**What is Legal Health Check training?**

Legal Health Check training gives people without a legal background the basic skills to determine if a client may have a legal problem and needs advice about how to deal with the problem.

The training is conducted in a familiar format, using simple, everyday language, to help people identify what may be a legal problem, and includes client stories and a quiz that helps people determine in what category a problem may fall: family, civil or criminal.

This training is backed up by an easy-to-use Legal Health Check form which takes only minutes to complete. Once this is filled out and indicators show someone may need to see a lawyer, an appointment can be made using a referral pathway, calling the 1800 number on behalf of the client, or the client can make the call.

**Why Legal Health Check training?**

Surveys have shown up to 70% of people with a legal problem will talk about it with a trusted health professional or support worker, before speaking with a lawyer, if they even end up seeing a lawyer. And often the person does not know they can resolve their problem with a legal fix. Through a basic understanding of the Legal Health Check, a worker can quickly identify the need to speak with a lawyer, even if there is doubt. Early intervention is good for everyone: the bigger the problem, the harder it is to solve.

**Benefits of Legal Health Check training**

* Earlier intervention with legal assistance generally means better outcomes because an issue can be solved quicker, before it snowballs.
* Workers get increased confidence in identifying what might be a legal problem, and encouraging theirs client to take the step of seeing a lawyer.
* If a person gets help with legal problems, this can have a marked improvement on their health and wellbeing.
* Creates relationships with lawyers to enable secondary consults.

**Who will see?**

Anyone can make an initial appointment, unless there is a conflict of interest. There is no means test for the first advice. Casework may be taken on for clients with high disadvantage and vulnerabilities, with a focus on assisting family violence victims. Casework is conducted free of charge.