POSITIVE MESSAGES ABOUT LGBTI PEOPLE, RELATIONSHIPS & RAINBOW FAMILIES

NATIONWIDE LGBTI PRIDE, CELEBRATION & AFFIRMATION

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LGBTI

RESPONSIBLE PARENTING

sharing parental responsibilities, even if he does not see the children
(child support payments) • being a positive role model for the children •
attending a ‘safe fathering’ program after the behaviour change
program • being clear about the purpose & expectations of the
behaviour change program • he communicates openly & truthfully
about his use of violence • he accepts full responsibility for his
abuse • he supports my goals in the relationship & in life • he
understands that I may feel unsafe at times • he respects my privacy
when talking to professionals, police and the courts about his
violence • he listens to me non-judgementally • he values & affirms
my opinions about the abuse • he respects my wishes & boundaries
about sexual & physical contact • he goes at my pace with recovering from
the abuse • he doesn’t use his remorse, guilt or shame to expect
me to forgive him • he understands that his violence cannot be
removed from my memory •

NON-VIOLENCE

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE PROGRAM

CARE PROFESSIONALS

facilitators

helps him fully accountable for his abuse towards me • challenges his
attempts to minimise, blame, or justify his abuse • facilitates to know enough about
victim/survivor experiences to advocate for me appropriately • provide follow-up when program
has been completed to ensure long-term behaviour change is being achieved • being clear to him
that the behaviour change program is primarily about my safety • reminding him
that the group is not about his experience of homophbic, bigomphic or
transphobic abuse • program workers are trained in LGBTI
inclusive practices •

NEGOTIATION & FAIRNESS

accepting to change, willing to compromise on relationship & family needs
• he shows me that he sees to find mutually
satisfying resolutions to conflicts • he consults with
me on any changes to our non-monogamous or
polyamorous agreements • all relevant information on
safety and risk is communicated to me by services • making
financial decisions together • making sure we can both benefit
from financial arrangements • polyamorous & casual partners being
consulted & supported on decisions that affect them

NON-MONOGAMY & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

TRUST & SUPPORT

he supports my goals in the relationship & in life • he
supports & validates my feelings • he encourages my relationships with family & friends • he
supports my involvement in LGBTI community organisations •
Pride March • he treats my judgement about who I am ‘out’ to • to what degree • he shares information about his
participation in the men’s behaviour change group when I ask him • I can rely on him to share my
experience of his abuse in the group respectfully
in my presence • I can talk about the
impact of his violence without him
getting defensive or justifying •

HONESTY & ACCOUNTABILITY

he accepts full responsibility for his abuse • he communicates openly & truthfully about his use of violence •
he is clear about the purpose & expectations of the behaviour change program • facilitators of behaviour change programs
always centre victim/survivor experiences & focus
on impact of violence, not intent • he attends every
session & actively participates •

PARTNER ADVOCATE SUPPORT

regular & ongoing appointments to discuss safety planning • advocates are not expecting me to leave
the relationship • providing me with information about
any risk of violence • I am given the option to nominate a
support person to participate in the partner advocate service so that we have a common language
(safety planning information, family violence definitions, options with accessing interven-
tion orders) • behaviour change program
communicates with me regarding his attendance or non-attendance •