

## Reducing the impact of domestic violence in the community

## The unmet need:

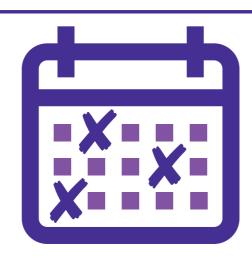
CALD women face additional barriers to safety:

language solution strict cultural beliefs fear of police & courts immigration risks

financial support .....

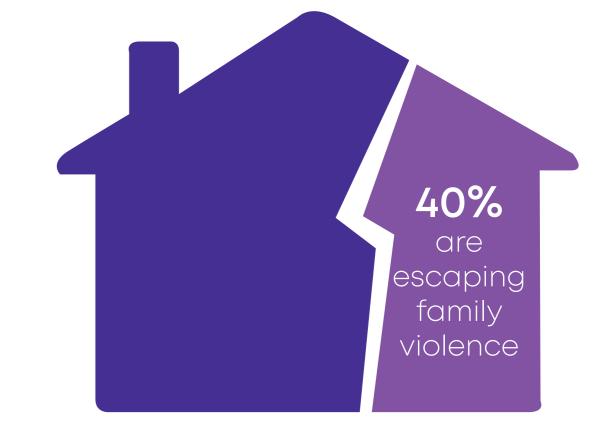


Children are present in 1 out of 3 family violence cases reported to the police



One woman is killed in Australia by a partner or ex almost every week

Of clients accessing specialist homelessness services...



For families escaping domestic violence, the lack of safe and affordable housing is a frightening obstacle which inevitably increases the risk of women and children being subjected to further violence.

Nearly half are **single parents** and one fifth of people are **aged 9 and under**.

## Open Support's Strategy 2020 Objectives

- · Provide a safe environment for clients affected by domestic violence
- · Empower and support clients to establish safe and independent lives

## How we address the unmet need?

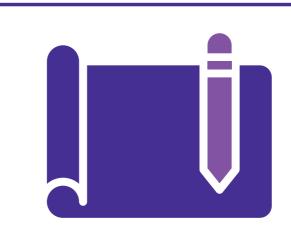


Provision of
24/7 crisis
accommodation
and support

Supporting 24
families including
42 children
(average stay
60 days in crisis
accommodation)



17% of clients with no Income stay an average of 180 nights in crisis accommodation. This equates to 45% of the crisis support nights available.



100% of all clients have a case plan (women and children)



Child wellbeing program established and implemented



54% from **Non English Speaking**backgrounds

<sup>a</sup> Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (2017), Specialist homelessness services annual report 2016–17, Canberra, p. 41.