

Patricia Giles Centre

Safe Lives. Safe Futures

Patricia Giles Centre, as the largest provider of family and domestic violence (FDV) services in Perth, promotes the right of women and children to live free from violence by providing emotional and practical support and advocacy on behalf of those experiencing family and domestic violence.

Named in honour of Patricia Jessie Giles AM a former Australian Senator. Her achievements were many including President of the International Alliance of Women, Chair of the World Health Organisation's Global Commission on Women's Health.

Vision, Mission and Values

Our Vision- Safe Lives. Safe Futures

Our Mission- Building a strong community free from family and domestic violence

Our Values - We are client focused innovative and courageous in our approach

Our History

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| 1989 | First refuge opened in Marangaroo. |
| 1994 | Relocation from Marangaroo to new site in Joondalup. Refuge named Patricia Giles Refuge (three houses able to accommodate 6 families; maximum 21 clients). |
| 1996- 1999 | Nine houses acquired from Department of Housing for use as medium term support housing. |
| 1997 | Commenced Women's and Children's Counselling Services. |
| 2006 | Damara House Refuge opened (renamed Rebecca West House with 5 houses able to accommodate 10 families). |
| 2010 | Housing Support Services and Safe At Home programs commence. |
| 2015 | Ellenbrook Family Support Services opened. Taking total number of refuges under PGC to three. |
| 2015 | Awarded 24/7 Lead Agency (North) status responsible for coordinating crisis response across six refuges. |

Services Provided

- 2 x crisis and emergency accommodation (Rebecca West House and Patricia Giles Refuge see further details)
- Support (transitional) Housing
- Children's Counselling
- Women's Counselling
- Safe at Home Program
- Housing Support Workers
- Child Advocacy Services
- Lead coordinator of the northern HUB refuge service
- Emergency crisis team located at Mirrabooka Police Station.

The Picture at Patricia Giles Centre (July 2016 – June 2017)

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| 384 | Total clients who were provided with emergency refuge at Rebecca West House and Patricia Giles Refuge |
| 511 | Number of clients provided with medium/transitional housing |
| 12-18 months | The length of time families require our support services |
| 6,222 | The number of call outs attended by the family and domestic violence response team (FDVRT)# following a police call out to a domestic dispute. (#FDVRT a partnership with WA Police & WA Dpt Child Protection) |
| 2,133 | Number of women and children supported across all of Pat Giles Centre Services |

The General Demographic of Family and Domestic Violence

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|  | <p>One in three women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence perpetrated by someone known to them.</p> <p><small>Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2013). <i>Personal Safety, Australia, 2012</i>, cat. no. 4906.0. Retrieved from: http://bit.ly/1kK5e0l © White Ribbon Australia 2014</small></p> |
|  | <p>One in five women over 18 have been stalked during their lifetime.</p> <p><small>Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2013). <i>Personal Safety, Australia, 2012</i>, cat. no. 4906.0. Retrieved from: http://bit.ly/1kK5e0l © White Ribbon Australia 2014</small></p> |
| 1/week | <p>Over 12 months, on average, one woman is killed every week by a current or former partner.</p> <p><small>Chan, A. and Payne, J. (2013). Homicide in Australia: 2008-09 to 2009-10, <i>National Homicide Monitoring Program annual report</i>. Canberra, Australia: Australian Institute of Criminology. Retrieved from: http://bit.ly/1qVoTZF © White Ribbon Australia 2014</small></p> |
|  | <p>Domestic and family violence is the principal cause of homelessness for women and their children.</p> <p><small>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. (2013). <i>Specialist homelessness services 2012-13</i>, cat no. HOU 273. Retrieved from: http://bit.ly/1ofyA7s © White Ribbon Australia 2014</small></p> |
|  | <p>In Australia, one in four children are exposed to domestic violence.</p> <p><small>Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse. (2011). <i>The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children: A Literature Review</i>. Retrieved from: http://bit.ly/1oiyn2E p.3-4 © White Ribbon Australia 2014</small></p> |

Crisis Emergency Accommodation- The last resort for families seeking to live free of violence

1 Pat Giles Centre (PGC) Refuge

The staff can help with information about housing, legal and income options, so that clients can decide what to do. Staff also provide outreach support to families after they have left the refuge.

- Accommodates single women and women with children to 18yrs escaping FDV or at risk of homelessness.
- 3 self contained 2-bedroom units
- Max of 2 families per unit.
- Case worker is assigned to each unit.
- Maximum stay 3months
- Outreach support to families.
- Child Advocate service
- School holiday program for resident and ex resident children.

2 Rebecca West House (RWH) Refuge

The refuge accommodates single women and women with children to 18 years old, who need to escape from family violence and abuse in their home or who are homeless due to another life crisis

Our staff assist with information about housing, legal and income options, so that they can decide what to do. Outreach support is provided to families after they have left the refuge.

- 3 self contained 2-bedroom units
- Max of 2 families per unit.
- Case worker is assigned to each unit.
- Free counselling for children living in local area who are experiencing FDV.
- Outreach service.