

10 item checklist about the intersection of domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health issues

1. What is the relationship between domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health issues?
2. How have the batterer's behavior created or exacerbated mental health/behavioral health and/or substance abuse issues for the adult survivor and/or child?
3. What is the relationship between the batterer's abusive behavior and any of his mental health and/or substance abuse issues?
4. How is the batterer interfering with/supporting the treatment and recovery of family members?
5. How are family members more vulnerable to the batterer because of their mental health and/or substance abuse issues?
6. How is child welfare assessing for domestic violence when the presenting issue is adult or child behavioral/mental health/ substance abuse?
7. What are important case plans steps when domestic violence is co-occurring with substance abuse and/or mental health issues?
8. What are skill level/policy/practices of substance abuse and mental service providers regarding assessing for domestic violence, safety planning and the integration of co-occurring issues into their treatment plan?
9. What information do mental health and substance treatment providers have access to regarding the domestic violence?
10. What the training and skill level of mental health or substance abuse evaluators/assessors regarding domestic violence in general and more specifically regarding the co-occurrence of domestic violence with substance abuse and/or mental health issues?