CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE

MILLIONS OF CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE IN THEIR SCHOOLS, HOMES, AND COMMUNITIES EVERY YEAR. EDUCATORS CAN HELP BY CREATING AWARENESS AND TAKING ACTION.

WHAT IS CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE (CEV)?

- CEV refers to children who witness or are victimized by home violence, child abuse and neglect, and community violence (bullying, gangs, assaults, etc.).
- Exposure to violence, particularly multiple exposures, can interfere with a child’s physical, emotional, and intellectual development.

60% OF VICTIMS HAD VICTIMIZATION KNOWN TO SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

CEV IN YOUR SCHOOL

1 IN 10 NEARLY ONE IN TEN CHILDREN SAYS THEY OR ONE FAMILY MEMBER WAS ASSAULTED ANOTHER IN THE LAST YEAR.

13% REPORTED BEING BULLIED IN THE PAST YEAR.

1/2 NEARLY HALF OF ALL CHILDREN SURVEYED WERE ASSAULTED AT LEAST ONCE IN THE PAST YEAR.

TEACHERS CAN HELP BY:
- Recognizing the warning signs of exposure to violence.
- Reporting CEV to child service agencies.
- Referring children for mental health consultation.
- Supporting the teacher process in the classroom.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS CAN HELP BY:
- Providing professional development.
- Coordinating services.
- Supporting families.
- Making referrals.

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