



**A2A**  
**From Awareness to  
Action**

**Webinar**

*Recognizing and Responding to*

# REPRODUCTIVE COERCION

*and Abuse: Insights From the  
Australian Community Legal Sector*



**University  
of Manitoba**



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# A2A: From Awareness to Action

This project aims to provide an online guide and learning opportunities that will build the capacity of all practitioners in the field of family law to respond to family violence. The overarching objective of this project is to promote the use of tools to identify family violence in family law systems, and to develop the capacity of family law professionals to address the impact of abuse in family-specific parenting plans.



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# Webinar Schedule

2:00 pm – 2:10 pm: Welcome

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm: Presentation with Susan Saldanha

3:10 pm – 3:25 pm: Q&A session

3:25 pm – 3:30 pm: Closing remarks



# Poll Question

**What sector do  
you represent?**



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<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/stop-family-violence/services.html>





# Susan Saldanha

Susan Saldanha (she/her) is a Research Fellow at the SPHERE Centre of Research Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women in Primary Care at Monash University, Australia. She has recently submitted her PhD, which focused on strengthening how Australian general practice recognises and responds to reproductive coercion. Her mixed-methods thesis combined a scoping review, qualitative interviews with clinicians, and a cross-sectional survey of general practice patients. Susan has also worked as a Research Officer at South-East Monash Legal Service, where she examined how the community legal sector can more effectively address reproductive coercion and abuse. This work involved analysing how reproductive coercion and abuse is addressed in Australian statute and case law and identifying the training needs of community lawyers using focus groups. She is currently finalising a training program and resources on reproductive coercion and abuse for legal practitioners based on these findings.



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