



What is your son reaching for ?

Give him a **strong** foundation for his future by treating his **mother** with **respect.**

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Perpetrators as Parents

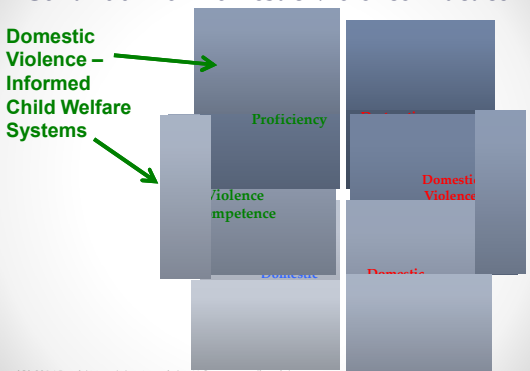
How setting high expectations for men as fathers helps men, women and children

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Domestic Violence - Informed Child Welfare Systems

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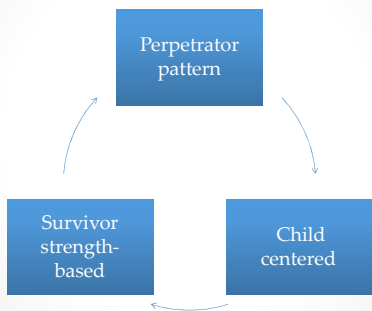
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Moving Systems to Become More Domestic Violence-Informed



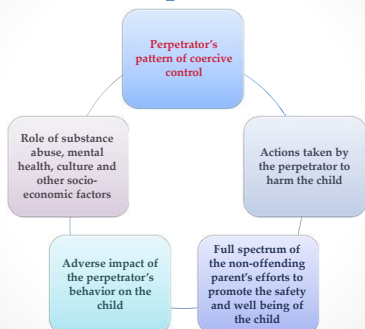
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Safe and Together™ Principles

- 1** Keeping child Safe and Together™ with non-offending parent
Safety Healing from trauma Stability and nurturance
- 2** Partnering with non-offending parent as default position
Efficient Effective Child-centered
- 3** Intervening with perpetrator to reduce risk and harm to child
Engagement Accountability Courts

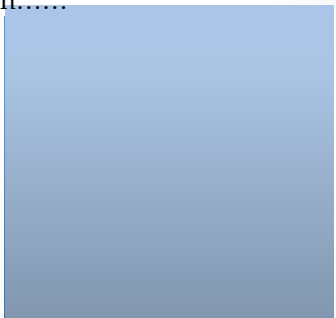
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Safe and Together™ Critical Components



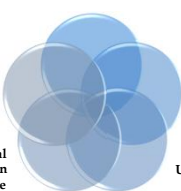
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When Domestic Violence is the Concern.....



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Actions Taken by the Batterer to Harm the Children



Choosing to expose them to their abusive behavior

Physical/sexual/emotional abuse or neglect perpetrated directly against the children

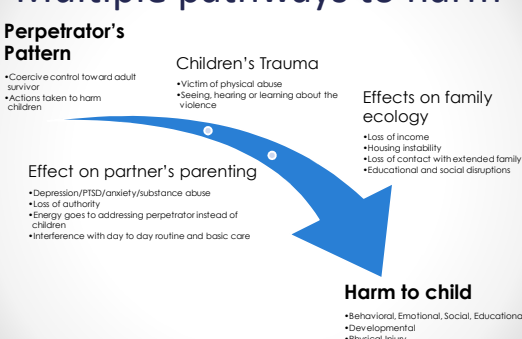
Using children as a weapon against the children's other parent

Accidentally causing physical harm to children as a result of the violence towards non-offending parent

Undermining the other person's parenting efforts

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Multiple pathways to harm



Perpetrator's Pattern

- Coercive control toward adult survivor
- Actions taken to harm children

Children's Trauma

- Victim of physical abuse
- Seeing, hearing or learning about the violence

Effects on family ecology

- Loss of income
- Housing instability
- Loss of contact with extended family
- Educational and social disruptions

Effect on partner's parenting

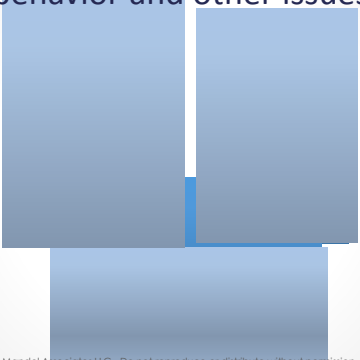
- Depression/PTSD/anxiety/substance abuse
- Loss of authority
- Energy goes to addressing perpetrator instead of children
- Interference with day to day routine and basic care

Harm to child

- Behavioral, Emotional, Social, Educational
- Developmental
- Physical Injury

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Intersectionality of DV perpetrator behavior and other issues



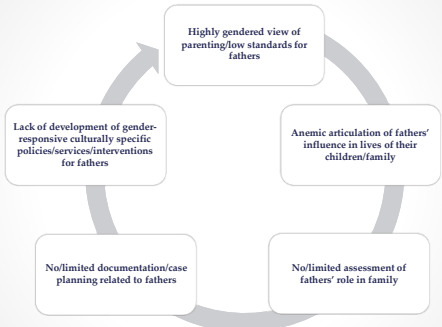
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Perpetrator Pattern-Based Approach to Domestic Violence and Children

- Looks at the perpetrator's behavior, not the relationship or the survivor's behavior, as the source of the domestic violence child risk and safety concerns
- Beyond current relationship: 360 degrees assessment of perpetrator pattern
- Strong nexus between domestic violence perpetrator's behaviors child safety and well being
- Highlights the choice(s) to be violent, abusive and controlling as parenting choices

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Invisible Fathers = Poor Work with Families



Highly gendered view of parenting/low standards for fathers

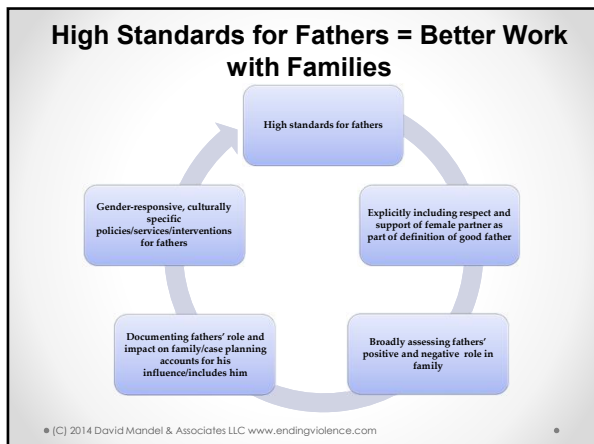
Anemic articulation of fathers' influence in lives of their children/family

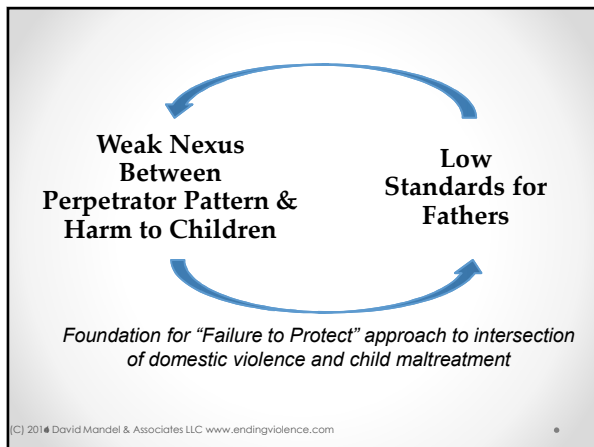
No/limited assessment of fathers' role in family

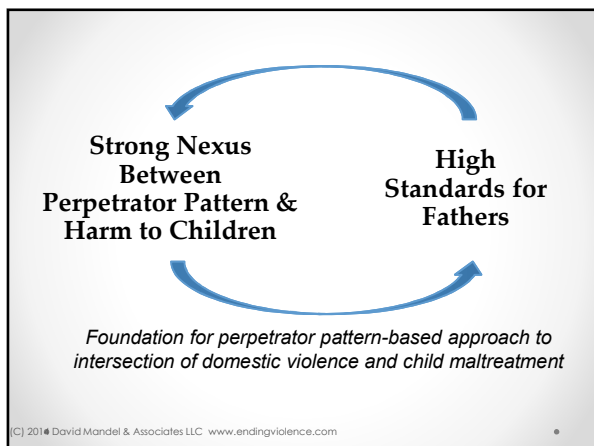
No/limited documentation/case planning related to fathers

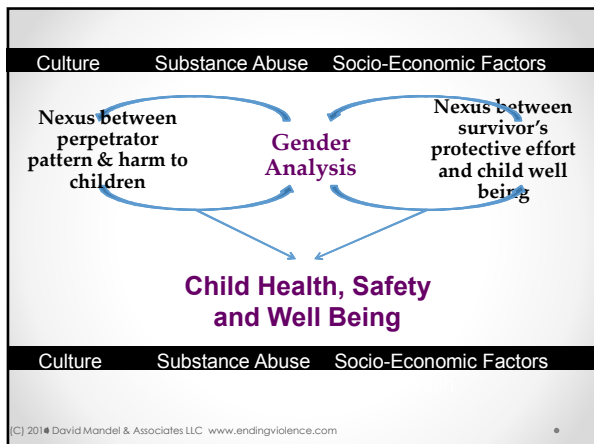
Lack of development of gender-responsive culturally specific policies/services/interventions for fathers

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	"Invisible"	"Good Guy"	"Bad Guy"
What we do	Ignore	Welcome/Reward	Punish
Practice Implications	Do nothing with him	No assessment	Send him away
Implications for work with mothers and children	All the focus is on mom	Her efforts are valued less	All the focus is on mom

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Responsible Fatherhood Concepts

- Engaging fathers is central to our efforts to engage families.
- Focusing on responsible fatherhood is a necessary extension of our commitment to the safety and well-being of women and children.
- Fathers are a significant force in children's lives. Fathers' influence in children's lives is significant whether it is positive through support for children's safety and well-being or negative through the impact of coercive behaviors.
- The fullest possible positive involvement of fathers in children's lives cannot be achieved without setting high standards for fathers as co-parent and partners. Treating a partner or the mother of his children with respect is an essential element of responsible fathering.
- Successfully engaging fathers requires skill, competence and commitment.

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Areas to explore about work with fathers

- What has been your work/contact with father?
- What do you understand the impact of his behavior on the children?
- How is his behavior pattern influencing mother's decision making/interfering with your case plan with her?
- What's been written down about his behavior?
- Does he know what expected him?
- If you needed to go to court on this case, what would the focus on him be?
- What's father current access to this child?
- Even if he doesn't have current access how is his history of behavior still impacting family functioning?
- How have you talked to mother about the father's behavior pattern and its influences over/impact on the family?
- What does the child's therapist know about the perpetrator's pattern of behavior?
- Are you clear that the mother knows that you see the father as being 100% responsible for his choice to be abusive and its impact on the children.

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Safe and Together Model Resources & Educational Events

- Open Events
 - 3rd National Safe and Together Children and Domestic Violence Symposium Orlando, Florida October 14-16, 2015
 - Thursday Webinar Series
- Resources
 - Website: www.endingviolence.com
 - Safe and Together videos:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/user/SafeandTogetherModel>
 - <http://endingviolence.com/our-products/training/safe-and-together-model-videos/>
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Save the Date October 14-16, 2015
Safe Together 3rd Annual Symposium
Domestic Violence and Children



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