

Co-designing Safety Beyond Barriers:

Diverse Experiences of Family Violence among Children and Young People with Disability

Children and young people with disability experience family violence at higher rates, yet their experiences are often overlooked or poorly understood. Rates of violence and misunderstanding are even higher for disabled First Nations, multicultural, LGBTIQ+, and regional/remote children and young people. Support systems for disability and for family violence are frequently separate, making it harder for victim-survivors to get the help they need. This project is working with diverse children and young people with disability to ensure their experiences shape future research, policy, and practice.

Why this matters:

Children and young people with disability face unique challenges when experiencing family violence. They are also victim-survivors in their own right, impacting their safety, wellbeing, relationships, and sense of belonging.

What this project is doing:

- Building evidence → producing an accessible evidence scan
- Active co-design → co-designers and facilitators with lived experience
- Strategic insight → Advisory Group of disability and family violence sector experts.

Project ecosystem:

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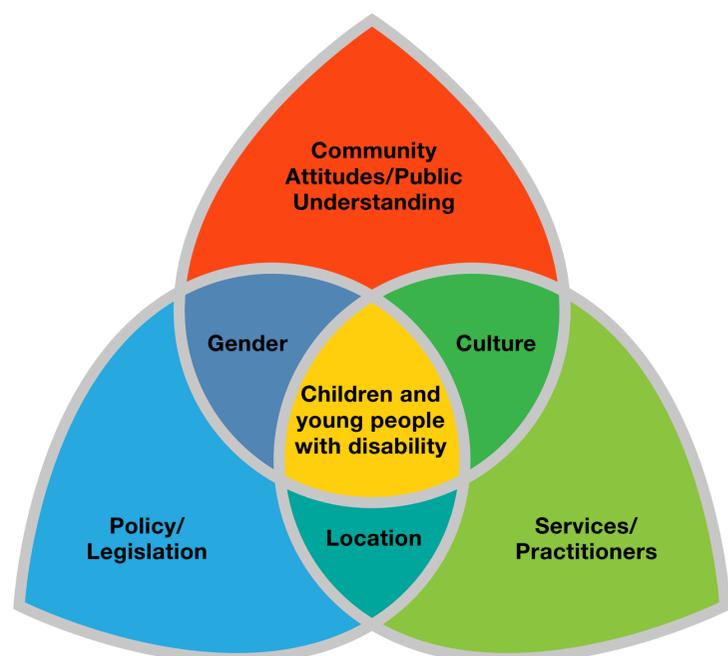
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