

My name is Martine Batt I alongside Kristy Ingram developed the 'Navigate Model'.

We run this model as a Family Service Organisation funded by Communities for Children – Salvation Army, Qantas, Australia Post and our local Council.

We are a small place based therapeutic clinic services one of the most challenging demographics in Australia.

Since opening a little over two years ago our little office has had 1000's of engagements and signed hundreds of clients.

Unfortunately, one of the most prevalent family presentations is sexual and family violence and the generational trauma which is now exhibited in their children's heightened behavioural concerns.

This is the common format this presents -

The family self refer – often due to the child's extreme behaviours.

Then as we work holistically with the family we too often receive disclosures of one and even sometimes both parents experience with Family violence or sexualised trauma.

I have to say the current system does not support these families effectively.

We have over fifty families we work with in partnership and I know would be happy for us to deidentify and many who would provide information – Case Studies to assist in this submission.

We are passionate about seeing positive change and we live daily the impact of the realitis for survivors of sexual abuse.

Thank you.

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