



Family and Youth Services Bureau

Announcing the Domestic Violence Evidence Project

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The Family Violence Prevention and Services Program is pleased to announce the launch of the [Domestic Violence Evidence Project](#). Developed with the [National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#) and [Futures Without Violence](#), the DV Evidence Project is an expansive resource for advocates. Featuring carefully selected research and technical assistance, the project's online resource center houses a comprehensive evidence review of domestic violence core services, programs, and innovative practices. It represents beginning steps in continuing to understand how to best serve families impacted by domestic violence, and how to help our grantees contribute to the evidence base for domestic violence services.



Our goal for the DV Evidence Project is to improve our capacity to serve survivors and their children by identifying interventions with promising outcomes. As we developed the project, we considered the following:

- What do we know about evidence-based interventions for survivors of domestic violence?
- How do we define successful advocacy and support intervention?
- What levels of evidence work best for capturing the effectiveness of interventions?

With these questions in mind, we will examine interventions for intimate partner violence (IPV) and research for well-being outcomes to understand the continuum of evidence for domestic violence services. Our approach to defining evidence is inclusive and comprehensive, including practice-based evidence and lessons from culturally specific communities. As a part of the project, we are committed to convening a Culturally Relevant Research Advisory Committee and Culturally Relevant Practice-Based Evidence Documentation.

None of this work would be possible without our [resource centers](#), whose expertise and commitment to capacity building will enrich this work over the next 5 years. With their support, we look forward to:

- Producing quarterly Domestic Violence Evidence Briefs to provide a synopsis of the latest and most promising evidence in the field;
- Establishing a Community of Practice that will bring together domestic violence advocates and a multi-disciplinary group of researchers;

- Disseminating research on evidence-informed practices to serve Native and Tribal communities; and
- Hosting webinars and e-learning modules about applying evidence to facilitate learning.

Among the work we have already accomplished together is creating an [IPV Protective Factors Framework](#) to provide centralized access to the best available research for the domestic violence advocacy community.

We are particularly excited about the Domestic Violence Evidence Project because it captures our commitment to bettering evidence-based, trauma-informed work. The Project enables us to build the capacity of service providers and advocates to offer technical assistance, generate a dialogue about wellbeing and protective factors for adult domestic violence survivors, and explore answers to critical research questions related to outcomes, trauma specific work, and core services. Ultimately, we look forward to leading with what we know about evidence and practice-based interventions for survivors, and to use what we learn to define the scope and focus of collaborative research in the future.

For additional information about the Domestic Violence Evidence Project, visit the DV Evidence Project online resource center, at www.dvevidenceproject.org.

To learn more about the work of Futures Without Violence and Best Practices for Serving Children, visit: www.promisingfutureswithoutviolence.org.

We also encourage you to watch this webinar, [Continuum of Evidence for Domestic Violence Services: FVPSA's Domestic Violence Evidence Project Launch](#), to learn more.

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