$235 000 for Alice Springs Women’s Shelter

The Alice Springs Women’s Shelter will receive $235 000 recurrent funding as part of the NT Government’s $15 million campaign to support mandatory reporting of domestic violence.

Minister for Children and Families Malarndirri McCarthy today announced the funding in Alice Springs.

“Domestic violence tears families apart, and women and children are often the most vulnerable,” Ms McCarthy said.

“The NT Government passed laws earlier this year to protect women and children from family violence by making the reporting of domestic violence mandatory.

“And to back up these ground-breaking laws the NT Government is committing $15 million over three years to support more crisis accommodation, increased counselling services and continuing public education campaigns surrounding the new law.”

Ms McCarthy said the recurrent funding to the Alice Springs Women’s Shelter will provide support to the shelter, as well as increase capacity.

“The Alice Springs Women’s Shelter provides a safe place for women and their children from all cultural backgrounds who are escaping violence in the home and in the community,” Ms McCarthy said.

“The shelter provides support, accommodation, advice, advocacy and referral to residents, and any women seeking support. This additional funding will provide the shelter with a significant boost in terms of being able to increase support and capacity.”

The new domestic violence law requires all adults to report domestic violence if they believe another person’s life is in danger or they believe a person has caused or is about to cause serious harm to another in a domestic relationship.

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