

**Respect
Victoria**

**Preventing
Family
Violence**

LGBTIQ Transition to Parenthood

This project examines opportunities for primary prevention of family violence for LGBTIQ parents in the transition to parenthood

**Project Duration: 18 months, commenced
June 2019**

Project Overview

This project uses an action research methodology – engaging with community members and service providers to participate in the design, implementation and evaluation of primary prevention initiatives. The cycles of action research will contribute to developing an evidence base on what works to prevent family violence in the transition to parenthood for LGBTIQ parents.

The project builds on evidence that the transition to parenthood represents an important ‘window of opportunity’ to address the factors contributing to family violence. The project’s key focus is on understanding risk and protective factors, acknowledging that primary prevention programming and practice must be based on a strong understanding of how and why violence occurs. The project will:

- > Generate new knowledge on risk and protective factors by undertaking a review of the literature, a clinical file audit and focus groups with community members and key service providers**
- > Identify where similarities and differences exist for LGBTIQ parents in comparison to heterosexual parents**
- > Develop and pilot a family violence primary prevention initiative or suite of initiatives using a co-designed action research methodology**
- > Make recommendations for uptake of findings in policy and practice.**

The project acknowledges diversity within LGBTIQ communities and may include, for example, developing and testing tailored initiatives to meet the needs of specific cohorts of parents.

Project Team

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