

IPV Background Reading and Additional Resources

Developing a Foundation of Knowledge

When working with individuals who are being or have been impacted by intimate partner violence, it is important to understand the many legal, psycho-social, and cultural factors that contribute to that individual's reality. The following items offer practitioners the further opportunity, outside what is provided in this practice kit, to develop a foundation for a holistic understanding of intimate partner violence.

- [10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them](#) (American Bar Association): Attorneys who represent victims of domestic violence in custody matters often encounter false claims. The ABA Commission on Domestic Violence provides facts and statistics for use in litigation.
- [Child Sexual Abuse Disclosure: What Practitioners Need to Know](#) (Darkness to Light): This paper provides information on sexual abuse disclosure, includes statistics about disclosure, the factors that contribute to it, as well as some best practices for both parents and professionals.
- [The Parenting of Men Who Batter](#) (Lundy Bancroft): This article discusses the batterer profile, risks of child abuse by the batterer, parenting style, impact on family dynamics as well as implications of separation between parents on children. Lundy Bancroft also co-authored "The Batterer as Parent 2" which is helpful guide in assessing and addressing the impact of male batterers on family functioning. There are many helpful articles that discuss assessment and legal issues on his website: www.lundybancroft.com
- [DC Based Statistics, Fact Sheets and Resources](#) (DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence): This coalition website provides statistics on the incidence of domestic violence in DC, domestic violence related fact sheets and publications, as well as a list of services which may benefit survivors.
- [DC Based Domestic Violence Organizations and Other Resources](#) (DV LEAP): This legal organization provides a list of local resources related to domestic violence work. It also has briefs & court opinions, training materials, publications, case digests, and custody resources.
- [Family Violence Prevention: A Toolkit for Stakeholders](#) (National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families): This toolkit was developed to assist service providers with integrating healthy relationship skills and promoting safety into how they provide services. The toolkit includes information and resources about domestic violence and child maltreatment.