

Community Healing and Accountability

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A community-led response to family violence and sexual assault.

Domestic and family violence (DFV) and sexual assault are pervasive issues in our communities. The statistics and personal stories from victim/survivors clearly show that our current systems and services are unable to meet the needs of those who have been harmed or reduce the frequency of such incidents. Together we can change this.

What is CHAA?

CHAA (Community Healing and Accountability) is an innovative, community-driven initiative aimed at fostering natural helpers who can respond to violence in their communities, and at providing support for people to change harmful behaviours.

CHAA is about changing our collective response to violence. It's about saying "no" to violence and supporting both survivors to heal and those who use violence towards transformation. We believe long-term healing and accountability can occur within relationships, and that these processes are most effectively nurtured within the community.

CHAA is being steered by Inala Community House in partnership with the Family Peace Building and funded by a contribution from the Brisbane South Public Health Network.

Why CHAA is Needed

Current systems tackling domestic violence and sexual assault are overwhelmed and cannot fully meet the needs of individuals experiencing harm or support those on their healing journey. Often, those affected by violence—whether as survivors or those using violence—cannot or do not reach out to services. CHAA offers an alternative, community-based approach to healing, focusing on long-term support and empowerment.

CHAA is not a crisis service. We equip natural helpers like family, friends, and community members with the knowledge and tools they need to respond effectively to violence, supporting both survivors and those who need to change.

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CHAA's Approach to Change

Our approach is grounded in community education, organizing, mobilisation, healing, and accountability. By strengthening communities and equipping them to respond to harm, we foster a culture of safety, healing, and transformation.

The initiative is in the pilot phase, focusing on creating PODs—small, community-based groups, and inviting existing groups to join CHAA. PODs will learn how to safely help those around them, particularly in the context of family violence and sexual assault, through listening to victim/survivors and offering support that aligns with their needs. PODs are supported by a collectivist HUB - a diverse group of individuals and organizations experienced with domestic and family violence and sexual assault, coordinated by an Anchor.

Our vision is that as more PODs are established, they will become increasingly independent. The goal is to create decentralised, self-sustaining communities of healing and accountability.

Be Part of Ending Violence In Our Communities

Whether you're part of a group, organisation, or interested in joining as an individual, everyone has a role to play in ending violence in our communities.

- * **Join as an Individual or Organisation:** Be part of a supportive community HUB working towards transformative change.
- * **Support CHAA's HUB or PODs:** Share your skills, wisdom, and resources to help empower others and foster accountability.
- * **Facilitate a POD:** Be supported in leading a group towards becoming natural helpers in our community.
- * **Join a POD:** Get involved in a POD who supports one another and cares about shaping the future of our communities.



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