREN'S SUICIDES



COMPLEX  
HISTORY  
OF FAMILY  
VIOLENCE

EXPERIENCE OF  
DFV-LINKED  
PARENTAL  
DEATHS



**ASK:**



WAS THERE  
FAMILY  
VIOLENCE?

WHAT ROLE  
DID IT PLAY  
IN THIS DEATH?

IMPROVE  
SUICIDE INVESTIGATION  
PROCESSES, INCLUDING  
DATA COLLECTION

DFV?



DOCTOR

DFV?



POLICE

DFV?

DISCUSSIONS OF  
MENTAL HEALTH &  
FAMILY VIOLENCE



DFV  
SECTOR

## RECOMMENDATIONS



**INCREASE INTEGRATION  
& REDUCE SILOS**

**BUILD COMMUNITIES  
OF PRACTICE**

**INDIGENOUS  
KNOWLEDGE  
IS CENTRALLY  
EMBEDDED**



**HAVE A  
SHARED NARRATIVE,  
LED BY ADVOCATES AND  
SURVIVORS**



**RECOGNISE  
CHILDREN &  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
AS VICTIM-SURVIVORS  
IN THEIR OWN RIGHT**

