

# Domestic abuse: call for programmes

The Early Intervention Foundation and What Works for Children's Social Care are working together to increase understanding of what works to support children affected by domestic abuse, including in instances where intimate partner violence is present. This project is funded by the Department for Education.

## What we are doing and why

Our understanding of what works to support children affected by domestic abuse is limited, and yet we know that this is a highly prevalent issue with serious impacts on children's outcomes. This is a gap in our knowledge that we urgently need to fill.

For a range of reasons, there have not been many high-quality evaluations in this space. We want to work collaboratively with a small number of programme providers and local authorities and/or Police and Crime Commissioners to identify promising programmes or services that could be evaluated for impact in the future.

Our work with programme providers and our local or regional partners will involve:

- Work to strengthen the theories of change behind programmes or services. We will aim to develop a precise understanding of how they work with children and families and what they aim to achieve, drawing on our extensive evaluation experience and expert understanding of the best available evidence.
- Identifying and addressing barriers to effective implementation of these programmes or services (for example, considering and addressing challenges around recruitment or retention of families)
- Conducting feasibility testing of programmes or services, with a focus on understanding acceptability of the intervention in local areas and how best to measure impact

## Eligibility

We are inviting applications from programme providers, local authorities or Police and Crime Commissioners' offices.

We are interested in programmes or services that are targeted at children and families who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing domestic abuse, and which **have a specific aim to improve outcomes for children who are victims of domestic abuse**. This could include a wide range of activities such as:

- parenting programmes for parents who have been identified as at risk of domestic abuse
- parenting support for families experiencing domestic abuse which aim to help parents understand how family violence and abuse is negatively impacting their child/children
- therapeutic support for children who have experienced domestic abuse
- advocacy, mentoring, or relationship building support for children who have experienced domestic abuse
- perpetrator programmes which aim to change the attitudes and behaviours of perpetrators, which also have a focus on children's experiences and outcomes

We are also interested in approaches designed to respond to the needs of different population sub groups, for example children and families with young children (including pregnancy and up to the age of 2); children and families from minority ethnic backgrounds, with no recourse to public funds, with disabilities, or with experience of the care system. Programmes designed to support survivors or perpetrators which have a focus on children's experiences and outcomes are also eligible.

In the interests of a manageable scope for this work, we will not be able to consider universal services or wider approaches. For example, the following will be out of scope:

- programmes aimed at reducing parental conflict
- public health campaigns designed to raise awareness and change attitudes to domestic abuse
- new approaches to screening for domestic abuse
- professional education programmes designed to increase understanding of the prevalence and impact of domestic abuse

We appreciate that there may be differing views within the child protection and domestic abuse sectors concerning which approaches are safe and appropriate, and welcome interventions from differing perspectives at the application phase. While we are accepting applications from programmes or services at all stages of development, we have a preference for those that have reached the active delivery and implementation phase (as opposed to those in the development phase, not yet implementing).

We appreciate that in some cases it may be difficult to decide if an intervention or service is within scope of this work. If you would like to discuss this before making a submission, please contact [ian.moore@eif.org.uk](mailto:ian.moore@eif.org.uk) and we will be more than happy to work through this with you.

### **Timelines and outputs**

We expect to work with local areas between September and December 2022 to conduct interviews with key stakeholders (including programme developers, implementers, programme participants), co-facilitate workshops, and potentially conduct observations. Overall, we estimate partners will need to commit to 5 to 6 working days over the span of two months to complete this collaborative work.

There is no funding attached to this project for the delivery costs of the intervention. However, we will work with interested partners to explore opportunities for funding to cover the future costs of programme delivery alongside this work.

### **How to apply**

This call opens on 1 July 2022 and will close on 29 July 2022. We will notify all applicants of our decision within 6 weeks.

Work with partners will be carried out between September and December 2022.

**See a copy of the survey questions below:**

### *Application form*

Please complete the survey to express your interest in working with EIF and the What Works for Children's Social Care on our domestic abuse project. Please ensure you have read the Call for Information programme sheet here before completing the survey.

The deadline to complete is **5pm 29 July 2022**

**Please complete this form for one specific programme or service. If you would like to submit more than one programme or service, please submit a separate form for each.**

### **GDPR statement**

A note on data processing:

This data is being collected by **the Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) to evaluate Project 142.**

In compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) personal data collected will not be shared with or provided to any other third party for marketing or any other purposes. If you would like to find out more about how we are processing your data in regards to this survey please click [here](#) for the Data Privacy Notice.

If you would like to receive the EIF newsletter, event information or project updates, please [register via the EIF website](#). For more information, see: [EIF privacy policy](#)

**If you would like more information on this please contact:** [lan.moore@eif.org.uk](mailto:lan.moore@eif.org.uk)

1. By clicking 'Yes' below you are giving your consent for EIF to collect your data. (Also, by clicking 'Yes' you are acknowledging you have been given access to the Data Privacy Notice related to this Call for Programmes and Evidence held within Survey Monkey.)

- Yes
- No

### *Section 1 - Basic information.*

2. Are you a local area or other organisation?

- Local area
- Other organisation

3. Please share your contact information

Name: <a href="#">[Open text]</a>
Job title: <a href="#">[Open text]</a>
Organisation / Local authority/PCC Office <a href="#">[Open text]</a>
Email address: <a href="#">[Open text]</a>
Phone number: <a href="#">[Open text]</a>

*Section 2 – Programme description*

4. Please state the name of the programme or service [\[Open text\]](#)
5. Please describe the adult target population for the programme or service. Please include information on relevant factors such as socio-economic characteristics, ethnicity, gender, age range, family situation, sexuality, previous or current Children’s Social Care involvement, and any other factors that determine who is eligible for support. [\[Open text\]](#)
6. Please describe the child target population for the programme or service. Please include information on relevant factors such as socio-economic characteristics, ethnicity, gender, age range, family situation, sexuality and any other factors that determine who is eligible for support. [\[Open text\]](#)
7. Please provide a brief description of the programme or service.

Your description should include:

- *How are participants identified and referred to the programme or service?*
- *What are the key components/activities of the programme or service?*
- *How frequently are these activities carried out? (e.g. four, weekly counselling sessions are conducted)*
- *How is the programme or service delivered? Is it delivered in a group or individual setting? How is it delivered? (e.g. face-to-face, telephone service, online)*
- *Who delivers the programme or service (e.g. trained therapists, social workers, GPs, counsellors)?*
- *Are there other stakeholders involved? Please specify*
- *What child and / or adult outcomes is the programme or service targeting and how is this measured?*
- *The theory of change for the programme or service, (e.g. how the activities are intended to improve outcomes for children and families)*

[\[Open text – max 300 words\]](#)

8. If the programme or service is currently operational, please set out how many adults and children you have worked with since it became operational (for up to a maximum of the two most recent financial years). [\[Open text\]](#)

9. Please indicate how many families you anticipate working with this year. [\[Open text\]](#)
10. If the programme or service is not currently operational, please provide an estimate of the number of families you will work with this year. [\[Open text\]](#)

### *Section 3 Evidence and evaluation*

11. Please provide any evidence you have on the programme or service in terms of its development and/or impact. This could include evidence that was used to develop the programme or service, any previous evaluations that have been carried out, or monitoring data on attendance, feedback from participants (surveys, questionnaires, interviews with participants). Please ensure all data is non-identifiable. [\[Open text\]](#)

*If you would like to provide any additional reports or data to supplement the description above, please upload them here. Please ensure all data is non-identifiable. [\[Add file option if appropriate\]](#)*

Please describe any current monitoring and evaluation arrangements you have in place. [\[Open text\]](#)