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#120 - Intersectorality, intersectionality, and the experience of designing and operating a trauma-informed therapeutic family violence program, Australia

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Objectives/aims

Family violence (FV) is a global public health concern. The COVID-19 pandemic experience emphasises the importance of addressing FV as a public health priority. FV survivors may experience multiple forms of disadvantage based on their intersecting attributes, thus universal approaches are insufficient to support their complex needs. Intersectorality approaches can help defragment the support systems families require, while also acknowledging the synergistic risk present for families with intersectionality experiencing FV. Take Two and its partners have considered mechanisms of harm and recovery in model design of a trauma-informed therapeutic program providing early intervention services for children, young people, and their families who have experienced FV. The program seeks to prevent and repair children's trauma responses, increase maternal reflective functioning and self-efficacy, and identify children with persistent trauma symptoms who would benefit from more intensive treatment. After intake, a brief or medium-term relational intervention has demonstrated changes for both child and parent participants. Parent participants reported improved mental health, more confidence in parenting skills, improved relationship with their child/ren, and feeling supported and understood but not judged. Parent participants reported benefits for the child including improved emotional and behavioural functioning, less hostile home environment, help to self-manage future relationship with father/perpetrator, noticeable improvement at school, and an opportunity to open up about the experience and manage any feelings of anger, guilt or blame. This presentation examines intersectorality and intersectionality considerations in program design and operation for FV.



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Methods

Case vignettes and discussion will explore how stakeholders worked together to develop, facilitate and maintain connections and address challenges.

Main findings

Intersectional and intersectoral considerations in program design can be complex, context and environment specific. Take Two's design and delivery of the program innovates and develops the quality and accessibility of FV support through the integration of multisectoral services.