

# **Resisting Systemic Collusion** Power and Control Wheel

This adaption of the Power and Controll Wheel shows some of the ways that tactics of abuse are replicated in service environments. If we don't recognise and respond to the relationship between interpersonal, systemic and structural harms, we collude in violence against women, trans and gender diverse people.

POWER AND

CONTROL

#### USING PRIVILEGE

lack of diversity amongst staff, withholding/controlling information, arbitrary rules, unconscious bias, tone policing

## ECONOMIC ABUSE

inconsistent/unclear access to financial support, revoking financial support, unattainable co-payments for accommodation

## **USING CHILDREN**

weaponising child-protection, failing to act when child protection is weaponised against women as a tactic of abuse, stigma attached to parental ability

#### MINIMISING, DENYING AND BLAMING

not recognising the impact of systemic abuse and trauma, lack of harm-minimisation approach to substance use, not understanding the nature of women's use of force

# COERCION AND THREATS

service that requires an Intervention Order and/or police involvement, threats to exit or close support period, collusive response to court proceedings, controlling all decision making involunta

#### INTIMIDATION

involuntary treatments and programs, surveillance of person and property, compliance-based requirements

## **EMOTIONAL ABUSE**

forced disclosure, unwanted questioning, framing women as "dangerous" for exhibiting protective behaviours, lack of consistency, arbitrary or unclear outcomes, bias in risk assessment

confidentiality requirements affecting access to community, impact of exclusion zones, not addressing stigma which results in self-exclusion

**ISOLATION** 

For more information on resisting systemic collusion with criminalised victim-survivors please check out our website www.flatout.org.au or send us an email admin@flatout.org.au

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