## IN THE MATTER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO FAMILY VIOLENCE

## ATTACHMENT JMS-4 TO STATEMENT OF JANICE MARGARET SHUARD

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## **Corrections** Victoria Family Violence Services with External Providers in Women's Prisons

Name of Service	Туре
Inside Access	Mental Health Legal Centre Inc.
	Provide individual legal assistance – infringements / family law / civil matters / debt and women's advocacy services
	<ul> <li>Information sessions – Victims of Crime; Family Violence; Access to Healthcare; Mental Health &amp; Mental Health System, FAQs and Common legal problems when released and access points; Infringements</li> </ul>
Flat Out	Advocacy & Post Release
	• Individualised support and advocacy for women (with or without children) to address homelessness, drug and alcohol treatment and a range of other support and advocacy to address the underlying causes of criminalisation.
	<ul> <li>Bi monthly info sessions delivered in collaboration with legal services which include: Moonee Valley Community Legal Service (Debts and Fines), Flemington Community Legal Service (Family Violence) and the Federation of Community Legal Services (How Community Correction Orders and other Sentences Work).</li> </ul>
Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria)	The Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria) provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault and works with families and communities affected by violence.
Women's Circle	Internally run program with Elders attending from the community – discuss matters of violence and family violence.
Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA) counselling	Sexual Assault Counselling for women who have experienced sexual assault. Individual counselling sessions are provided to women by West CASA on a weekly basis at DPFC – funding by Targeted Women's Correctional Response
	Loddone Campaspe CASA deliver sexual assault counselling at Tarrengower prison.
Out of the Dark	Psych-educational program designed to educate women about family violence in order to make positive changes in their lives. This program is delivered at both DPFC and Tarrengower prison. Program funding by Targeted Women's Correctional Response
Transitional Service linkages	Transitional Service linkages include:
	Prison Network Ministries – post release support





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Women's Health West	Women's Health West provides services across Melbourne's western region delivering family violence services and health promotion actions.
Justice Connect	Referral Service upon entering prison to assist with advocacy for housing, debt reduction and infringements.
- Brimbank Melton Community Legal Centre (BMCLC)	BMCLC is a generalist legal service providing free legal help in the following areas of law including: credit/debt; infringements; family law; family violence and related legal issues; criminal law; mortgage stress; and victims of crime assistance.
- Clean Slate Pilot Project	Clean Slate's Community Legal Education (CLE) sessions were developed to include key talking points and fact sheets.
	The information was simple and sessions were also delivered in Vietnamese due to the significant number of Vietnamese prisoners at DPFC.
Take 2 – Berry St	Utilised by Family Support Services at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre.
	Through clinical services and counselling programs, including Take Two, work intensively with the distressed child or young person, their family, carer and other services, to help them recover from the trauma of child abuse, neglect and violence.
Parenting Skills (Tarrengower)	The Parenting Program Support worker hosts this weekly information session for women who have their children residing with them in prison. The information focuses on stress management and pro social parenting.
Confidence Within	A self-defence, personal confidence fitness class
(Tarrengower)	-
Family Support Services (Tarrengower and DPFC)	Individual support for women to manage issues such as maintaining contact with their children to achieve the best possible outcomes for their children and themselves.
Be Your Best	Personal development and confidence program - 30 hours duration
(Tarrengower)	
Healthy Lifestyle Nurse Session	Monthly sessions on women's health
VACRO Women's Mentoring Program (Tarrengower and DPFC)	Post release support for women exiting prison who have stable housing and are not assessed to be a high risk of reoffending. The Women's Mentoring Program is coordinated by the VACRO Women's Support Services Coordinator who will match eligible women to a volunteer mentor in the community. The mentor is not trained to provide crisis intervention, but to be a positive support person and role model for the women to meet up with upon returning to the community.
	Program funding by Targeted Women's Correctional Response.



Tuning into Teens	Parenting program focusing on developing positive family relationships by building an understanding of communication, and
(Tarrengower)	of emotional awareness and regulation.
Bringing Up Great Kids	Parenting program focusing on developing positive family
(Tarrengower)	relationships by building an understanding of communication, and of emotional awareness and regulation.

