Leaving Violence Program
Information and Consent

To apply for the Leaving Violence Program there are three times where you need to agree to share your personal information:

1. With NAAFLS – so we can understand you story and check if you are eligible for support.

2. With Telstra Health – so we can check if you have already accessed the funding in the last 12 months.

3. With the Department of Social Services Data Exchange – as part of our reporting obligations in our funding agreement.

We will explain more about this below.

Sharing your information with NAAFLS

To access the Leaving Violence Program, you need to provide NAAFLS with enough information so we can check if you are eligible for the program. The information you provide can be in the form of documents, like your ID, a housing lease, a bill or a police report.

If you don't have these documents and can't get them, we can check your eligibility by listening to your story.

If you can't provide documents to support your story, we may need to talk with another organisation in your community. This can be an organisation that you trust and knows a bit about your story.

To deliver a safe and responsible program, we need to make sure the money and support is going to the right people. We will only talk to other organisations about your situation with your consent.

NAAFLS will keep your information secure and private, we will not share your information with anyone – except for the two circumstance below.

NAAFLS sharing your information with Telstra Health

The Leaving Violence Program delivered by NAAFLS is a part of a National Program. The National Program is delivered by Telstra Health. Clients can only access funding from NAAFLS or Telstra Health – not both.

As part of checking eligibility, we need to call Telstra Health to see if you have already accessed funding through the National Program.

To do this we will need to share your name, date of birth and address with Telstra Health. Telstra Health will keep a record of the **name, date of birth and address** of everyone in Australia who has accessed the funding.

Sharing information for Data Exchange reporting with the Department of Social Services

NAAFLS is funded by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to deliver the Leaving Violence Program.

As part of our funding agreement, we need to report on program activities to DSS using the Data Exchange (DEX). All data provided to DSS through DEX is owned by the DSS.

If you receive support through the Leaving Violence Program we must report on some of your personal information to DSS such as your full name and date of birth. There is other personal information we may ask you for. You can choose to provide this information, or you can choose not to share it. The information we will ask you for includes:

- Your gender
- Your Indigenous status
- The main language you speak at home
- Whether you have a disability
- Who are the people you live with
- How many children and other dependents you have
- Whether you are employed
- How much money you earn and from where
- Whether you are homeless
- Whether you care for others
- Your recent experiences of family violence
- Whether you identify as LGBTQAI+

Providing this information is your choice. If you choose to provide it, the information will be provided to DSS through DEX in connection with your full name and date of birth (in other words, this information will not be anonymous).

Withdrawing consent

You can choose to withdraw your consent any time by telling NAAFLS. If you withdraw your consent, we will close your file and exit you from the program.

I confirm that I have read and understood the information and consent ☐

I understand when my information will be shared and why ☐

I agree to progress my application for the Leaving Violence Program ☐

Name:_____

Signed: **Date:**_____