SAVE THE DATE: 21-23 November 2012

This is a significant opportunity for Aboriginal community members, leaders, workers and policy makers to confront the complexities of family violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and propose resolutions for change. *Standing Firm for Change: A Journey to Justice* is a national conference organised by FVPLS Victoria, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisation. This inaugural conference coincides with the tenth anniversary of FVPLS Victoria. Celebrations will be held at the conference dinner.

What are the main objectives of the conference?

The conference topics will focus on:
- raising awareness of the barriers to justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children
- highlighting successful community-based solutions
- identifying gaps from a national and state perspective
- seeking insight from delegates and building consensus on law and advocacy issues
- enhancing communication between Aboriginal community members, leaders, workers and policy makers
- ensuring that law and justice processes are led and owned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- generating resolutions to influence government policy to reduce social disadvantage

Who should participate in this conference?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members
- Mainstream and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service providers
- Policy makers
- Representatives from Local, State and Commonwealth Government
- Academics

Confirmed keynote speakers include:

There will be a call for abstracts in May 2012
- Marion Hansen, Chairperson, FVPLS Victoria
- Antoinette Braybrook, CEO, FVPLS Victoria
- Megan Davis, Professor of Law and Director, Indigenous Law Centre and expert member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples where she holds the portfolios of gender and administration of justice
- Hannah McGlade, Human Rights Advocate Lawyer
- Debbie Kilroy, OAM, CEO, Sisters Inside

Registrations open May 2012. For more information including registration fees, sponsorship packages, speaking opportunities and donations, please email conference@fvpls.org, visit our website www.fvpls.org or contact our office.