

Partners in Prevention

Connecting practitioners across Victoria working to prevent violence against women.



“DVRVC established Partners in Prevention to fill a critical gap. Like any workforce, prevention practitioners need a place to build expertise and connections to create greater collective impact.”

1500

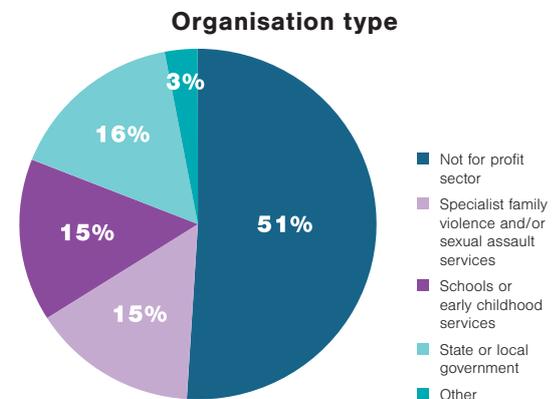
members
as at July 2019

40%

of members
work mainly on
Prevention of Violence
Against Women

30%

of members
work mainly
on Respectful
Relationships
education



Member
workplace
Locations

63%

Melbourne

28%

regional Victoria

9%

outside Victoria

Our members work with schools, Aboriginal people, diverse communities, sporting clubs, universities and local governments. They share our vision, 'to create a world where women and their children are thriving, respected and free from violence'.



A key part of Victoria's prevention infrastructure

The Victorian Government's policy approach to primary prevention and gender equality recognises that we need highly skilled people and organisations if we are to create the change required. Our 2017 - 2019 evaluation shows that Partners in Prevention (PiP), as the largest professional network for the primary prevention sector in Victoria, is central to achieving the vision of a community free from family violence.



Supporting evidence-based practice

Connecting our 1500 members with the evidence base around respectful relationships education and the primary prevention of violence against women strengthens their knowledge and sharpens their focus. Members grow their networks and build collegiality; a unifying force in a sector undergoing rapid change and expansion.



Uniting a dispersed workforce

Prevention practitioners, particularly those in regional areas, often work independently in their organisations and can face resistance from their colleagues and communities. This contributes to a sense of isolation reported by many members, who valued the opportunities PiP provided to meet and connect with people doing similar work. Many members reported feeling hopeful, refreshed and energised after attending PiP events where they had opportunities to network and connect with one another.

“ One of the really big things I've taken away from PiP is the whole of school approach... we can't just work with parents, we can't just work with students. It has to be everyone... to make that systematic change. ”



Professional development for members

Partners in Prevention focuses on capability building activities including communities of practice, seminars, training sessions, conferences, provision of information and advice to members and information-sharing activities including developing and sharing resources, project learnings, email bulletins and website content. Both longstanding practitioners and those new to prevention work benefit from PiP membership. Topics included:

- Whole school and early childhood approaches
- Inclusive practices, intersectionality and diversity
- Engaging men to prevent violence against women
- Unpacking resistance and activating bystanders.

Measuring impact and maintaining relevance



The evaluation of Partners in Prevention 2017-19 showed the program's success in bringing people together in caring, safe and supportive environments that facilitated openness and generous exchange of knowledge and ideas among both experts and practitioners. As part of our commitment to evidence-based practice, we will continue to evaluate PiP events and resources and ensure their relevance to our members' needs. This is even more important given that our focus will widen to include not only education and early childhood but other settings where prevention work is happening.

It's
FREE
to sign-up as
a member

Partners in
Prevention
started in
2007

30
Member
events
were staged between
2017-19

2,400+
Resource
downloads
since 2017

“ One of the most important things to be able to do if you're experiencing resistance, is to be able to get allies and celebrate success and support each other and do that collective self-care. PiP provides the opportunity for us to do that. ”

Partners in Prevention is led by the Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria with support from the Victorian Government.
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