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CNV welcomes another access point for people experiencing family violence

Central Victoria's leading specialist family violence response service is today pleased to see another door open for people experiencing domestic and family violence to access help.

The new Victorian Government Orange Door safety and support hub builds on and complements the existing service arrangements in the Loddon region, where there is a range of options currently available for people seeking help if they are experiencing abuse.

While the Orange Door will become the primary entry point for clients accessing services, there is no wrong door and all other existing services across the Loddon region remain open and accessible to clients.

The Orange Door is a free service for anyone in the Loddon region seeking help and support for family violence. The network can also help anyone needing support with the care, wellbeing and development of children. You do not need a referral.

If you attend the Orange Door, you will be connected with local specialist agencies – including family violence services, family services and Aboriginal services. These agencies have well-established services and programs operating throughout the diverse Loddon region.

The Loddon Orange Door network specialist partner agencies are Centre for Non-Violence, the Department of Health and Human Services' Family Safety Victoria, Anglicare Victoria, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative and Njernda Aboriginal Corporation.

Centre for Non-Violence Executive Manager Programs and Services, Yvette Jaczina, says CNV will continue to be responsible for responding to women and children experiencing domestic and family violence, and working with perpetrators to understand and change their behaviour.

"We look forward to bringing our family violence specialist knowledge into the Orange Door, while drawing on the experience and knowledge of our partner agencies to achieve the best outcomes for clients," she said.

"The Orange Door is one part of the overall system that is working to keep women and children safe, while keeping perpetrators in sight and accountable for their behaviour. We have a shared commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for families."

Centre for Non-Violence covers the Loddon region – which includes the City of Greater Bendigo and the Central Goldfields, Mt Alexander, Macedon Ranges, Loddon and Campaspe shires. Centre for Non-Violence can be contacted on 1800 884 292 | The 24-hour statewide safe steps family violence crisis response line is 1800 015 188 | Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491 | In an emergency, call 000 | www.cnv.org.au