



# Challenge overview

## TOPIC

### Prevention and early intervention for pregnant women and new parents.

Research suggests that women can be at greater risk of experiencing violence from their partners during pregnancy and post-partum, especially when they are separated. According to **ANROWS**, over half of women whose former partners use violence against them experience violence during pregnancy.

**The Family Safety Hub research** indicated that early warning signs and intervention opportunities are not always noticed or acted on by trusted people. Trusted people include doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, childcare workers, hairdressers, teachers and online forums. Unfortunately, some trusted people don't always know how to respond or intervene and opportunities to provide help are missed.

*Quotes from The Family Safety Hub Insights Report:*

*"He accompanied me to every doctors appointment. He would not leave me alone. He would not let me talk. I tried to make eye contact with the doctor to let her know I was not ok. She didn't notice me."*

*"He would not let me use birth control, very soon I was pregnant and things got worse."*

*"People disclose to organisations without specialist domestic violence capability. They don't know what to do with the information or how to help."*

## OPPORTUNITIES

### We need your unique perspective and expertise to help address this challenge.

The Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety has invited a group of valued community partners and government colleagues to take part in this Challenge. This Challenge includes a diverse range of people with expertise in domestic violence, gender, trauma, child wellbeing, health and legal services, community safety and cultural diversity.

#### HOW MIGHT WE...



...enhance understandings of the dynamics of domestic and family violence so that people feel confident to seek support and navigate the service system?



...identify pregnant women and new parents at risk of domestic and family violence so that we can intervene early?



...support trusted people who engage with pregnant women and new parents to develop responses that are appropriate for people from diverse backgrounds?



...equip women and men to cope with the stresses of new parenthood so that the chance of violence starting is reduced?

## PROCESS

### How does the Challenge work?

#### STAGE 1: GENERATE IDEAS WORKSHOP

Identify opportunities and develop ideas to address the challenge. Ideas generated are developed into concepts to take to the next stage.

#### STAGE 2: IDEAS TO ACTION

##### Try, test, learn

Selected concepts will be developed further and tested with users to determine their potential. Ideas will be refined and eliminated as we go through the Stage 2.

##### Develop project outlines

Detailed project outlines will be developed for ideas that have shown the most potential and merit. The project outlines will then be considered by a panel to decide which project(s) to pilot.

#### STAGE 3: DECIDE

A panel of decision makers will make recommendations to the minister regarding which projects to pilot.

#### STAGE 4: PILOT

Selected project(s) will be piloted. Pilots that show potential will then be considered to be scaled.