The NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 will create safer lives for women, men and children. It sets out the direction for the entire domestic and family violence service system to prevent violence, intervene early in vulnerable communities, support victims, hold perpetrators accountable, deliver quality services and improve the system.

In the first year we:

**Committed**

$4.8 million for seven projects through the first round of the NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE INNOVATION FUND:
- Safe Families
- Linking Communities Education Van
- Respectful Relationships Peer Educators
- Building Access for Women with Disability
- Toolbox Talks
- Leaving Prison/Leaving Violence
- Kalypi Paaka Mirika Healing Program.

**Developed and launched the NSW DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION STRATEGY 2017-2021.**

**Completed a comprehensive and INDEPENDENT INTER-AGENCY REVIEW OF THE DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICE SYSTEM.**

**Trialled three initiatives to REDUCE APPREHENDED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDER BREACHES:**
- SMS Messaging to increase court attendance and compliance
- "What’s Your Plan?" Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officers
- Plain English Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders which support the Premier’s Priority to reduce reoffending.

**Improvised behaviour change interventions for high-risk offenders by employing 30 additional facilitators to deliver the EQUIPS program.**

29 programs were delivered with 174 PARTICIPANTS completing the program.

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**Action across New South Wales in the first year**

Key
- Safer Pathway
- Tackling Violence
- Domestic and Family Violence Forums
- NSW Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund
- SMS Messaging – Bankstown, Blacktown, Mt Druitt, Fairfield and Toronto.
- Women’s Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service
- Police High Risk Offender Teams
- Police regions (Central Metropolitan Region, Northern Region and South West Metropolitan Region)

**Getting help**

For information and support call the NSW Domestic Violence Line on 1800 656 463 or 1800 RESPECT on 1800 737 732

For crisis accommodation and referral call Link2Home on 1800 152 152

For men wanting to address violent behaviour call No To Violence Men’s Referral Service on 1300 766 491
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Increased the capacity of the Women’s Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service to support victims through the criminal justice system with more than 43,000 women supported in 2016/2017.

Established three police high risk offender teams comprising 21 officers and 3 intelligence analysts in the Central Metropolitan Region, Northern Region and South West Metropolitan Region.

Expanded the eligibility of Start Safely, the subsidy providing financial support for people escaping domestic or family violence, to now include those earning moderate incomes. We also introduced a new link between the program and Specialist Homelessness Services in the Illawarra Shoalhaven and South West Sydney FACS Districts.

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Continued to implement the Third Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women & Their Children 2010-2022.

Launched the ‘no innocent bystanders’ community service video campaign with NSW Police and Crime Stoppers NSW to encourage the community to report domestic violence.

Held five community forums for domestic and family violence in Moorebank, Kiama, Port Macquarie, Muswellbrook, and Luddenham.

Implement the TARGETED EARLIER INTERVENTION PROGRAM REFORM initiative, which contributes to the response for children and adolescents at risk of domestic and family violence.

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