Leaving Violence Program
Collaboration Agreement

This document sets out how _____ and the North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service (NAAFLS) will work together to deliver the Leaving Violence Program in _____ community/ies.

NAAFLS is committed to following the insight of people with lived experience and deep community knowledge. These are people who have lived through family violence, trauma, justice systems, and healing. Their knowledge is not just personal—it's practical, political, and powerful.

We also listen to the voices of local communities, kinship networks, and cultural leaders. Every place has its own law, stories, and strengths. Our work is shaped by what matters in that place—guided by culture, grounded in relationships, and led by those who know the land, the people, and the history.

All organisations, regardless of their core function, hold a duty of care to act when an individual's safety or wellbeing is at risk. In small or close-knit communities, this responsibility must be balanced with a commitment to confidentiality and informed consent. Information should only be shared on a need-to-know basis, with appropriate parties, and in a manner that upholds the individual's dignity and trust. Our collective obligation is to act ethically, minimise harm, and support safety through respectful and culturally informed practice.

We agree to work in a way that upholds the Core Principles in NAAFLS Case management framework - **CCREST**:

Collaboration, Mutuality & Peer Support - Collaboration means working together and sharing responsibility. Mutuality is about building equal relationships based on respect and trust. Peer support values shared experience and learning from one another.

Cultural, Historical & Gender Considerations - This principle is about respecting people's culture, history and identity. It means understanding how things like colonisation, racism, gender roles and past trauma affect people's safety and wellbeing today.

Respect & Courage - Respect and courage are about treating people fairly and kindly, and speaking up when something isn't right. It means listening without judgment, standing up for people's rights, and being honest—even when it's hard. It also means admitting when something has gone wrong and helping to fix it.

Empowerment, Voice & Choice - Empowerment means supporting people to define their own priorities, make their own decisions and have control over what happens next. Voice and choice include helping people be heard, make informed choices, take up space, and reclaim voice in systems that have often silenced them.

Safety as a Continuum - Safety means more than physical security. It includes cultural, personal, social, and spiritual safety, ensuring families feel respected, understood, and free from judgment. For many families, safety is deeply tied to connection to Country, kinship systems, and cultural law.

Trustworthiness & Transparency - Transparency means being clear, honest, and consistent in everything we do – especially when things are complex or difficult. Trustworthiness means that people know we will follow through on our commitments.

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