

Family violence

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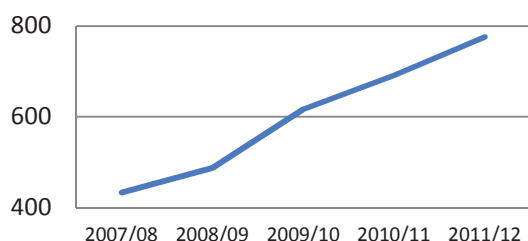
Family violence is the second largest CLSIS 'problem type', with 5,065 activities in 2012-13.

The only Queensland CLCs that receive specialist CLSP funding are the two specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal Services. The Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service receives funding through the FVPLS program from the Commonwealth AGD.

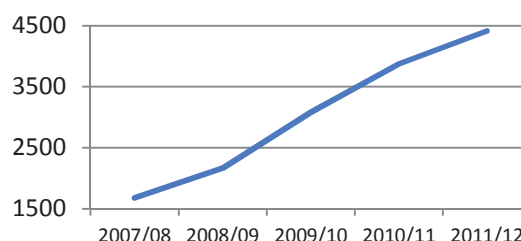
The Commonwealth reports that Indigenous Family Violence is the only area under the Closing the Gap initiative where the gap is not lessening. Indigenous women are six times more likely to experience domestic violence than non-Indigenous women, are 35 times more likely to be hospitalised as a result of assaults and 10 times more likely to be the victim of homicide. Indigenous women, particularly in remote communities, are unlikely to report domestic and/or family violence incidents to police. QIFVLS provided 407 advices and undertook 341 cases in 2012-13.

Women's Legal Service reports that in 2013, their evening advice numbers have doubled and they are routinely turning up to 10 women away each week, suggesting women are struggling to get legal assistance on family law and domestic violence matters. Increasing demand for CLC services in domestic and family violence matters are reflected in CLSIS data over the past five years:

Cases



Advices



Proportion of total information		Proportion of total advices		Proportion of total casework	
NQ WLS	11	Women's Legal Service	28	Women's Legal Service	92
ATSIWLS NQ	11	Caxton Legal Centre	28	Taylor St	47
Suncoast	7	NQ WLS	22	Caxton Legal Centre	41
Taylor St	7	YAC	16	Gold Coast	21
Cairns CLC	5	ATSIWLS NQ	12	NQ WLS	15
TASC	4	Queensland avg.	10	Queensland avg.	12
YAC	4	Mackay CLC	9	Townsville	9
Queensland avg.	4	Cairns CLC	8	Cairns CLC	8
Logan Legal	3	Taylor St	7	Mackay CLC	8
Townsville	3	Gold Coast	5	ATSIWLS NQ	7
Moreton Bay	3	Logan Legal	5	TASC	6
Caxton Legal Centre	3	Goondiwindi	5	Goondiwindi	5
Mackay CLC	3	Townsville	4	YAC	4
Women's Legal Service	2	Moreton Bay	4	QAI	2
Gold Coast	2	TASC	4	QPILCH	1
Goondiwindi	2	Suncoast	3	Suncoast	0
South West Bris	2	South West Bris	2	Logan Legal	0
QAI	1	QAI	2	South West Bris	0
Logan Youth	1	Logan Youth	0	Logan Youth	0
QPILCH	0	QPILCH	0	Moreton Bay	0