

Responding to Coerced and Tactical Suicide within the Context of Family Violence

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FORM: In person

DATE: Wednesday 25th October 2023

TIME: 10am - 3pm

VENUE: Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne City(lunch included)

COST: \$660 (includes GST)

This workshop will begin to make sense of the interplay between suicide and intimate partner violence. Through the lens of coercive control and social entrapment, we will explore how patterns of threat and risk posed by perpetrators of intimate partner violence not only leads to potential homicide but also suicide of victims/survivors. This workshop will provide scaffolding around our practice, to better make visible the coercive and entrapping nature of intimate partner violence, to strengthen our risk assessment, safety planning and threat management work. We will also examine the tactical use of suicide by perpetrators and the ripple effects for victims, family, community.

There are critical learnings for us; to not only prevent, but as opportunities for early intervention as research shows that those who take their lives (victims/survivors and perpetrators) have contacted services prior to death.

This workshop will explore:

- How we might make sense of the interplay and connections between suicide and intimate partner violence.
- New learnings from Professor Jane Monckton Smith who built on the 8 stage timeline to intimate partner homicide, exposing a sequential pattern to coerced suicide for victims/survivors.
- Ways that perpetrators tactically use threats to suicide or actual suicide and what this means for ongoing control and entrapment in the lives of victims/survivors.
- How as systems responding to coercive control we can predict or see patterns in our risk analysis to intervene and disrupt the constraints that intimate partner violence inflicts.

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