

Lessons Learned: MARAM & Information Sharing Webinar

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About NIFVS

Northern Integrated Family Violence Services (NIFVS) is the partnership that provides family violence system leadership across the northern metropolitan region of Melbourne.

Our Mission

Provide regional leadership that increases the safety of victim survivors, the accountability of perpetrators and strengthens Victoria's family violence reforms.

Our Partners

- 29 cross sector committee members
- 423 services responding to family violence
- 4,214 professionals linked to various initiatives

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What to expect from today

Today you will:

- **Understand** the impact of the MARAM Framework and Family Violence and Child Information Sharing Schemes.
- **Learn** how MARAM and information sharing has increased perpetrator accountability and enhanced the safety of victim survivors.
- **Hear** from practitioners and organisational leaders about their experience of implementation.
- **Get** advice and access to key resources to support your implementation journey.

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MARAM & Information Sharing

The Victorian government is progressing three interrelated reforms to reduce family violence and promote child wellbeing and safety:

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework (MARAM): Sets out the responsibilities of different workforces in identifying, assessing and managing family violence risk.

Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS): Enables authorised organisations to share information to facilitate assessment and management of family violence risk.

Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS): Enables authorised organisations to share information to promote the wellbeing and safety of children.

The MARAM and Information Sharing Schemes (MARAMIS) are enabled by legislative, policy and practice alignment.





Timeline of Reforms

Initial Group: February 2018, a small group of services commenced use of the FVISS.

Phase One: September 2018, 37,500 professionals were prescribed under the FVISS, CISS and MARAM.

Phase Two: 19 April 2021, 370,000 professionals from health and education services.



Workforce Tiers

The *Responding to Family Violence Capability Framework* (2017) outlines four 'tiers' that broadly assist with identifying a worker's responsibilities under MARAM.

Tier 4

Workers in universal services and organisations

Tier 3

Workers in mainstream and non-family violence specific support agencies

Tier 2

Workers in core support or intervention agencies

Tier 1

Specialist family violence and sexual assault practitioners

A full list of workforces are available on page 14 of the *Responding to Family Violence Capability Framework*





MARAM Responsibilities

The MARAM Framework lays out 10 Responsibilities, each with a practice guidance document.

1. Respectful, sensitive and safe engagement

2. Identification of family violence

3. Intermediate risk assessment

4. Intermediate risk management

5. Seek consultation for comprehensive risk assessment, risk management and referrals

6. Contribute to information sharing with other services (as authorised by legislation)

7. Comprehensive assessment


8. Comprehensive risk management and safety planning

9. Contribute to coordinated risk management

10. Collaborate for ongoing risk assessment and risk management



MARAMIS Web Portal

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Our government is progressing three interrelated reforms that are integral to reducing family violence risk and promoting child wellbeing and safety:

- The [Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management \(MARAM\) Framework](#) provides guidance to organisations prescribed under regulations, that have responsibilities in assessing and managing family violence risk. The MARAM Framework is considered best practice for anyone responding to family violence in Victoria.
- The [Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme](#) supports effective assessment and management of family violence risk. It enables risk relevant information to be collected, used and shared between authorised workforces.
- The [Child Information Sharing \(CIS\) Scheme](#) allows authorised organisations and professionals who work with children, young people and their families to share information with each other to promote children's wellbeing and safety.

Find out if your organisation was prescribed under these reforms in [Phase One](#) (September 2018) or [Phase Two](#) (April 2021).

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MARAM Resources

For Practitioners:

- MARAM Foundational Knowledge Guide
- Responding to Family Violence Capability Framework (page 14)
- Decision Guide for MARAM Responsibilities
- MARAM Victim Survivor Practice Guides
- MARAM Practitioner Guides (Brief Overviews)

For Leaders:

- Understanding the Responsibilities for Organisational Leaders
- MARAM Framework: Summary for Organisational Leaders.
- Self-Audit Tool, Implementation Plan, and Implementation Review Guide
- Embedding Tools



MARAM Training

- Leading Alignment (Leaders)
- Collaborative Practice (All Tiers)
- Screening & Identification e-learn (Tier 4)
- Brief & Intermediate e-learn (Tiers 2 & 3)
- Renewing Practice: CRAF to MARAM (Tier 1)
- Comprehensive Risk Assessment (Tier 1)

Practitioners attend the relevant Risk Assessment training and the Collaborative Practice training.

Organisational Leaders attend Leading Alignment.



Information Sharing Resources

All guidelines and resources regarding the Family Violence and the Child Information Sharing Schemes are available at:

www.vic.gov.au/guides-templates-tools-for-information-sharing

Visit the PROTECT website for school resources to identify and respond to child wellbeing and safety needs.

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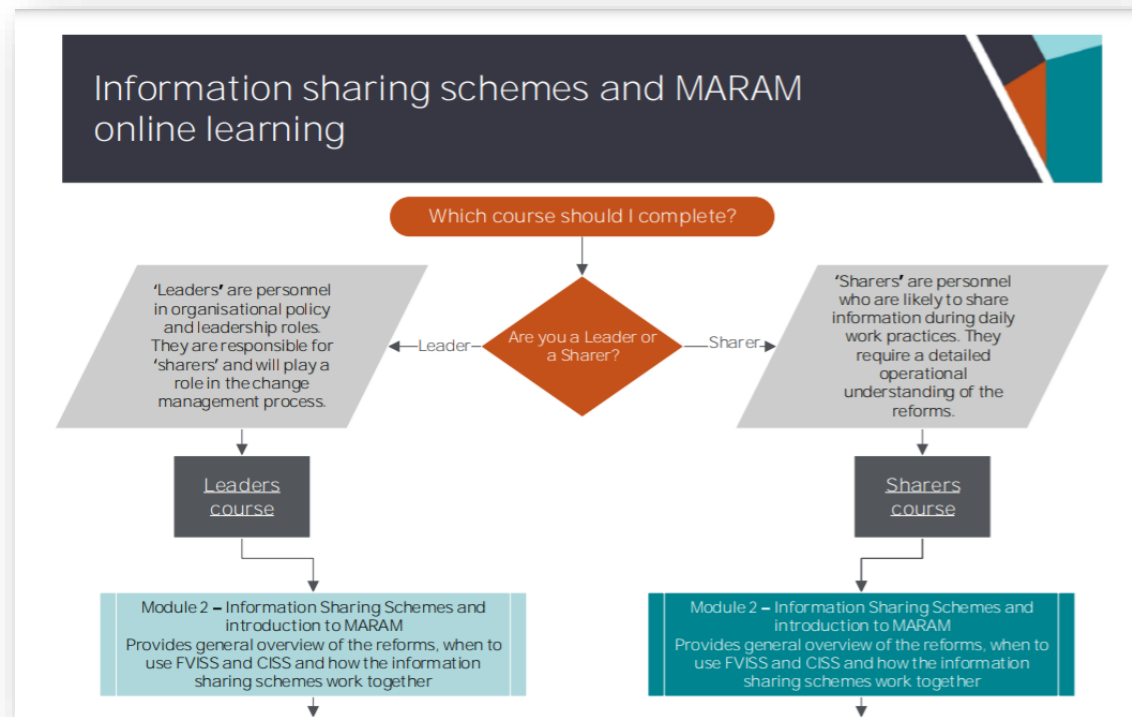




Information Sharing Training

Online training in the information sharing schemes is now available for practitioners and organisational leaders.

Information Sharing e-learning Modules Overview helps you work out which training to attend.





Impact of MARAMIS

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Panel Discussion

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Next Steps

There are a number of ways to stay involved:

- **Visit** the NIFVS MARAMIS web portal
- **Watch** the NIFVS Service System Overview
- **Participate** in online NIFVS training
- **Join** a Local Family Violence Network
- **Read** the NIFVS enews

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