

## Menu of Possible Interventions with Domestic Violence Perpetrators

### Working with Batterers:

- Ask him about what happened (in the arrest/recent referral/criminal record) (example question: Can you tell me what you did that led to your arrest?)
- Help (father) to refocus on his behaviors during conversations (example comment: I appreciate your wanting to talk about ... however, I need to ask you to focus on why child welfare is involved and what we're doing to ensure the safety of your children)
- Ask him what he's learned in his program/therapy
- Ask him what steps he is willing to take to ensure the safety of the children
- Ask him to sign a service agreement/safety plan addressing his specific behaviors
- Help (him) and his providers focus on the needs of children and how his behaviors harm the children
- Follow up with (his) providers to ensure his compliance, his participation and his progress
- Hold a family conference with (dad) and his supports to address his behaviors and the need to change those behaviors to develop a plan in which his supports can assist him in change and in holding him accountable.

### About Working with Law Enforcement/Criminal Court:

- Obtain a police report from the incident
- Obtain a record of 911 calls to the families' address
- Talk to the (officer/detective) who handled the case to get their input
- Follow up with the police department regarding the status of the warrant
- Talk to Criminal Court and request that the children are named on the order of protection
- Draft a letter to the Prosecutor's Office explaining your concerns about the children's safety should he (be released/not have a protective order/not do a DV program)
- Draft a letter to the Prosecutor's Office requesting that (he) be mandated to attend a batterer intervention program

### Working with Providers:

- Inform the providers about the batterer's pattern of coercive control (specific behaviors) and the risk he poses to the children
- Inform the provider of the children's needs and how, if at all, those have been impacted by the batterer's behaviors
- Inform the provider of your own observations in the home (of the children, the perpetrator or the survivor)
- Make sure you understand from the provider their treatment goals and any barriers they foresee to accomplishing those goals

