

Domestic Violence (DV) / Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

Assessment of Children, Youth, and Families Affected by Domestic Violence

Assessing for domestic violence is a continuous process to ensure the safety of children and the adult victim. Find information and resources on assessing for domestic violence, assessing a child's exposure to violence, assessing the alleged perpetrator, and determining the safety and risk of children, youth, and families affected by domestic violence. Child Welfare Information Gateway

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/domviolence/assessment/>

Checklist to Promote Perpetrator Accountability in Dependency Cases Involving Domestic Violence (Accountability Checklist)

Judges need information and tools to both guide them in holding perpetrators of domestic violence accountable for their abusive behavior and to ensure that efforts to reach perpetrators do not cause unintended consequences or further harm to victims of domestic violence and their children. This Accountability Checklist will help dependency judges intervene with those who use violence in ways that promote accountability and maximize the safety and well-being of children and victim parents. It provides a framework to help the court leverage its authority to hold perpetrators accountable, provide appropriate services, and improve judicial decisionmaking.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

<https://www.ncjfcj.org/publications/checklist-to-promote-perpetrator-accountability-in-dependency-cases-involving-domestic-violence/>

Child Protection in Families Experiencing Domestic Violence (2nd ed.)

Research shows that children exposed to domestic violence are at increased risk of being abused or neglected. This manual discusses the intersection of child maltreatment and domestic violence with a focus on child protection practice.

Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau (2018)

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/domesticviolence2018/>

Childhood Domestic Violence Association

Using the leading research and best known practices in the field, we develop and deploy scalable tools. We partner with leading organizations that directly touch the lives of children and adults who are growing up/grew up living with domestic violence. Our tools and resources are used to educate, train, and empower as they strive to reach their full potential. Childhood Domestic Violence Association <https://cdv.org/>

Children, Domestic Violence, and Guns

This paper presents research evidence on the intersection of firearm use in domestic violence and the presence of children. It discusses threats against children, murders of children, and the psychological impacts to surviving children. While any domestic violence witnessed by a child can be damaging, and any threats or violence against children decreases their safety and is detrimental to their lives, the involvement of guns in these acts may make them particularly harmful due to a gun's lethality and ability to engender fear. It is therefore worth specifically examining the intersection of children, domestic violence, and guns.

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms
<http://www.preventdvgunviolence.org/assets/children-domestic-violence-and-guns022118.pdf>

Child Welfare Webinar Series: Bringing Marginalized Communities to the Center This webinar will be aimed at informing child welfare services for immigrant communities. The presenters will combine their knowledge of domestic violence, immigration, and child welfare to help inform child welfare workers and other professionals on the unique challenges facing survivors simultaneously involved with child welfare and immigration enforcement proceedings. Finally, the webinar will suggest innovative ways to provide reasonable efforts to immigrant survivors involved with child welfare. (90 minutes)

Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody
<https://rcdvcpc.org/resources/resource-library/resource/webinar-child-welfare-webinar-series-part-1-bringing-marginalized-communities-to-the-center.html>

Child Witnesses to Domestic Violence

Research shows that even when children are not direct targets of violence in the home, they can be harmed by witnessing its occurrence. This factsheet discusses laws that extend legal protection to children who may be harmed by witnessing acts of domestic violence in their homes. The issues examined include the circumstances that constitute "witnessing" domestic violence and the legal consequence to persons who commit the domestic violence.

Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). Child witnesses to domestic violence. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau.
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/statutes/witnessdv/>

Colorado Domestic Violence Programs

The programs are listed geographically, but you are not limited to those programs in your community. Please click your location for a list of domestic violence programs in your local area. Please contact the program you are interested in to find out exactly what services they can provide.

Violence Free Colorado
<https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/resources/>

Definitions of Domestic Violence

This publication provides an overview of both civil and criminal definitions of domestic violence. The definition often varies depending on the context in which the term is used. Statutory definitions across the states generally describe specific conduct or acts that are subject to civil and criminal actions, and the specific language used may vary depending on whether the definition is found in the civil or criminal sections of the state's code. Summaries of laws for all states and territories are included. Colorado: Rev. Stat. § 13-14-101, found on page 11 of this document.

Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2018). *Definitions of domestic violence*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau.
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/statutes/defdomvio/>

Domestic Violence Practice Guide for Child Protective Services

This practice guide is a resource for both new and experienced caseworkers and supervisors to enhance their knowledge and practice in child welfare cases with co-occurring domestic

violence. The information and tools presented here reflect current data, trends, and research. Using this guide in concert with existing policies and protocols will help child welfare workers in Colorado build a consistent, case-specific approach and response to families impacted by child maltreatment and domestic violence. A best practice response is contingent upon workers' familiarity with the dynamics of domestic violence, screening and assessment for domestic violence, and strong coordination with community partners. This practice guide intends to complement training, supervision, and collaborations with community partners. Creation of this practice guide was a collaborative effort of the Domestic Violence/Child Protection Coordinating Council.

Colorado Department of Human Services (posted by Violence Free Colorado))))))

https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/DV_CPS_Practice_Guide_5.13.13.pdf

Intimate Partner Violence in Child Welfare

Exposure to IPV includes a variety of experiences such as observing, hearing, and/or being told about the violence, or seeing the aftermath of the violence³ and has negative impacts at various stages of a child's development. It is important that child welfare workers have knowledge and awareness of children's exposure to IPV.

Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (2017), *Practice Note*

https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/PracticeNotes_issue29_508.pdf

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

This website offers information on the effects of domestic violence on children, interventions, and additional resources.

<https://www.nctsn.org/what-is-child-trauma/trauma-types/domestic-violence>

Risk and Resilience: Intimidate Partner Violence (IPV) Exposure

Research has helped us understand how to engage children and families in conversations about IPV. This issue of *Practice Notes* presents tips for assessing and discussing factors of risk and resilience when interacting with individuals, families and communities affected by IPV. Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (2017), *Practice Note*

https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/PracticeNotes_issue30_508.pdf