#### Working with Families Impacted by IPV IPV-FAIR

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#### **Overview of Presentation**

- ► IPV in CT
- Agency IPV Practice Transformation
- IPV Service Array
- Evaluation & Outcomes
- Recommendations

# Families Impacted by IPV & Children Exposed to Trauma:

- In families where there is IPV children are at a higher risk for maltreatment...from both parents
- In a study of preschoolers (N=397), mothers who endorsed physical IPV were more than 4 times more likely than non-victims to endorse behaviors characteristic of physical (31% vs. 10%) and emotional (61% vs. 18%) maltreatment of children
- 40-60% of men who abuse their partner also abuse their children

#### # of DCF Intake Reports

<mark>2</mark>1% 21% 20% IPV indicated ■ No IPV indicated

# Age of Victims Associated with Reports w/ indicator of IPV



#### PE 1: Office of IPV and SU Intimate Partner Violence Service System Development

In 2012, DCF, after assessing CT's current IPV landscape, set forth a vision for what a comprehensive and holistic approach to an IPV service system should look like that was grounded in literature and best practice.



#### Working with the IPC on IPV

- Evaluation and Recommendations of Service Array
- Procedure
  - IPV-Specialist Utilization
  - Training Strategies
  - Assessment tools and strategy
- Policy
  - Reviewing National Best Practices
  - Training competencies
  - Update IPV Policy at DCF
- Data Collection and Analysis

# PE 1: Office of IPV and SU - Intimate Partner Violence Service Array

Risk

	Age	Preventio n	Low	Modera te	High	Capacit y
Fathers for Change	0-10					220- 330
IPV-FAIR	0-18					220- 330
MOMS Empowerment/Kids Club	0-18					shelters
SAFE DATES	10-18					All schools
MST-IPV*	6-18					21

- Fathers for Change Innovative model designed in CT Emphasizes engaging & serving men.
- FAIR Connecticut designed model based on best practice Unique design CT in forefront.
- Moms Empowerment & Kids club Collaboration with CCADV Shelters.
- Safe Dates Collaboration with CCADV Training provided to Ct Municipal Schools. Plus one group run at Solnit North.
- MST-IPV Collaboration with Casey Services and Model developers of MST-BSF. Funding needed for Implementation (development pending)

#### IPV-FAIR: Family Assessment Intervention Response

- Statewide, Voluntary
- Intensive community based intervention
- Engage and Assess all family members
- Individualized treatment & safety plans (EBP: VIGOR)
- Direct services for all family members: in home and clinical setting
- Care coordination & Family Navigation to other services
- Fathers for Change

### **Intimate Partner Violence**

15.5 million children in the US live in households were IPV occurred in the last year

16% have witnessed IPV at least once

Adjustment problems, cycle of violence



McDonald et al. 2006; Finkelhor et al. 2015

## **IPV** in CT

- 90% of women seeking shelter services are mothers
- 75% of children involved with DCF have documented IPV exposure
- 57% of IPV-related arrests involve children present
- 50% of youth involved with juvenile justice services have a history of IPV exposure
- 25% of women receiving prenatal services report ongoing IPV

#### DCF Reports (2014)

Total Reports: 29,313

Reports with allegations of IPV: 6,324 (20.7%)

Substantiation Rates

All reports: 22.7%

IPV reports: 48.0%

Case reviews have shown up to 70% of families have a history of IPV

#### **IPV-FAIR Model**

- 4-6 month intervention; 1-3x/week
- Assessment and engagement of ALL family members
  - Priority: children 0-5
- Individual and family interventions based on assessed needs
- Began July 2015

## Safety Planning: VIGOR

- Developed by Sherry Hamby, Ph. D. and Sarah Clark
- Personalized, detailed safety plan
- Can be used/revisited multiple times
- Identifies goals, risks, strengths, resources, and protective strategies
- http://www.thevigor.org/vigor-safetyplanning-tool/

#### **Clinical Interventions**

- May include, but not limited to:
  - Fathers for Change
  - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
  - Genograms
  - Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
  - Psychotherapy
  - "Beyond Trauma" (Stephanie Covington)
  - "Seeking Safety" (Lisa Najavits)

"Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention" (Berkowitz, Stover, & Marans)

#### **Fathers for Change**

- One aspect of IPV-FAIR
- Acknowledges status of men as fathers in delivery of IPV intervention
- Addresses co-morbid substance abuse disorders and IPV perpetration
- Emphasis on paternal parenting

# Non-Clinical Interventions for Family Navigators

Case management
Psycho-education
Family engagements
Skill-building



- Addressing logistic barriers to accessing treatment
- Connections to community resources

#### FAIR Data: Year 1

- 168 families, 237 children
- ▶ 133 Moms, 70 Dads
  - 46 youth assessments completed
  - 14 post assessment completed for youth
  - 24 post assessments completed for Dads
  - 36 post assessments completed or Moms
- 113 discharges
  - 58% meet all treatment goals

#### Demographics

Mom Age: 19-52 (ave. 30, median 29) Dad Age: 21-66 (ave. 33, median 32)



#### Youth Assessments

#### Youth Ages



#### Prior Experience With IPV (%)



#### **Child Exposure to Violence**

Have adults in your home ever slapped, punched, shoved, or kicked you?

▶ 25.6% yes

Have you ever thought someone was going to hurt or kill someone you love?

▶ 16.3% yes

Have adults in your home ever hit you so hard you had bruises or red marks?

14% yes

Has anyone ever made you feel so scared that you thought they might badly hurt or kill you?

▶ 11.6% yes

Has anyone ever told you they were going to hurt or kill you?

▶ 9.3% yes

#### Home and Office Based Intervention

#### Where were most of your sessions held?



### **Intervention Sessions**

- 68% of clinicians reported conducting sessions with dad and children together
- 58% of dads and 29% of moms attended sessions with their partner
- 40% of dads and 35% of moms are reported to have stopped engaging in treatment

## Engagement

#### How often did the client cancel appointments?



#### Engagement, by race How often did this client cancel an appointment with you?



# Percent of clients who have met treatment goals, by race



### **Emotional Regulation**



#### **PTSD: Full and Partial**



% of sample who meet clinical criteria for PTSD

### **Parental Functioning**



## Hostile Automatic Thoughts (Dad)



# Youth Strengths and Difficulties



#### **Abusive Behavior Inventory**





# Episodes of IPV during treatment



# How do you know the IPV occurred?



## Next steps working with DCF families impacted by IPV

- Strengthen workforce capacity
- Increase cross agency collaboration & communication
- Improve data infrastructure
- Support the implementation of data driven practice
- Increase public awareness
- Case Review Analysis
- Feedback from IPV-FAIR participants
- Model refinement

### **Questions?**

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