

the Safe and Together™ model:
 Using a perpetrator pattern based approach to creating a domestic violence informed child welfare system

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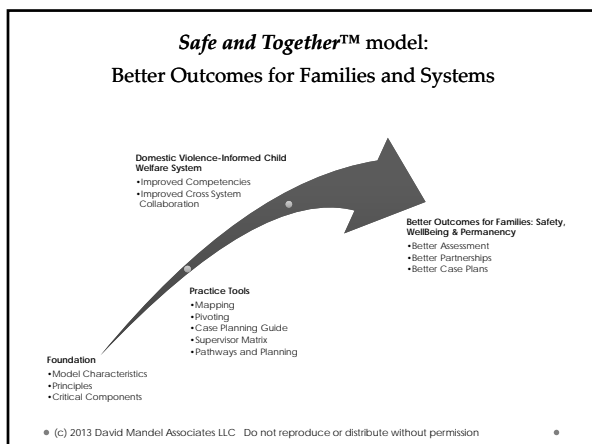
- Pregnancy
 - 3-19% of women report perinatal domestic violence*
 - 48% mothers in one home visitation program revealed reported experiencing IPV since the birth of their child**
- Adverse Childhood Experience (ACES) Domestic Violence Data
 - As frequency IPV witnessing increased: "powerful graded increase in the prevalence of every category of ACE" and "positive graded risk for self-reported alcoholism, illicit drug use, IV drug use and depressed affect."
 - "It strengthens the idea that IPV is usually (95% probability) associated with some form of child abuse or neglect or other serious family dysfunction."
 - Moreover, the number of ACEs have been shown to have a positive graded relationship to negative outcomes during adolescence and adulthood including numerous health risk behaviors... unintended pregnancy... sexually transmitted diseases... and many of the leading causes of death in the United States... *
- "DV has a measurable and substantial association with caregiver and family functioning, which in turn have a substantial association with child health and behavior."****
- 88% of a group of battered women described that their partner used their children to try to control her.***

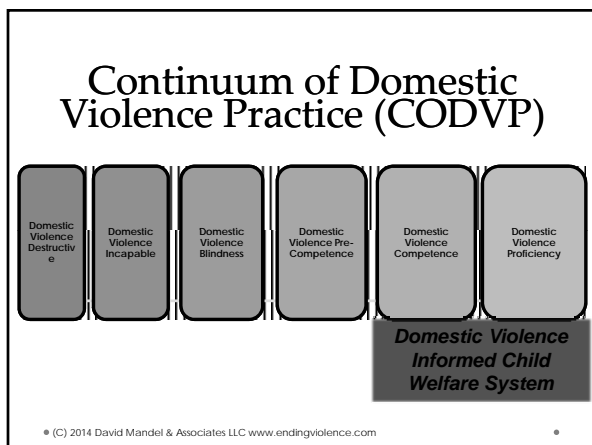
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- Multiple studies indicate that child fatalities or critical incidents may have domestic violence as factor (as high as 2 out of 3)
- Between 45-70% of children exposed to domestic violence are also victims of physical abuse
- 34% of all substantiated CPS investigations included exposure to IPV as the primary category of maltreatment (Canadian study)*
- Recent data from National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well Being indicated that parents disclose rates of recent domestic violence (last twelve months) at a rate more than double what child welfare workers identified. (26% v. 12%)
- NCTSN study of children in foster care and trauma
 - 54% had domestic violence exposure
 - Of the complex trauma group, 72% had domestic violence (consistent with ACES study)

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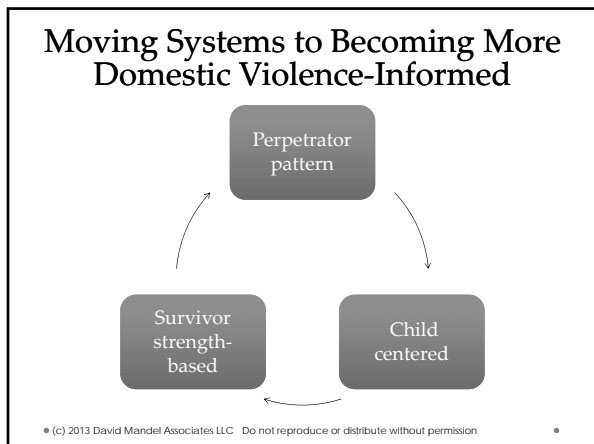


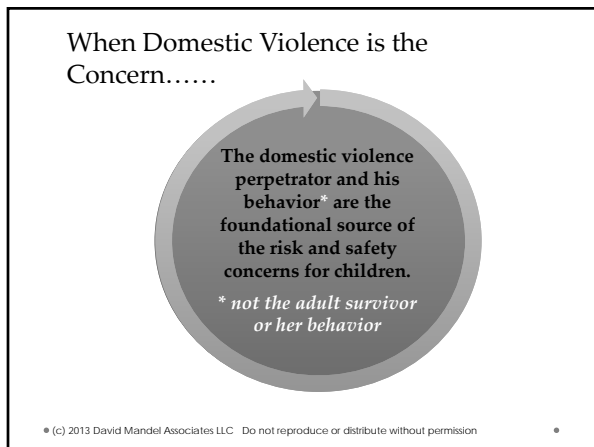
The 'cardinal' question

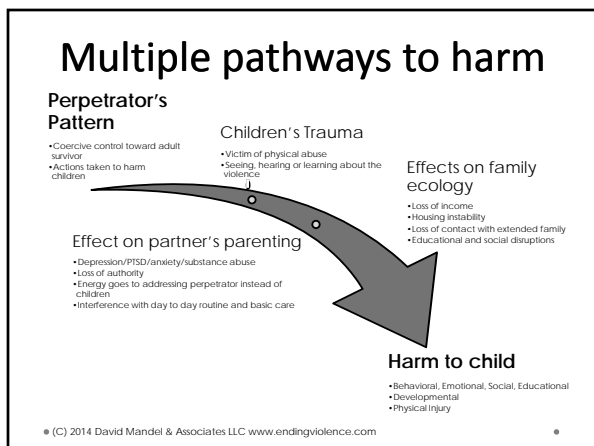
Given the totality of the system's relationship with adult and child domestic violence survivors, is it likely that they see us as being on their side?

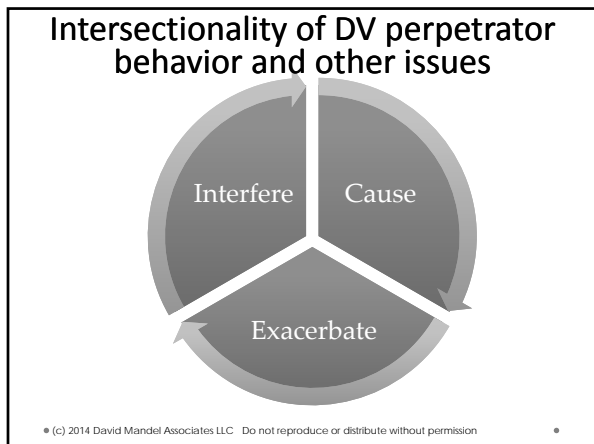
*adapted from Hodas, 2006

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Perpetrator Pattern-Based Approach to Domestic Violence and Children

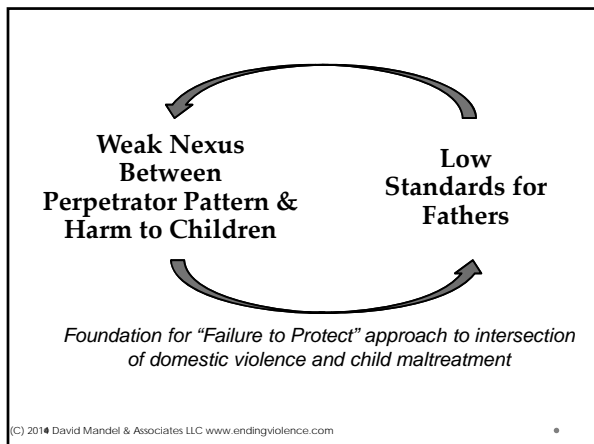
- Looks at the perpetrator's behavior, not the relationship, as the source of the domestic violence
- Highlights the choice(s) to be violent, abusive and controlling as parenting choices
- Beyond current relationship: 360 degrees assessment of perpetrator pattern
- More than adult on adult behavior: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

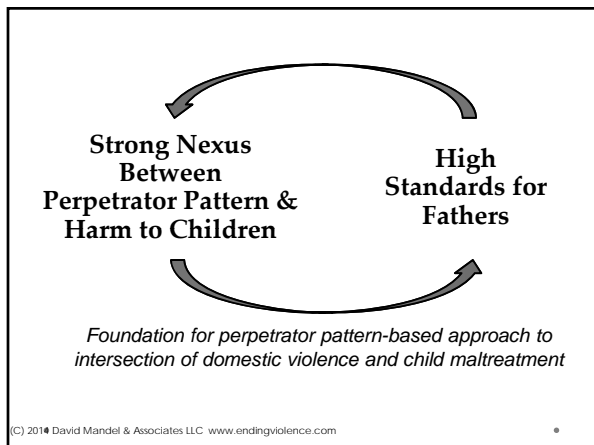
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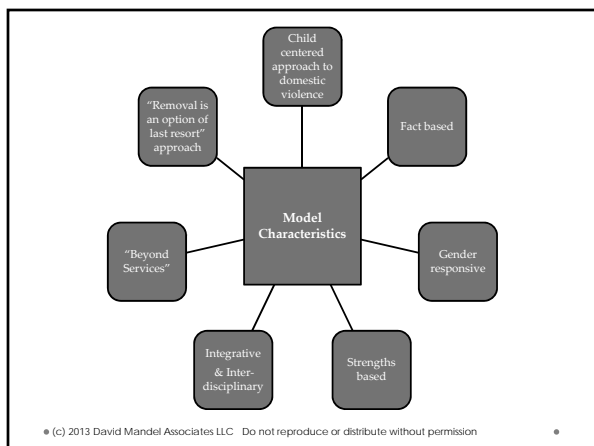
Perpetrator Pattern Based Approach

<p>"Traditional Batterer Accountability"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest/Prosecution/Probation/Incarceration • Enforcement of Court Orders • Batterer Intervention Programs 	<p>"Beyond Batterer Accountability"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes "Traditional Batterer Accountability" • Focuses on patterns of behavior and nexus with child safety and wellbeing • Domestic violence perpetration as parenting choice • Gender role analysis • Necessary practice skills, knowledge and policy for diverse groups of professionals/disciplines • Emphasizes intersectionality
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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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      A[Perpetrator's pattern of coercive control] --- B[Role of substance abuse, mental health, culture and other socio-economic factors]
      A --- C[Actions taken by the perpetrator to harm the child]
      B --- D[Adverse impact of the perpetrator's behavior on the child]
      C --- E[Full spectrum of the non-offending parent's efforts to promote the safety and well being of the child]
      D --- E
  
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Safe and Together Ohio Data

- Ohio 3rd Party Evaluation: Study coordinated by Ohio IPV
Collaboration with support from
 - HealthPath Foundation
 - NCALP
 - ODJFS
- Data collected from 12 of the counties trained during 2013, as well as 12 Ohio counties that had participated in Safe and Together training during previous years, and 7 local CPS from AR counties that had not yet participated in the training.
- 5 data collection activities:
 - an online pre/posttest survey of 837 CPS caseworkers and supervisors
 - semi-structured interviews with 16 supervisors:
 - semi-structured interviews with 8 community stakeholders:
 - desk reviews of 191 CPS case files; and
 - review of written policies from 15 counties that had completed Safe and Together training. Exhaustive descriptions of each of these methods are appended to this report.*

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Strong evidence that:

- CPS staff assign less blame to victims for staying in a violent relationship;
- CPS staff increase their concern about, and documentation of the effects of children witnessing domestic violence.

Mixed Evidence:

- CPS staff increase their understanding of coercive control;
- CPS staff enhance safety planning for victims and children;
- CPS staff increase perpetrators' accountability.

Little evidence that:

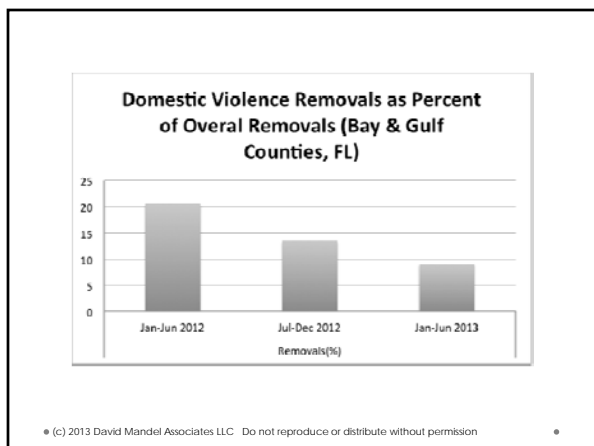
- CPS agencies change written policies; and
- Community stakeholders become more receptive to Safe and Together policies and principles.

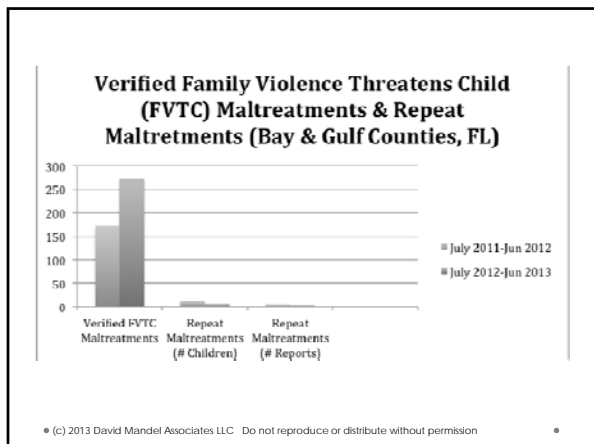
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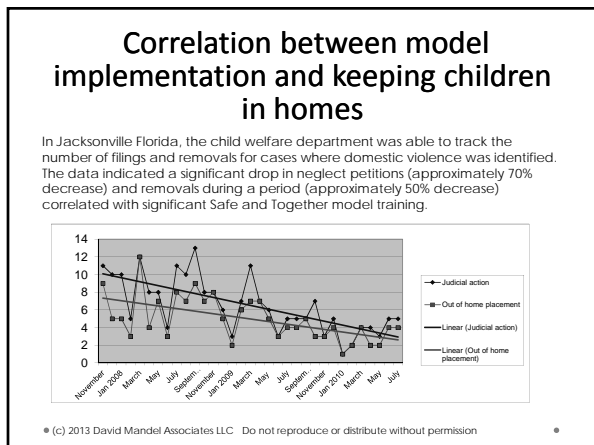
Safe and Together Florida Data

- Work with both child welfare and domestic violence advocates
 - Multi-site work with DCF in Florida since 2008
 - Relationship with Florida Coalition since 2006
 - Different projects
 - Subject Matter Experts
 - Co-located Advocates
 - Children's Legal Services
 - Cultural & Linguistically specific work
- Panhandle
 - Training and technical assistance for both child welfare and co-located domestic violence advocates

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Materials Available

<http://endingviolence.com/protecting-delawares-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/>
 - Safe and Together model blog: safe-and-together.endingviolence.com/blog/
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