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**He made me pay
all of his bills
with my money.”**

**This could be
financial abuse.**

**Financial abuse takes away a person’s right to
choose how they spend their money.**

It is when a partner or family member uses money as a form of coercive control, but it can take many forms. For example:

- They are forced to show receipts or justify every purchase
- They are made to take out debts in their name, but the money is for someone else
- Their money is used in a way they don’t agree with, like for gambling
- They are pressured into giving or loaning money to family or friends
- They’re not allowed to work when or where they want to
- They’re not paid a fair wage in a family business

The Good Shepherd Financial Independence Hub (FIH) is a national, trauma-informed service providing support to people of all gender identities who have experienced financial abuse and/or the financial impacts of domestic and family violence, assisting with:



Judgement free conversations about money and help with financial independence



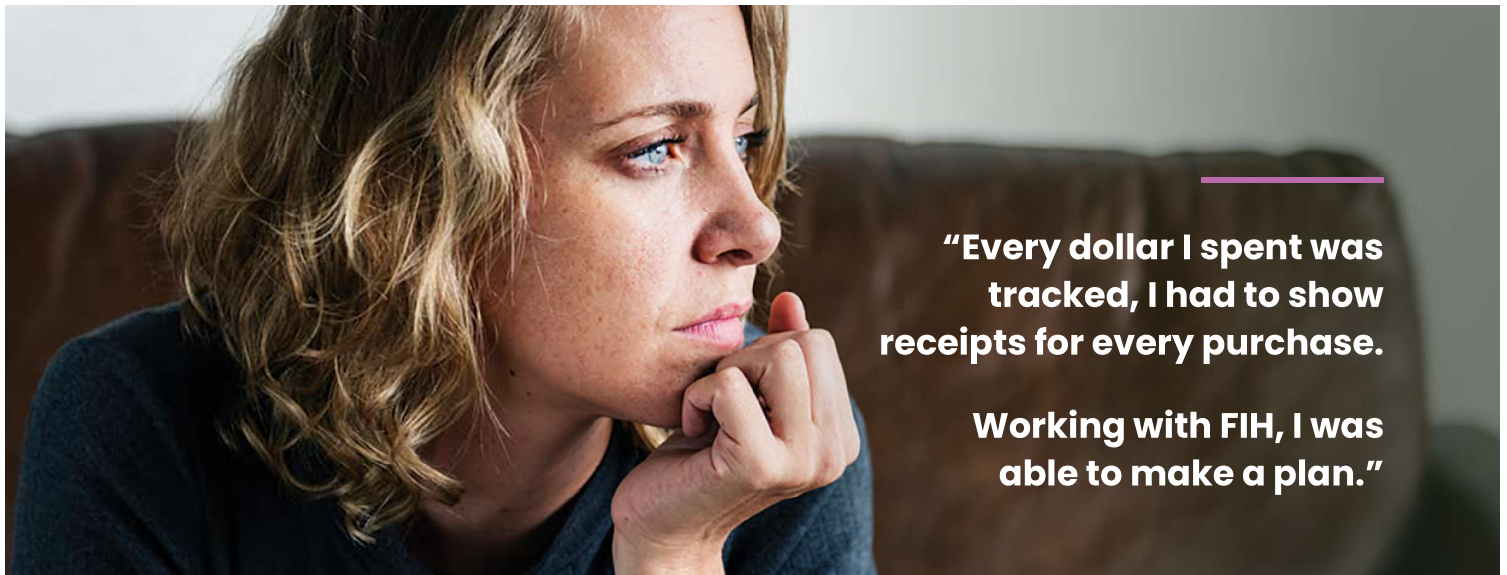
Individual support to manage finances, bills, debts and credit scores, and help create a savings plan



Access to Interest-free Loans*
*Subject to T&Cs



Connecting to support services tailored to each person



“Every dollar I spent was tracked, I had to show receipts for every purchase.


Working with FIH, I was able to make a plan.”

Before referring someone to Financial Independence Hub, please ensure that they:

- Have experienced financial abuse and/or the financial impacts of domestic and family violence
- Are able to safely have a conversation with Financial Independence Hub
- Have provided consent for the referral
- Have expressed an interest in building financial confidence and are ready to move forward

It's free and confidential to speak with the Financial Independence Hub.

Support options (Interpreter services available)

 **Over the Phone 1300 050 150**
Mon-Fri, 7am-7pm (Sydney/Melbourne time)

 **Video Call**

 **In-person appointments** At limited locations



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