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AUSTRALIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD PROTECTION LAWS

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Australia's domestic violence and child protection laws are complex due to the **layered interplay of federal, state, and territory laws, creating a framework where similar actions may be treated differently across jurisdictions.** Adding to this complexity is the diversity of cultural, social, and economic factors that influence the interpretation and enforcement of these laws. This can lead to confusion, inconsistency in application, and difficulties in ensuring comprehensive protection for victims. According to the **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in 2023, an estimated 17% of women experiencing partner violence and 58% experiencing emotional abuse by a partner,** highlighting the complex challenge of protecting vulnerable individuals across diverse jurisdictions.

This certified program is designed to equip you with comprehensive knowledge on navigating the intricate legal landscape governing domestic violence and child protection matters in Australia. You will delve into specific state-based and Commonwealth legislations, such as the **Family Law Act 1975, Child Protection Act 1999, and The Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012, as well as their practical application in protecting victims and vulnerable children.**

The program will provide you with a holistic perspective on managing domestic violence and child-at-risk cases, encompassing **impactful preventative strategies, support mechanisms, legal documentation preparation, and effective intervention techniques.** You will not only learn the legal theories but also its practical application, empowering you to identify the complex characteristics of both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence.

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You will also **master the intricacies of seeking temporary orders, utilizing intervention tools, and choosing appropriate legal pathways for diverse situations.** This program will also help you to analyze child protection cases, assess harm risks, and understand the procedures for family reunification, complemented by a review of relevant case law to enhance your understanding of court decisions and avoid procedural errors.

Furthermore, the program provides you with valuable insights into practical tools, enhancing your confidence to effect change and support vulnerable populations effectively. From **filing for domestic violence orders to engaging with child protection agencies,** this comprehensive program equips you with the necessary skills to navigate the intricate legal framework, make a meaningful impact and provide robust support to vulnerable groups.

Upon successful completion of this program, you will be awarded the highly respected **Certification in Australia Domestic Violence and Child Protection Laws,** elevating your professional credentials and showcasing your expertise in managing the intricate realm of domestic violence and child protection within the Australian legal framework. This industry-recognized certification offers lifelong validity and positions you as a legal authority in the disciplines of law, social work, and child welfare.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program



**FAMILY LAW ACT 1975
CHILD PROTECTION ACT 1999
THE DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE
PROTECTION ACT 2012**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW INTERPRETATION
CHILD PROTECTION LAW INTERPRETATION
VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS IDENTIFICATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**FAMILY LAW JURISDICTIONS
LEGAL STRATEGY FORMULATION
VICTIM EDUCATION TOOLS
COMMUNICATION MATRIX DEVELOPMENT**

**LEGAL SUPPORT NAVIGATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES UTILIZATION
DV APPLICATION COMPLETION
AFFIDAVIT WRITING SKILLS
COURT ORDER CRITERIA KNOWLEDGE**

**CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES ACCESS
CHILD PROTECTION PRINCIPLES**

YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR



Tracey McMillan

CEO

Tracey McMillan is a renowned legal expert with an extensive background in family law, domestic violence, and criminal law, practicing as a lawyer in Australia since 2001. Over the past two decades, she has served as a barrister and has been at the helm of her law firms, including Forge Legal, which focuses on a variety of legal areas such as family law, business law, and employment law. Tracey stands out as **one of the mere 15 lawyers in Australia accredited as a parental coordinator**, in addition to her roles as an arbitrator, independent children's lawyer, and her qualifications as an **accredited mediator and family dispute resolution practitioner**.

Her significant contributions to legal education and advocacy are evident in her development and leadership of over 15 courses and modules designed for non-legal professionals. Globally acknowledged, Tracey has **received awards for her pioneering methods in legal education and addressing social issues**. Furthermore, her impactful role as a keynote speaker at the STOP Domestic Violence Conference and her collaborative initiatives with Good Shepherd highlight her unwavering commitment to social change and education.

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MODULE 1 - UNDERSTANDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: SCOPE, STATISTICS AND SOCIETAL IMPACT

- Introduction
- Statistics Surrounding Domestic Violence
- Impact of Domestic Violence- Personal, Family, Economic, Social Level

MODULE 2 - NAVIGATING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

- How Domestic Violence is Treated in Australia
- State Based Law vs Commonwealth Law
- Differences in Jurisdictions Between Family Law, Domestic Violence, Child Protection and Criminal Law

MODULE 3 - DEFINING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: UNDERSTANDING ITS BROAD SPECTRUM

- What is Domestic Violence?
- Broad Categories of Domestic Violence
- Common Misconceptions of What is Domestic Violence
- Commonly Used Terms and What They Mean

MODULE 4 - DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIPS: RELEVANT VS. NON-RELEVANT

- Categories of Relationships Within Domestic Violence
- What Constitutes a Relevant Relationship and What Doesn't
- If Not in a Relevant Relationship What Options Are Available

MODULE 5 - IDENTIFYING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: VICTIM AND PERPETRATOR CHARACTERISTICS

- Characteristics of a Domestically Violent Relationship
- Attributes of a Victim - Verbal/Behavioural/Relationship Dynamics
- Attributes of a Perpetrator – Verbal/Behavioural/Relationship Dynamic
- Questions to Ask

MODULE 6 - RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: IMMEDIATE ACTIONS AND SUPPORT

- Immediate Responses
- Assessing the Level of Risk
- Immediate Conversation Questions With Victim



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- How to Exit, When, What They Can Take, Do, When
- Immediate Support Services and Tools Available
- Police Intervention
- Temporary DVO

MODULE 7 - COMMUNICATING IMPACT TO VICTIMS

- Secondary Educational Responses
- Educational Tools to Provide the Victim So They Understand Their Behaviour
- Impact Matrix - How to Communicate With the Victim

MODULE 8 - PREPARING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS (DVOS)

- DV Application
- What Information Needs to be Included in an Application
- How to Write an Effective Application
- What Criteria the Court Considers
- Where to File
- Attending at Court for the First Return Date - Safety First

MODULE 9 - CRAFTING EVIDENTIAL AFFIDAVITS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

- DV Affidavit - Who Should be Writing One?
- Who is a Witness?
- How to Write an Evidential Affidavit That Will be Accepted by the Court
- What is Evidence vs What is Not Evidence
- What Questions to Ask the Victim in Order to Write a Persuasive Affidavit

MODULE 10 - NAVIGATING THE FINAL DV TRIAL

- Final DV Trial - Procedure
- Rules of Evidence vs Procedural Fairness
- How to Cross Examine
- How to Put an Effective Argument to the Court
- Applying the Law to the Facts

MODULE 11 - POST-DVO SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

- What Next Once DVO in Place?
- Family Law Proceedings
- Financial Support Resources Available
- Online Support to Get Through Proceedings
- Support Services to Move Forward



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MODULE 12 - CHILD PROTECTION FUNDAMENTALS

- Introduction to Child Protection
- What Does Child Protection Authorities Do?
- How Can You Go to For Support? State Agencies
- What is the Risk of Harm Test?

MODULE 13 - PRINCIPLES AND GOALS OF CHILD PROTECTION

- Underlying Principles of the Child Protection Authorities
- If Child is in Need of Harm the Guidelines For Reunification
- Goals for Child to Remain With Family - Ready Willing and Able to Care

MODULE 14 - THE DEPARTMENT PROCESS

- Family Meetings
- TAO – How Long – Purpose - Test
- CPO – How Long – Purpose - Test
- Permanent Order to the Minister - Test

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Upon completion of this comprehensive program, you will earn the prestigious **Certification in Australia Domestic Violence and Child Protection Laws**, a globally recognized and lifelong designation that will distinguish you as an expert proficient in the application of pertinent legislation to protect the rights and welfare of children and domestic violence victims in Australia. This accomplishment will elevate your professional profile, enriching your resume and CV to showcase your comprehensive knowledge and expertise to potential employers.

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