

# WELCOME!

## COLLABORATIONS & CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CHILD SUPPORT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

### Resources to Make It Real

Co-hosted by the Family Violence Prevention and Services  
Program/FYSB and the Office of Child Support Enforcement

October 15, 2015      2:00 – 3:30 PM ET

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## Agenda

- Brief overview of the Family Violence Services and Prevention Program
- Brief overview of the Child Support Program
- Connections between domestic violence and child support
- Introduction to new resources to implement collaboration and promote safe access to child support
- Success story – Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Miami-Dade Child Support

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## Poll – Who’s on the webinar?

- A. Child support program manager/administrator
- B. Child support frontline staff
- C. Domestic violence state coalition staff
- D. Domestic violence program manager/administrator
- E. Domestic violence program frontline staff
- F. Federal agency staff

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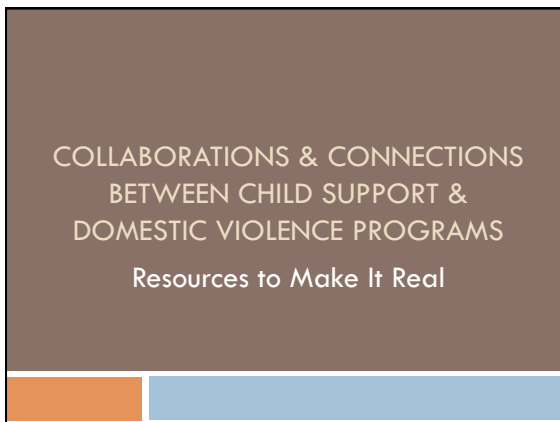
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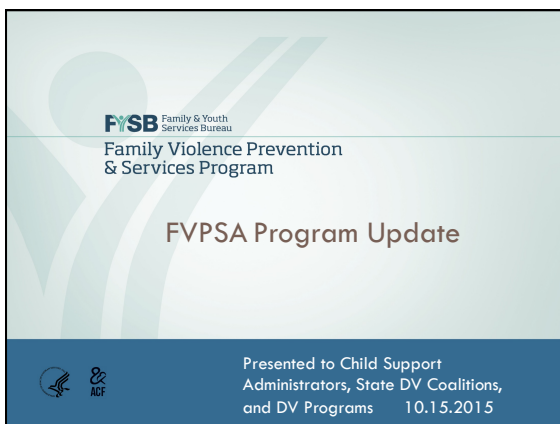
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## Why is FVPSA so important?



 **FYSB** Family & Youth  
Services Bureau      **Family Violence Prevention  
& Services Program**

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CDC National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS)



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### FVPSA Funding Purpose

- To assist States and Tribes in efforts to prevent domestic violence and dating violence
- Provide immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents
- Provide for a National Domestic Violence Hotline
- Provide for technical assistance and training relating to domestic violence and DV programs to States, Tribes, public agencies, community-based programs and the public.

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## FVPSA Formula Grants Overview

- **State & Territory grants 70%**
  - Awards are based on population formula
  - Managed by FVPSA State Administrators
- **Tribal grants 10%**
  - Awards to tribes and tribal organizations
  - Annual application to receive funding
- **Coalition grants 10%**
  - Awards to the designated, statewide, domestic violence Coalitions as described in 10402(11) and 10411(c)(1) of FVPSA
  - Annual application to receive funding

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## 1.27 Million Clients Served

In 2014, FVPSA provided funds to

- 1,250 domestic violence shelter programs
- 257 domestic violence non-shelter programs
- 137 Tribal Domestic Violence Programs



886,996 women

FVPSA funded programs provided

- safe housing
- crisis response
- advocacy
- legal assistance
- counseling
- safety planning
- support groups



73,339 men



288,633 children




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## FVPSA State Administrators & Domestic Violence Coalitions



- 56 State & Territorial Domestic Violence Coalitions
  - [www.nnedv.org/resources/coalitions.html](http://www.nnedv.org/resources/coalitions.html)
- FVPSA State Administrators
  - <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fysb/statecontactlist.pdf>

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### National, Cultural, and Special Issue Resource Centers

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- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC DV) – [www.nrcdv.org](http://www.nrcdv.org) and [www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org)
- National Indigenous Women's Resource Center – [www.niwrc.org](http://www.niwrc.org)
- Battered Women's Justice Center (BWJP) – [www.bwjp.org](http://www.bwjp.org)
- National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence (HRC DV) – [www.futureswithoutviolence.org](http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org)
- National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health (NCDVTMH) – [www.nationalcenterdvtmhamh.org](http://www.nationalcenterdvtmhamh.org)
- Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Child Protection and Custody (RCDVCC) – [www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd](http://www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd)

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### Culturally Specific Special Issue Resource Centers

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- Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence (APIIDV) – [www.apiahf.org/apidvinstitute](http://www.apiahf.org/apidvinstitute)
- Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVACC) – [www.idvaac.org](http://www.idvaac.org)
- National Latina Network for Healthy Families and Communities - Casa de Esperanza  
[www.casadeesperanza.org](http://www.casadeesperanza.org)

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### Getting Help with Domestic Violence

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Free and confidential help is available for victims of domestic violence 24 hours a day:



- [National Domestic Violence Hotline](http://www.ndvh.org)  
1-800-799-7233
- [National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline](http://www.teen-dating-abuse.org)  
1-866-331-9474
- [National Sexual Assault Hotline \(RAINN\)](http://www.rainn.org)  
1-800-656-4673

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/resource/help-fv>

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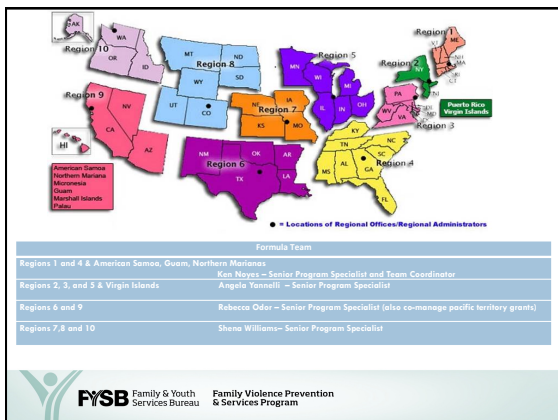
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## What is Domestic Violence?

- A pattern of abusive behaviors that adults and adolescents use against an intimate partner
  - Physical
  - Sexual,
  - Psychological
  - Economic coercion
- It is characterized by one partner's effort to control the other by use of a range of tactics.




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## Why is it important for advocates to know about child support?

- Child Support caseload is BIG – and the financial support adds up
  - 16 million children nationwide (nearly 1 in 4 U.S. children)
  - 32 billion dollars in 2014 – 95% went to families
- Several public benefits programs include child support requirements
  - TANF, Adult Medicaid, Child Care Services
- Most parents appear *pro se*
- Some states/jurisdictions address parenting time -
  - Sense of Congress urging all states to include parenting time orders in new child support orders – with attention to domestic violence and safety

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## Brief overview of IV-D child support

**Title IV-D** - Federal, state, and tribal child support agencies work together to

- ▣ establish paternity,
- ▣ set orders,
- ▣ obtain child support payments,
- ▣ provide access to health care coverage,
- ▣ connect parents to support services

\$ 34 % state  
66 % federal




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## Survivor concerns about child support

- ▣ That filing for child support will lead to increased contact, harassment, and more abuse
- ▣ That their information will be revealed and they will be located by the abuser
- ▣ That attempting to obtain and or enforce child support may increase the abuser's anger and potentially lead the abuser to seek retribution
- ▣ Filing for child support may reconnect a survivor and abuser in a formal and lasting way

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## Incidence of DV and Child Support

- ▣ One in ten unmarried mothers signing a paternity form at the hospital report domestic violence with the father
- ▣ 38% of mothers with child support cases have experienced domestic violence from the other parent
- ▣ 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of mothers in the child support system report DV as one reason for ending the relationship with the other parent
- ▣ More than 4 out of 10 mothers who have no formal child support order and receive no informal support report DV with the other parent

(Source: University of Texas – LBJ School of Public Affairs, Child and Family Research Partnership)

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## New OCSE Resources

- **Safe Access to Child Support Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence: Scope of the Issue**
  - Brief overview of the “why”
- **Enhancing Safe Access to Child Support Services: IV-D Program Inventory and Planning Resource**
  - Roadmap for the “how”

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## Roadmap for Implementation

- **Establishing a partnership – feed two birds with one seed**
  - Build capacity to provide child support services for survivors
  - Promote economic stability for survivors by connecting to child support services

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## Roadmap for Implementation – Convening a first meeting

- Key leaders from child support and DV programs/coalitions
- Identify DV partnership “leads”
- Describe services – child support and domestic violence
- Identify critical issues for survivors and potential short-term response
- Clear expectations and constraining factors
- Plan next steps and establish responsibilities

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### Roadmap for implementation – Taking inventory

- Screening for and promoting disclosure of domestic violence
- Family Violence Indicator (FVI) policy and procedures
- Specialized case management for cases with disclosure
- Safety procedures for court/hearings/in-office conferences
- Training – for child support workers and advocates
- Legal practice/judicial context
- Feedback and accountability

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### Roadmap for implementation - Examples of first follow up actions

- DV resource and referral guide distributed to child support staff
- DV resources displayed in child support offices/lobbies/courts
- Invite child support staff to attend DV conferences
- Provide child support “101” to DV advocates
- Review child support application and refine questions related to DV
- Attend/observe child support hearings (in judicial states)

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### Roadmap for implementation – PIQ 12 -02 “Partnering with other programs”

“Federal IV-D funds may be used to...”

- Provide information about family violence and to screen and make effective
- Develop, produce, disseminate, and present outreach, education materials, and curricula about safe access to child support services – this includes training of child support staff
- Consult with community-based domestic violence experts and with experts in the field of domestic violence
- Create domestic violence units that include trained case workers to provide specialized child support services

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## OCSE DV resources

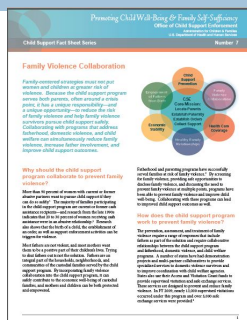


## OCSE DV resources



## OCSE DV Resources

- Collaboration between child support and domestic violence programs key
- Lessons learned – listen, think creatively, and partner for the long term, funding matters




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## Florida Coalition Against DV and Miami-Dade Child Support

- Partners: The Department of Revenue, Miami State Attorney's Office, two certified DV centers, FCADV
- Family Violence Preparedness and Response Plan
- Training for Child Support Staff and DV Advocates
- Domestic Violence Screening
- Referrals, Safety Planning, and a Strong Connection to Local Partners
- The Lessons We Learned and Continue to Learn!

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## Interview Room with Kids Corner




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