

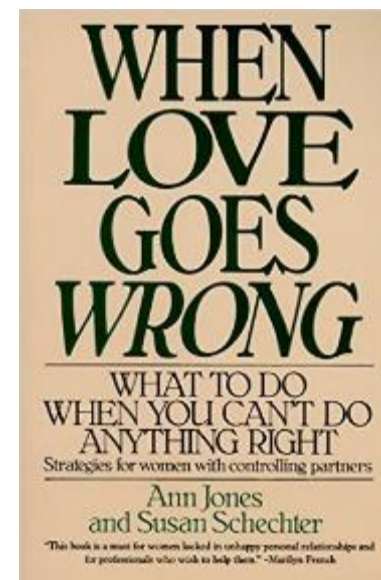
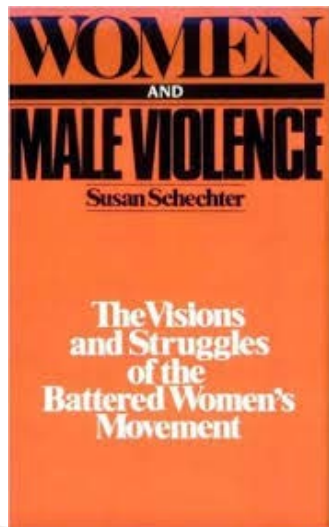


Strong Collaborative, Strong Families: Co-located Domestic Violence Services Within Child Welfare



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Statistics

- The National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence indicates that every year the majority of US children are exposed to some type of violence, including family violence.
- Half the children experienced 2 or more kinds of victimization. While not all victimized children experience severe trauma, many do, with significant long-term problems.
- Roughly 8 million children every year are exposed to family violence; 6.6% witness physical violence between their parents.
- DV is present in 30 to 60% of all child abuse cases.
- Minority children, and in particular African American children, are more likely to be in foster care placement than receive in-home services, even when they have the same problems and characteristics as white children
- Children exposed to violence are also more likely to come from families facing other challenges, such as mental health or substance abuse issues.

Core Values

- Care and concern for adult and child victims
- Accountability and support for behavioral change for offenders
- Care for the workforce
- It takes a village



Collaborative Models

1. Policy

- ◆ Protective Intake policy
- ◆ Fatality Reviews

2. Practice

- ◆ Co-location
- ◆ Conferencing
- ◆ Training

3. Resource Development

- ◆ Services for children exposed to violence
- ◆ Blending fatherhood with BIP
- ◆ Services for substance using victims



Co-Location – Who is Doing it?

- National Survey (2014)
- 23 states responded
- 60% of states that responded had some variation of collaboration and co-located advocates working in CPS



Goals & Questions about Co-Location

- Systems change and policy reform?
- Increased knowledge for workforce?
- Advocacy for survivors and their children?
- Link to community services?
- Consultation or partnership?
- Work with all family members or just victims?
- All of the above?

