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**FROM:** Ryan Collins, Director - Participation Branch

**DATE:** 26 / 04 / 2017

**SUBJECT:** *Family Violence Workforce Census*

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* *The family violence workforce census is now open and will be live until* ***5 May 2017***
* *Learn Locals have critical links to their communities and many have a range of interactions with individuals who are victims or perpetrators of family violence*
* *We are seeking your support to encourage your employees and volunteers to participate in the census, which will inform development of a 10-year industry plan.*
* *Information that you may wish to circulate to your workforces and volunteers is attached.*

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The Victorian Government is working to implement the 227 recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Family Violence. A key recommendation made by the Commission is to develop a 10-year industry plan to provide a systematic approach to workforce planning and development, and address issues of workforce capability, diversity of the workforce, health and wellbeing, and career pathways. The industry plan will be released in December 2017 and is being developed through an Industry Taskforce comprising a range of stakeholders.

It is important that the Industry Plan is built on a detailed and comprehensive understanding of the workforces that prevent and respond to family violence in Victoria. To build this understanding, Victoria’s first family violence workforce census has now been launched to give workforces that intersect with family violence an opportunity to provide input that will help government plan for the future and to understand and address workforce challenges. This is an opportunity for Learn Local workforces and volunteers to tell us about how they currently work to prevent or respond to family violence. An invitation to participate was sent from Ms Lee Watts, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education and Training on 10 April 2017.

The census will be open until **5 May 2017** and we are keen for your support in encouraging your workforces and volunteers to participate. The link to the census, including further information, FAQs and information about support services can be found at: [www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence/workforce-census.html](http://www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence/workforce-census.html)