

Doors to Safety for Women with Disabilities Experiencing Violence

Capacity building session for Disability sector workers in WA

Women with disability experience all forms of violence and abuse as other women experience. However, women with disability experience violence and abuse, including sexual violence, at significantly higher rates than women who do not have disability (Plummer & Findley, 2012). Compounding this experience, women with disability face specific forms of violence and abuse related to their impairment (Harpur & Douglas, 2014).

Women with disability are vulnerable to abuse at all stages of their lives because they are women, because they have disability and because they are likely to be worse off economically (Women with Disabilities Australia).

Among women with disabilities, domestic and family violence can occur between intimate partners and family members, just as it does among women without disabilities. However, women with disabilities also face high rates of violence from paid and non-paid carers and co-residents (Women with Disabilities Australia, 2015).

The Women's Community Health Network WA is delivering two-hour capacity building sessions to enable staff of disability service providers to better identify and respond to women with disabilities experiencing family and domestic violence. This session was developed, and will be delivered, by women with disability.

Session Details

Date	Tue, 8 May 2018	Tue, 19 June 2018
Time	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Venue	Conference Room on Level 3, Halcyon House, 1 Campbell Street West Perth	Barry MacKinnon Room on Level 2, 146-160 Colin Street, West Perth
Cost	Free	Free
RSVP	02/05/2018	14/06/2018

Please only RSVP to one of the sessions. RSVP to Zel: phone 0413813885 or email ziscel@wchnwa.org.au

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the session you will have furthered your capacity to:

- Understand disability and family and domestic violence as it affects women with disability;
- Respond effectively to women with disability experiencing FDV; and
- Reduce the barriers preventing women with disability from accessing FDV services.

Session Trainer



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Zel was born blind and arrived in Australia from Turkey with her family in 1981. Zel completed her degree in Politics and Government at Edith Cowan University in 2003 and has worked in the disability sector since 2006 at state, national and international levels.



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In 2014, Zel established her own business, 'Inclusive World' through which she provides disability awareness training for local governments, not-for-profit organisations and other bodies.