



Australian Government

Department of Social Services

# Keeping Women Safe in their Homes

# Keeping Women Safe in their Homes (KWSITH)

- KWSITH was established in 2015-16 to support women and their children who have experienced family and domestic violence to remain safely in a home of their choice, through a range of safety supports.
- KWSITH is a key initiative of the Australian Government's *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032*.
- The National Plan is the overarching national policy framework that will guide the work of all governments, family safety experts and front-line services towards ending violence against women and children over the next 10 years.

# Program Overview

- Through the KWSITH program, the Australian Government funds state and territory governments, and select non-government providers, to deliver services to improve the safety of women and children.
- Since the program's inception in 2015-16, the Government has committed \$76.57 million for KWSITH.



**Home security upgrades**



**Technology-based security solutions**



**Safety planning**



**Case management & client support**



**Risk assessments**

# Statistics and Outcomes

By supporting women to remain safely in a home of their choice, KWSITH:

- Helps to prevent homelessness by offering greater housing stability for women and providing an alternative to homeless shelters and emergency accommodation.
- Supports the economic security and social networks of women and children.



# Moving Forward

- Expanding service delivery into more remote and regional locations.
- Strengthening ties with other family and domestic violence initiatives.
- Embedding Closing the Gap Priority Reforms to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Evaluation planned for 2025-26 to assess outcomes and determine the effectiveness of KWSITH responses in increasing the safety and housing stability of women and children impacted by family and domestic violence.

'I have more confidence in my home. I can do things by myself; I can help my kids with whatever they need now. I don't need any permission from anyone, I'm so happy my kids are safe. I'm feeling so strong.'

Client Interview

'I think it helps with a lot, with feeling safe at home. I think the plan's actually quite effective, for myself and my children, so I couldn't praise [service provider] and the domestic violence agency any more. They're great.'

Client Interview