

Safe and Together Collaboration Training

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Safe and Together™ Principles

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Keeping child Safe and Together™ with non-offending parent
Safety Healing from trauma Stability and nurturance

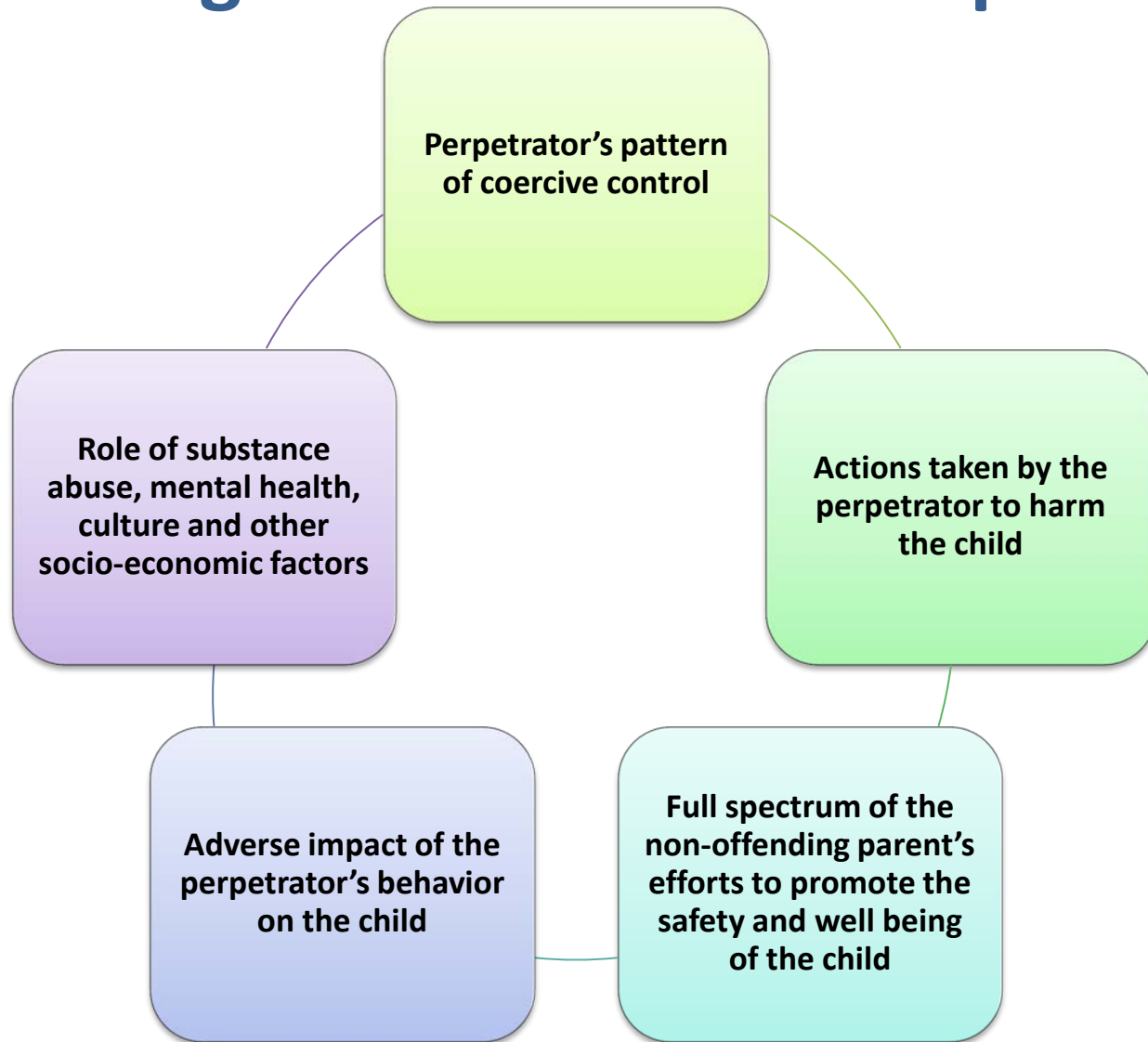
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Partnering with non-offending parent as default position
Efficient Effective Child-centered

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Intervening with perpetrator to reduce risk and harm to child
Engagement Accountability Courts

Safe and Together™ Critical Components



Why Collaborate?



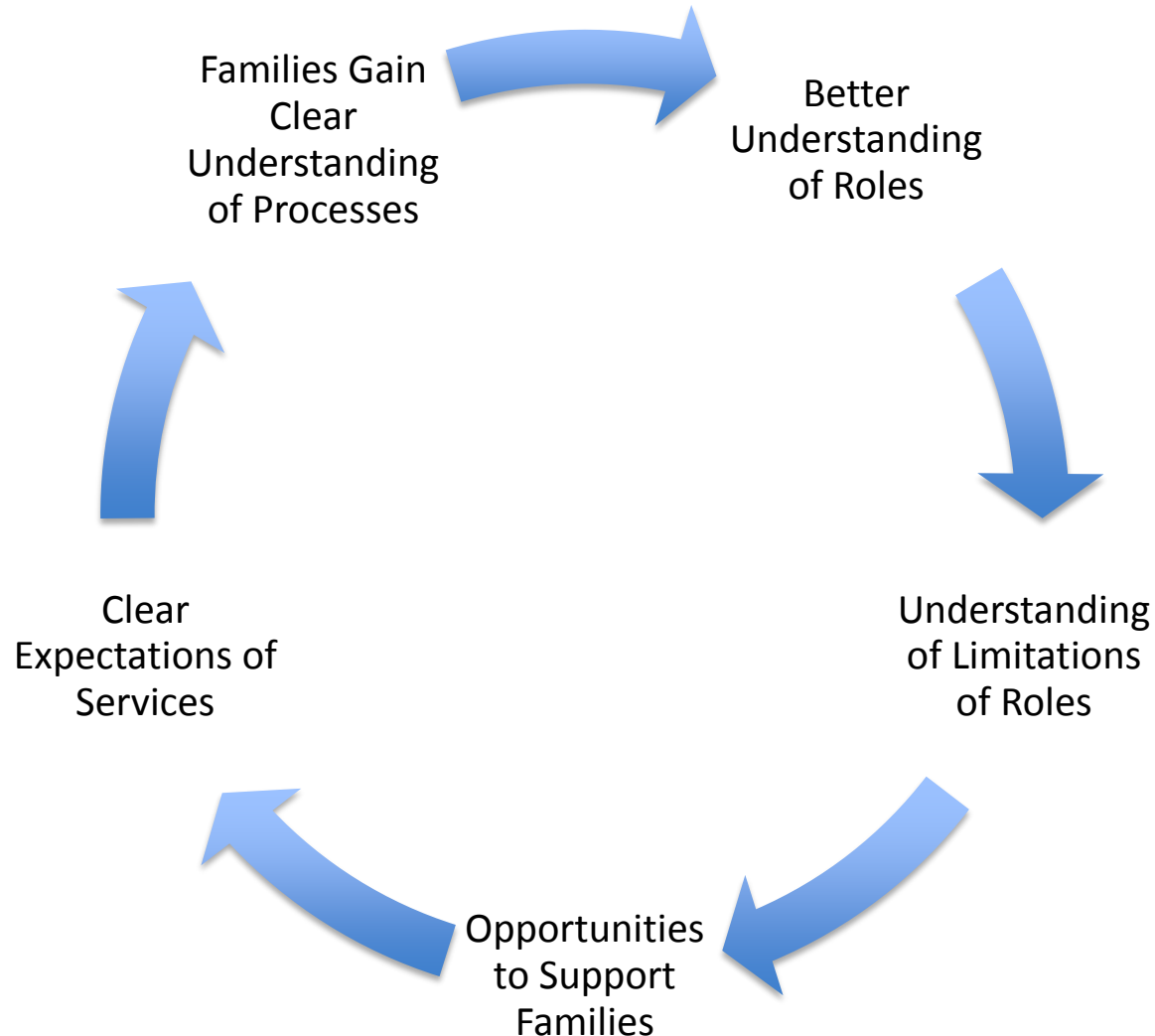
We share the same overarching goal: Safe Families

Different agencies have different missions and can provide a unique take on case information

Shared information keeps DV perpetrators visible in all our case practice

Shared information supports survivors' strengths and efforts to protect their children

Collaboration: Supporting Families



Discussion

What do you want your community partners in the room to know about your role/agency/system?

Needs for Collaboration

- Memoranda of Understanding
- Mutual understanding of statutes, policies, practices, time frames, limitations of practice
- Shared language
- Mutual respect
- Open mindedness

Needs for Collaboration, cont.

- Clearly articulated plans, expectations
- Discussion of goals
 - Services
 - Outcomes for family members/clients
- Discussion of child safety
 - Interventions that support child safety
 - Interventions that may interfere with child safety

Collaboration towards Child Safety

_____ = Child Safety

- Securing child safety is always the goal
- Each child's safety needs are unique
- There is no one or cookie-cutter solution to achieving child safety in domestic violence cases

Child Safety in Domestic Violence Cases

Hinders (or may Hinder) Child Safety

- Perpetrators' patterns of coercive control/dangerousness
- Perpetrators' actions to harm children
- Trauma
- Environmental factors
- Perpetrators' sabotaging of resources for children's healing/safety
- Mental health/substance abuse issues in one or both parents

Supports Child Safety

- Full spectrum of survivors' efforts to promote the safety and well-being of children:
 - Parenting strengths
 - Protective efforts
 - Safety planning/actions to protect children
 - Provides for healing opportunities
- Children's safety plans
- Interventions that decrease perpetrators' risk to children
- Healing interventions for children

Collaboration Opportunities



Barriers to Collaboration towards Child Safety

Victim-centered discussion

- Focus on revictimization of survivors
- Focus on survivors' decision making
- Focus on survivors' hopes for her relationship

Interventions focused only on survivors

- Court orders of protection
- Leaving a relationship
- Utilizing DV services
- Calling the police

Discussion

Why is victim blaming harmful to child safety?

Safe and Together™ Critical Components: Case Discussion

