



What is the Engagement and Diversion Program (EDP)?

The Engagement and Diversion Program (EDP) is a confidential, voluntary program that works with law enforcement, community and government to make Queensland communities safe from violent extremism. It does this by performing proactive assessment and case management of individuals exhibiting concerning behaviours, and by engaging with government, non-government and community stakeholders as well as vulnerable individuals and their families to address these behaviours.

EDP is supported and partially funded by the National *Living Safe Together Intervention Program* and helps Queenslanders of all ages, cultures, communities, religions and locations across Queensland.

Eligibility

EDP accepts referrals from government departments, police, and communities for anyone who:

- Resides within Queensland
- Has shown signs that they may be at risk of radicalising towards or supporting an act of violent extremism
- Is assessed by EDP as needing ongoing support to disengage from violent extremist ideology

Assessment

Once a referral has been received, the EDP assesses whether or not an individual is at risk of radicalising toward violent extremism and if so, how far down the path of radicalisation they have travelled. This helps our team to prioritise risk to the community and to develop tailored intervention strategies based on individual areas of vulnerability identified. The assessment process uses nationally and internationally recognised tools which can be applied to all violent extremist ideologies.

Intervention strategies

EDP does not use template intervention strategies, preferring to tailor each package to the client based on their individual needs. Participation in the EDP is voluntary; client consent is obtained to make referrals to support services, obtain information from other agencies and liaise with appropriately identified support persons including family members and friends. The use of EDP individual support plans and other materials provided by the Australian Multicultural Foundation allow for the client to articulate their own needs and goals for the program. Examples of an intervention plan may include:

- Employment support and education and training
- Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health referrals
- Family and welfare support and advocacy
- Social and community supports, including mentoring

In addition to direct engagement with clients, EDP are responsible for:

- Case-management and support agency co-ordination
- Ongoing periodic reviews of former clients to identify future risk or relapse
- Conducting Indicators of Radicalisation (IRAD) training to QPS, Government and Non-Government agencies
- Providing support to QPS units through advice and assistance on engagement and rapport building strategies, developing case and agency co-ordination, and conducting referrals to other support agencies

Referrals

Referrals are submitted within the Queensland Police Service through QPRIME and externally through the completion of the *Referral Suitability Checklist* emailed to our business account.

**For more information, visit www.livingsafetogether.gov.au
or contact the EDP as per contact details below.**