

Building Promising Futures: Guidelines and Outcome Measures for Enhancing Response of Domestic Violence Programs to Children & Youth

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FVPSA Program Purpose

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1. Provide the primary Federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their dependents;
2. Provide for a national domestic violence hotline; and
3. Assist States and Indian tribes in efforts to increase public awareness about and prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.



Network of DV Services



Throughout the U.S., domestic and dating violence support services are provided free of charge, in a confidential and private manner, 365 days of the year.

These services include immediate crisis counseling via hotlines, emergency shelter and safe housing, counseling advocacy, legal and medical assistance, and other services that make up a coordinated community response to abuse and violence in intimate relationships.

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, discussion of options, and referrals to resources that are available in local communities. Well-trained advocates can be reached at the National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 by calling 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE). Peer advocates are available at the Loveisrespect by calling 1-866-331-9474 or texting "loveis" to 22522.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline & Loveisrespect



<http://www.thehotline.org/what-is-live-chat>

Local*

1,250 Domestic violence shelter programs

257 Non-shelter service programs

State/Territory

56 State/Territory domestic violence coalitions, many of these are dual domestic and sexual violence programs



Tribal

137 Tribal domestic violence programs

National

2 Domestic & dating violence hotlines (available 24/7)

2 Resource centers focused on broad-based technical assistance, resource development, public policy, training, and on expanding the work of Tribal Nations

5 Special issue resource centers focused on public health, civil and criminal legal response, child protection and custody, mental health, trauma, and working with incarcerated victims

3 Culturally specific resource centers and organizations focused on communities of color and immigrant populations including African Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders, and Hispanic/Latinas

1 Technical assistance project focused on enhancing services to children and youth

1 Learning center focused on services and supports to LGBTQ victims

Each of the national, tribal, state, and local victim service providers work collaboratively to promote practices and strategies to improve our nation's response to domestic and dating violence to make safety and justice not just a priority, but also a reality. *This shows the number of subgrants given out by states to shelter and non-shelter domestic violence programs in 2014 (Updated June 2015)

Visit www.acf.hhs.gov/fvpsa to learn more.

1.27 Million Clients Served

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- **1,250** domestic violence shelter programs
- **257** domestic violence non-shelter programs
- **137** Tribal Domestic Violence programs

15.5 Million children are exposed to domestic violence each year.

FVPSA grantees serve 300,396 children on average per year



886,996
women



73,339 men



288,633
children



FVPSA's Efforts Devoted to Children

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- Greenbook Project
- Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Grants
- Runaway & Homeless Youth and Domestic Violence Demonstration Grants
- Promising Futures Without Violence Website
- Special Issue Resource Center for Child Protection and Custody
- Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children Demonstration Grants
- Expanding Services to Children, Youth, and Abused Parents Technical Assistance Grant
- Children's Bureau Quality Improvement Center Partnership



Promising Futures: Best Practices for Serving Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic Violence



Website includes information on:

- Resources for DV programs/Advocates to enhance children's programming
- Capacity building resources
- Bridging research with practice
- Interventions for children and youth
- Trauma-informed strategies
- Practical tools and resources

**FUTURES Provides Free
Training and Technical Assistance**

www.promisingfutureswithoutviolence.org

[What do kids need?](#)[Program Readiness](#)[Interventions for Children & Youth](#)[Advancing the Field](#)[Tools](#)

Resources & Information for Families

Help caregivers support healing and resiliency for children & Youth

What's New?

How to Use this Website

We hope that you find this a useful resource for helping you transform your program's ability to effectively meet the needs of women, children and youth experiencing domestic violence. If you are just starting to think about how your program's policies could better reflect an equal commitment to mothers and children, or you have been delivering holistic services for years, this website has information and tools that can help you [...]



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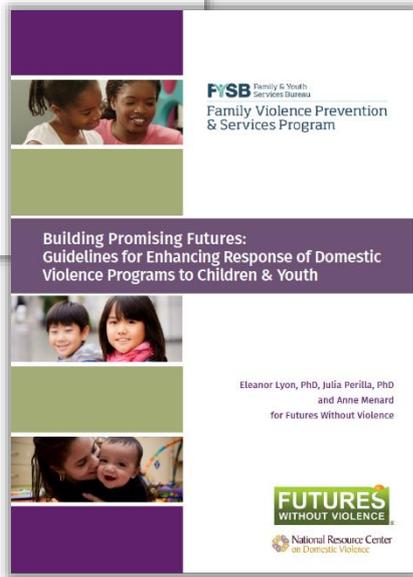
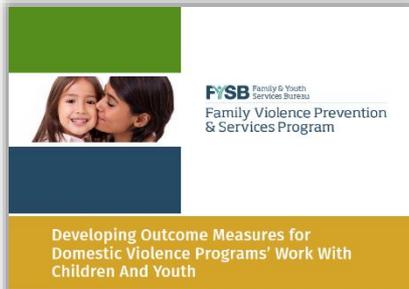
DV Evidence Project

Visit our sister website which combines research, evaluation, practice and theory to inform critical



Developing the Guides

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The papers are complementary, complementary process

- Involvement of 4 FVPSA-funded “enhancing services for children & youth” grantees
- Involvement of advocate pioneers in working with children & youth
- Included literature review



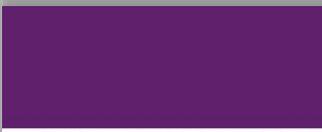
Developing the Guides

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Both papers based on current state of DV work and approach

- Importance of building on strengths/resilience
- Needs and work changing—becoming more comprehensive
- Importance of listening to survivors
- Importance of family & community





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- Growing evidence of connection between health and well-being of children and their protective parent/caregiver
- Increasing focus by DV programs on children and youth
- Integrated approaches - better outcomes for children, their mothers, and the whole family



About Resilience

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- “If we start with needs, we get programs. If we start with strengths, we get possibilities.”
Lupe Serrano
- Focusing on the qualities and assets of both children and their mother/caregiver, as well as their community, that support resilience



Participant Program Development

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Engaging programs' participants in program development

- Consistent with commitment to survivor-defined approaches
- Respects and learns from myriad social, political, racial/ethnic, and other contexts in which survivors and their children live



Key Considerations to Improve Services

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- ❑ Recognize children as more than just “secondary” victims
- ❑ Design all aspects of programming intentionally
- ❑ Ensure that programming is developmentally appropriate



Key considerations (continued)

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- ❑ Recognize cultural relevance as an essential characteristic of successful programming
- ❑ Invest in advocates working with children and youth
- ❑ Work to provide a network for children and youth staff



Getting started

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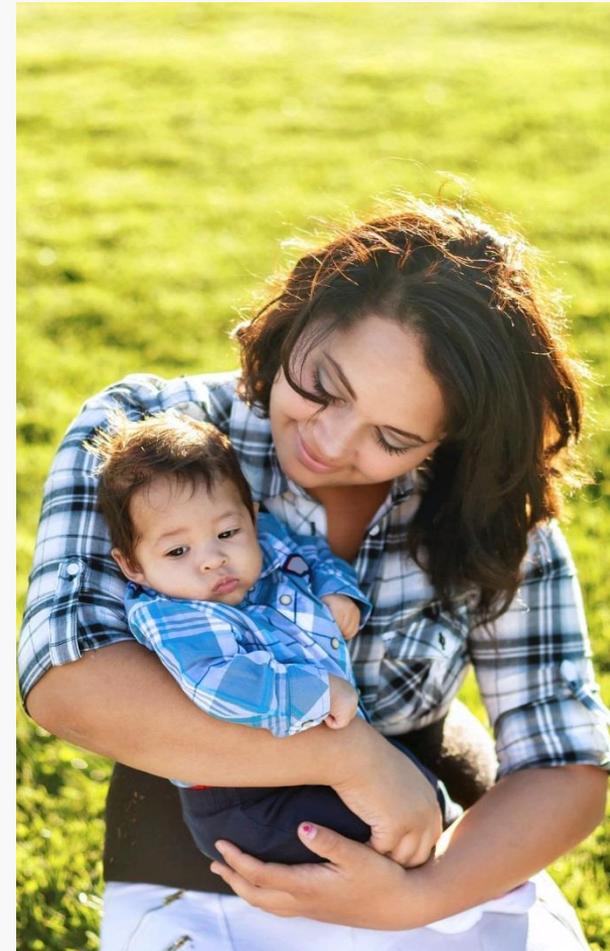
- Involve program participants (advisory group?) about what they most want and need
- Determine programs readiness:
 - program infrastructure
 - program practices
 - community connections
- Includes specific recommendations related to programming, staffing, trainings and partnerships at this initial stage



Next steps in program development

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- Avoid “silos” in programming for mothers and their children
- Consider developing “family advocates” instead of separating by family role and age
- Includes specific recommendations related to programming, staffing, trainings and partnerships at this ongoing development stage



Continuing to enhance your program

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- Fully integrate family-centered programming that strengthens parent-child bonds
- Consider providing long-term and follow-up support, including home-based support
- Develop safety strategies that acknowledge the roles of fathers in children's lives
- Includes specific recommendations related to programming, staffing, trainings and partnerships at this enhancement stage, including evaluation/research



Program Participants Input

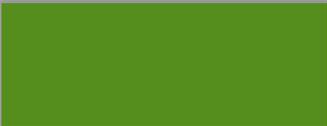
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Getting ongoing input from program participants

- Each section includes questions that could be asked of mothers/caregivers and/or their children to help develop and modify the program at each stage





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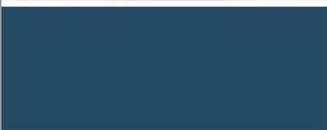
Family Violence Prevention & Services Program



Developing Outcome Measures for Domestic Violence Programs' Work With Children And Youth



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Developing Outcome Measures for Domestic Violence Programs' Work With Children And Youth

Goals for outcomes

- Brief, usable by DV programs
- Not complicated, apply broadly
- Based on evidence



Considerations: Range of Services

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- Shelter, groups, counseling
- Limited contact → lengthy involvement



Considerations: Range of Ages & Gender

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- Needs and focus of intervention may vary for girls & boys
- Children, youth and teens
- Ability to obtain responses varies with age: who should provide it?



Considerations: Timing

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- More than one contact
- “End” of service?



Recommendations: Items

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- Mothers/caretakers:
 - I have a better understanding of the impact that domestic abuse/violence can have on my children
 - I have more tools and information to plan for my children's safety
- Children/adolescents (over age 8)
 - I know more ways to get help when I am scared or upset
 - I have a better understanding of the troubles in my family



Recommendations

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- Involve adult and children/youth survivors
- Testing; range of programs—more comprehensive may involve more measures



Getting Help with Domestic Violence

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➤ National Domestic
Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

➤ National Teen Dating
Abuse Helpline

1-866-331-9474

➤ National Sexual Assault
Hotline (RAINN)

1-800-656-4673

**Free and confidential
help is available for
victims of domestic
violence 24 hours a day**



<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/resource/help-fv>



FVPSA's National and Special Issue Resource Centers

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- National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence (HRCDV) – www.futureswithoutviolence.org
- Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Child Protection and Custody (RCDVCC) – www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) – www.nrcdv.org and www.vawnet.org
- Battered Women's Justice Project: Criminal and Civil Justice Center (BWJP) – www.bwjp.org
- National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health (NCDVTMH) - www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org

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FVPSA's Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers

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- National Indigenous Women's Resource Center – www.niwrc.org
- Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence (API-GBV) – <http://www.api-gbv.org/>
- Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVACC) – www.idvaac.org
- National Latina Network for Healthy Families and Communities - Casa de Esperanza www.casadeesperanza.org





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