



Women's Safety Services SA

# First Nations Framework 2020 - 2023

## Our Vision

WSSSA aims to build a culturally focused, safe and healing organisation for First Nations women, families and community, respecting their wisdom, place and voice. We will be a service of excellence for First Nations peoples and their employer of choice.

## We will do this by:

- Recognising the historical impact of colonisation and the following intergenerational disruption on First Nations women, men and children
- Privileging First Nations peoples through acknowledging and respecting their ancient and current wisdom and their diverse cultures, communities and experiences
- Ensuring this knowledge directly influences our attitudes, values, skills, actions, policy, services and outcomes for First Nations clients.

WSSSA's collective vision is to foster an environment that recognises and embraces First Nations knowledge and cultures.

The First Nations Framework is an important achievement to enable us to walk together in the spirit of reconciliation. Reciprocity, respect, and partnership are the key concepts of reconciliation that will guide our work.

WSSSA is committed to deep listening. Aboriginal women have been saying for a long time they want family violence to stop and they know their solutions. Professor Irene Watson and Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson kindly remind non-Aboriginal women that solutions to family violence will not come from patriarchal western societies, but from Aboriginal women. Aboriginal women have connection to land, cultural sustenance, political will and self-determination.

The solutions are embedded in cultural practices derived from knowledge that is outside the experience and knowledge of whiteness.

The Framework is togetherness and WSSSA's commitment to amplifying voices of First Nations women.