

About the Centre

Adira promotes culturally appropriate, evidence-based and community informed responses to domestic, family and sexual violence in NSW, including in regional and rural areas.

Our work is grounded in cultural responsiveness and informed by evidence and community insights.

The Centre collaborates across women's safety, multicultural and settlement sectors in NSW to enhance capacity for quality and safe culturally responsive domestic, family and sexual violence services.

What we do

We support services to develop competence and confidence to address the complex needs of women and children from migrant and refugee backgrounds experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence.

We work with services to provide culturally responsive NSW practice expertise and support, as well as advice on cultural, community and migration-related considerations.

We engage with services to develop good practice approaches for working with migrant and refugee women and children seeking safety, informed by lived experience voices.

We provide casework support — collaboratively with services and directly for complex cases — to ensure that migrant and refugee women and children receive the specialist, culturally responsive support.

Collaborate with us

Whether you seek specialist advice on complex cases or wish to explore potential practice collaborations, contact us at safetycentre@ssi.org.au or 02 8111 7077.

Find more information and how to refer to us at ssi.org.au/safety-centre

How we can support

Collaborative practice support

We are flexible and provide tailored support to services across NSW based on your needs and expertise.

We can offer:

- Consultation on complex cases and cultural and community considerations
- Peer-to-peer caseworker consultations and intraprofessional advice
- Advice regarding effective advocacy for clients from migrant and refugee backgrounds
- Joint risk assessment and safety planning
- Case conferencing and co-case management
- Specialist referral pathway recommendations

Culturally responsive case management

Adira's practitioners provide direct casework for complex cases in south western Sydney.

We specialise in:

- Building trusted relationships with clients from migrant and refugee backgrounds, grounded in our in-depth understanding of cultural and community considerations
- Understanding and navigating the cultural and structural dynamics that impact help-seeking behaviours and access to support
- Comprehensive and culturally responsive risk assessments, safety planning and psychoeducation on domestic, family and sexual violence
- Intensive advocacy for client access to all available support, in the context of cultural and structural barriers.

Capacity building and collaboration to support culturally responsive practice

- Development of good practice models for quality and safe culturally responsive services
- Training and resource development on culturally responsive practice in the context of domestic, family and sexual violence
- Community engagement and awareness raising on the drivers of domestic, family and sexual violence and available support services.