

Lessons from the Greenbook Initiative

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CEDV in CPS



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DV in CPS

- 33% of 74 families in CPS (Shepard & Raschick, 1999)
- 36% of 407 families investigated (Kantor & Little, 2003)
- 36% of 383 families (Edleson & Beeman, 1999)
- 44.8% lifetime prevalence and 29% past year among 5,504 children (Hazen et al., 2005)



WA State Data

- One year = 76,467 referrals to CPS
- Of these, 42,925 accepted for investigation (56%)
- Of these, 35,002 were moderate to high risk at intake and referred to investigation (82%)
- Of these, 16,451 had DV indicated at intake (47%)
- Of these, many are **NOT** mod-hi after investigation (68.1%)

(English, Edleson & Herrick, 2005)

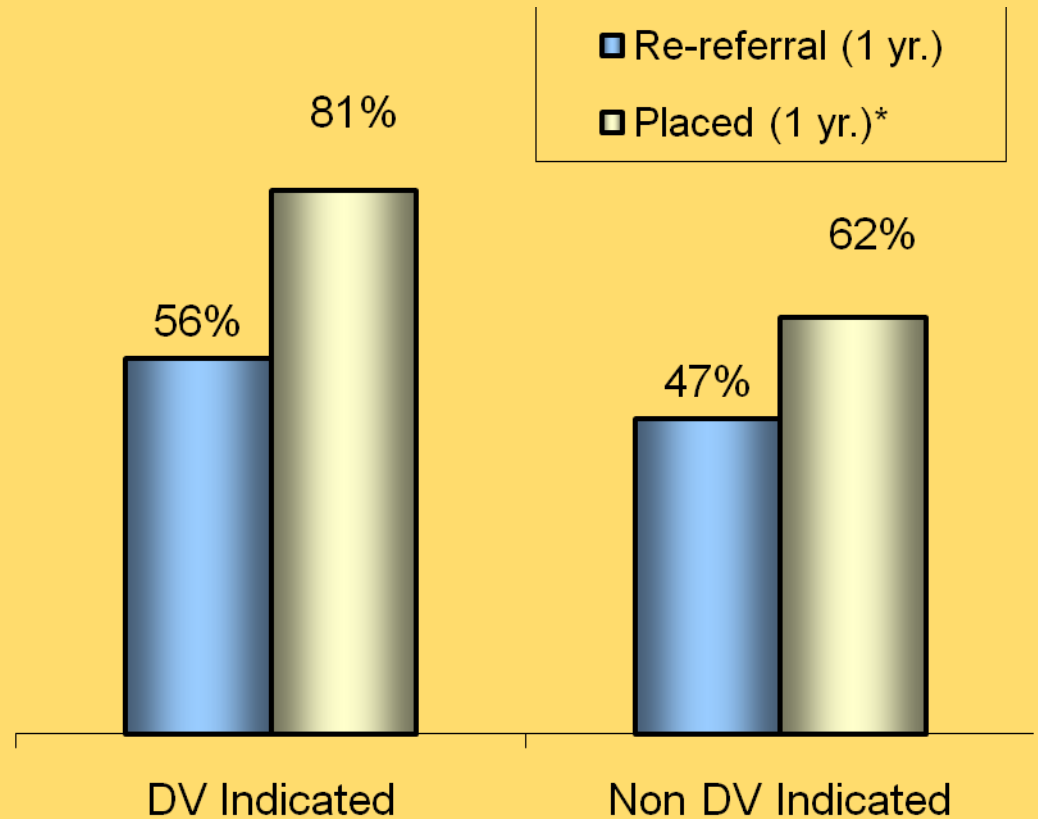


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WA State (con't)

- DV cases that remained mod-
hi risk *after*
investigation
were
significantly
more likely:
 - Re-referred to
CPS w/i one
year
 - Placed out-of-
home w/i one
year



Risk: CM only vs. CM+DV

- DV were consistently rated at higher risk (45% vs. 26%)
- DV more often opened for service (22.6% vs. 10.4%)
- DV more likely substantiated as “disregard for child safety” (46.4% vs. 24.1%)

Edleson, Beeman & Hagemeister, 2001



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DV as only one risk

- Families with co-occurring DV and CM had high levels of *cumulative* risks present
- Children in families with the highest level of cumulative risk were **10 times more likely to be placed** into foster care

Kohl, Edleson, English & Barth, 2005
n=3,931 caregivers

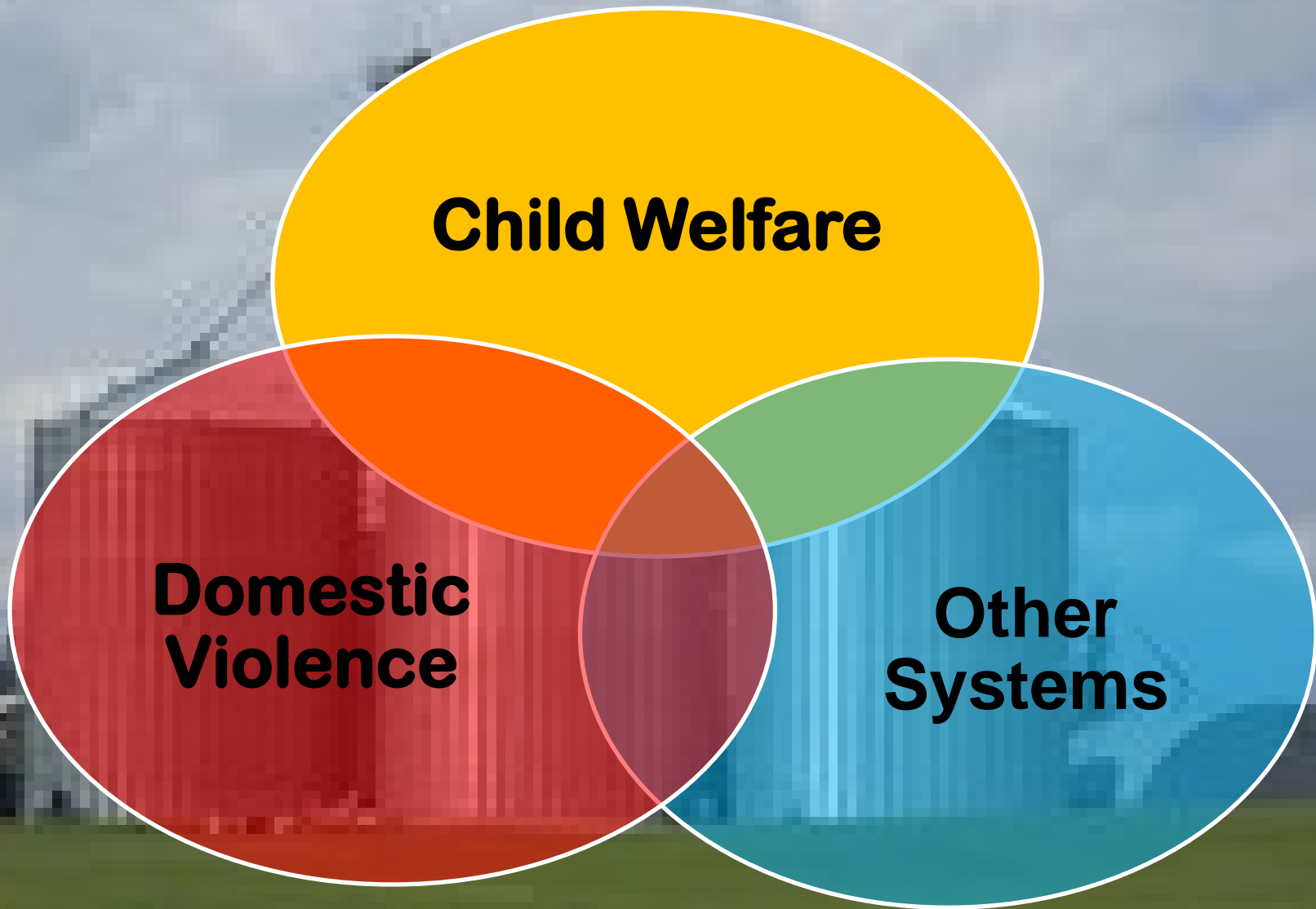


Barriers to Better Practice



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Barriers

- Tension between child-centered vs. woman-centered philosophies
- Male perpetrators not held accountable
- Lack of communication and collaboration with other systems



Concerns over the result

- Respond with traditional services offered to abused children
 - identify non-abusing caregiver as “failing to protect” the child
 - place burden on mothers who may be also be a victim
- Increased tension between CPS and BW services



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NCJFCJ Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection & Custody

<http://www.ncjfcj.org/>

- ✓ *Emerging Programs for Battered Mothers and Their Children*
- ✓ *Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases*





Effective Intervention In Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice

**Recommendations from the National
Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges
Family Violence Department**

The Greenbook

- Greenbook <http://www.thegreenbook.info>
- Goals: Coordination *between* and *changes within* CPS, DV and Dependency Courts
- National demonstrations in six sites
- National evaluation shows changed systems and greater coordination



Organizing Principle

Communities and institutions should collaborate to create safety, enhance well-being and provide stability for all victims in a family.



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Visions for Collaboration

- Best interest of mothers and children as common goal
- CPS and BW services working together with police and courts
- Holding male perpetrators responsible and including them in case plans



Recommendations for Change

- Cross-training of CPS workers and BW advocates
- Creating a structure for ongoing communication and consultation
- Integration and coordination of services across multiple systems



Cross-Training

- Increase knowledge of practice across systems
- Develop an understanding of practice philosophies
- Share expertise across systems



Communication

- Sharing of information across systems
- Develop criteria for assessment of risk *and* protective factors
- Interdisciplinary case consultation at the direct service level



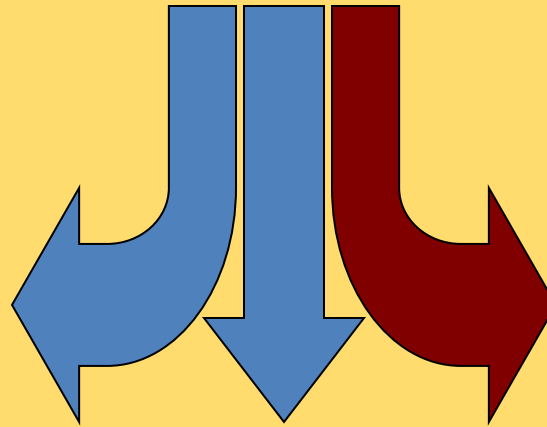
Integration and Coordination

- Best interest of mothers and children as common goal
- Interagency agreements and collaborative strategies
- Improving collaborative community response to child witnesses and mothers
- Holding male perpetrators accountable



Continuum of exposures needs a continuum of responses

Differential Response



Child Witness to Violence Projects

Traditional CPS

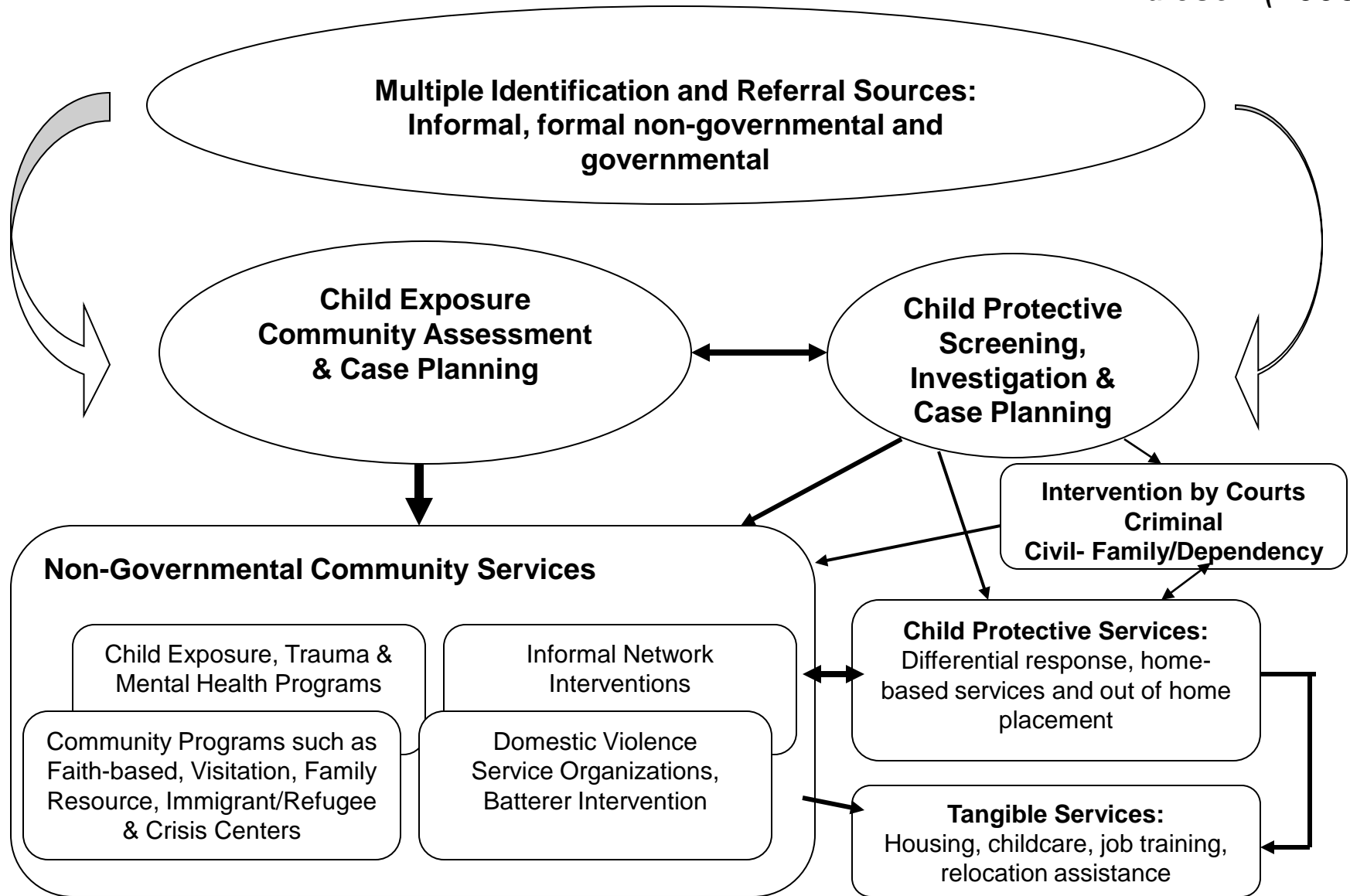


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Mapping Community Responses

Edleson (2006)



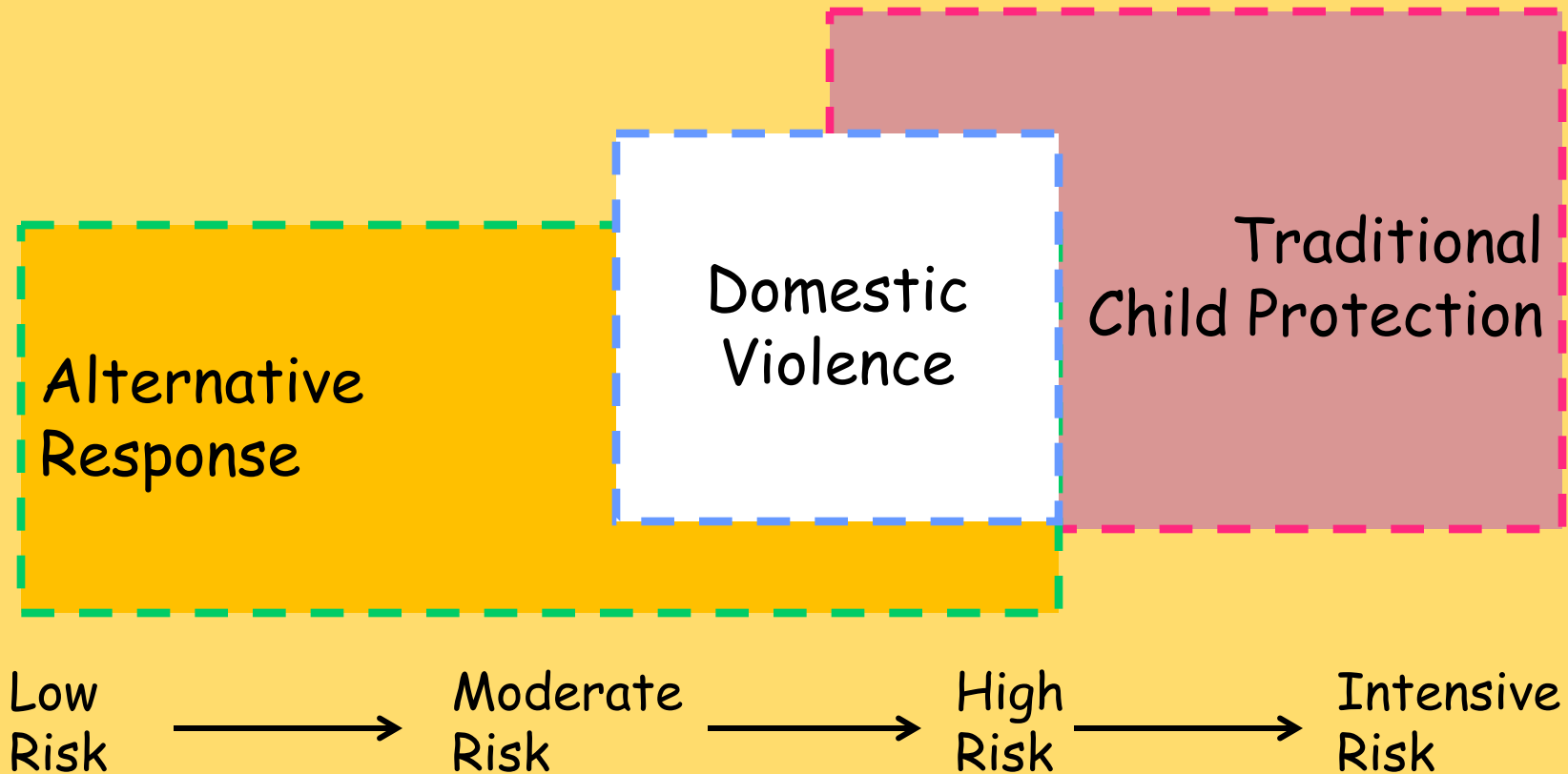
Child welfare models

- **Olmsted County, MN** – *w/i county system*
 - Alternative Response DV unit within CPS
 - Collaborative and contractual arrangements for services
- **Cuyahoga County (Cleveland, OH)** - *contracted*
 - County funded through subcontracts
 - Central assessments, subcontracts services for families
- **New Hampshire** – *w/i battered women's programs*
 - DV Program Specialists
 - Employed by local battered women's programs, privileged communication
 - Spend part time at CPS agency, advocate for mothers
 - Funded through a variety of sources



Olmsted County's Alternative Response

see Sawyer & Lohrbach (2005)



Co-location Strategy

- Overlapping populations
- Already working with the same people
- Coordination of services
- Exemplars:
 - Family justice centers
 - Michigan Families First workers assigned shelter families
 - DVERT in Colorado Springs



Greenbook results (1)

- **National Evaluation:**
 - Five years of data collection
 - Many results, but just key ones here
- **CPS:**
 - Screening for DV in caseload increased across sites but peaked midway and then retreated
- Significantly more referrals to DV services

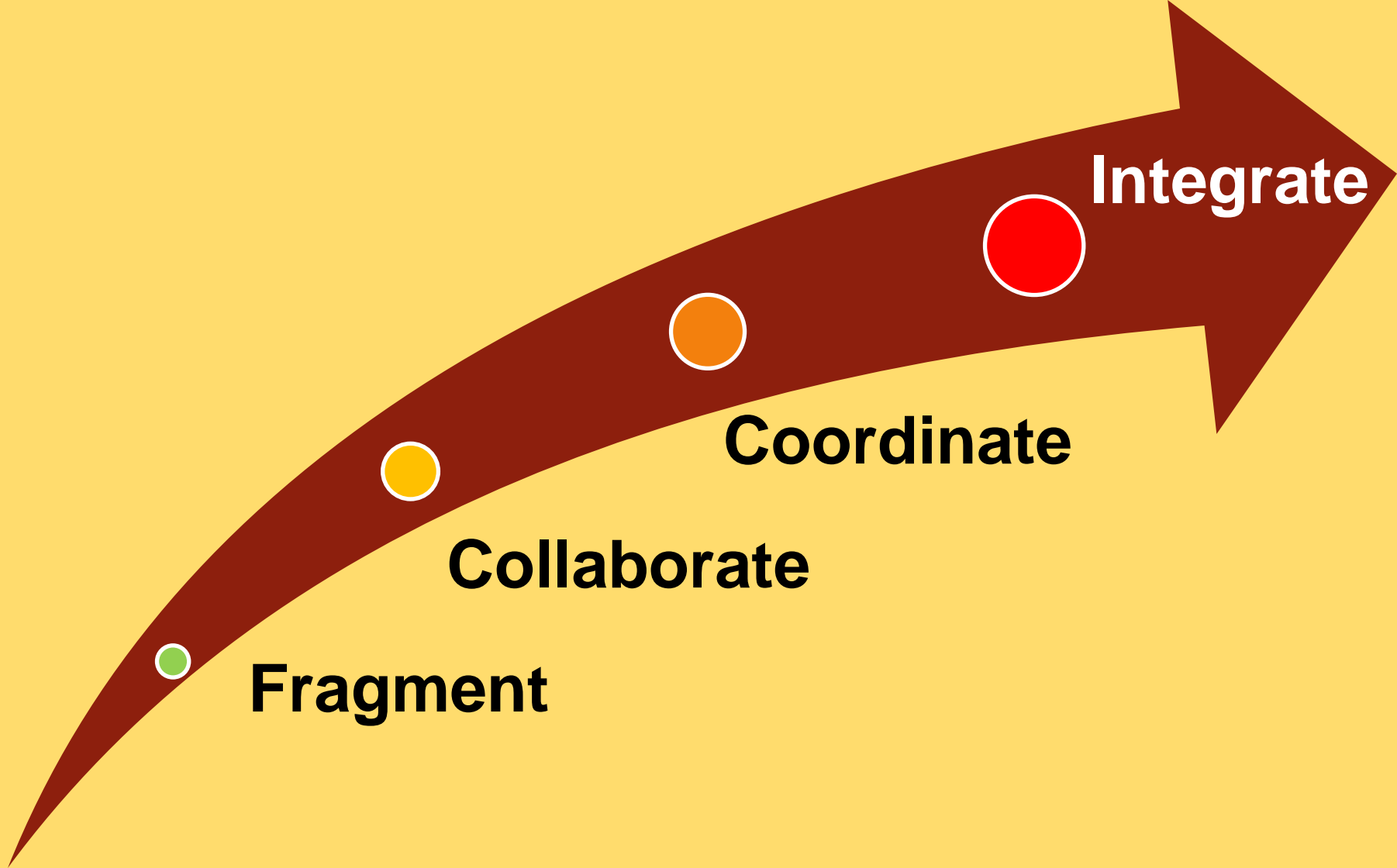


Greenbook results (2)

- **DV:**
 - Widely increased cross-training and help in adopting screening
 - Less evident change within DV agencies
- **Courts:**
 - Judicial participation in leadership
 - Increased court staff education on issue

(Edleson et al., 2008)





Fragment

Collaborate

Coordinate

Integrate



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At the end of the day...

we all must seek:

- **Safety**
- **Stability**
- **Well-being**



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Attorney General Eric Holder opens the National Summit on the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment

In June, over 300 professionals around the country working on issues related to the intersection of domestic violence and child maltreatment convened in Jackson Hole, WY to share their strategies for transforming the way child welfare agencies, domestic violence organizations, courts, other service providers, and communities respond to families in need. Attorney General Eric Holder kicked off the National Summit with remarks demonstrating his commitment to families experiencing domestic violence and child maltreatment on a personal and professional level. Listen to his Remarks ([link to: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/))

In 1999, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) published Effective Interventions in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice. This publication, commonly referred to as "the Greenbook" due to its green cover, is helping child welfare, domestic violence service providers and family courts work together more effectively to serve families experiencing violence. Since the Greenbook's release, dozens of

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