

● ● ● | **Policy Options and Opportunities to Address Domestic Violence and Child Abuse**

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● ● ● | **Background - Trying to Merge Two Systems**

- Local and State efforts existed but were largely isolated
- Two fields far apart and saw missions as often competing
- Work really started to come together in mid-1990s with funding from Packard Foundation and DOJ, HHS
- Led to publication of "Greenbook" in 1998

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● ● ● | **Greenbook**

- First serious attempt at federal level to bring fields and funding streams together to improve services for families experiencing violence (DOJ, HHS, Dept of Ed)
- Developed extensive list of policy recommendations
- Established Guiding Principles
  - Safety well-being and stability for children and families
  - Children in the care of non-offending parent
  - Community service system with multiple entry points
  - Differential response to families

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● ● ● | Led to Federal Legislation and became part of Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (2006)

- Program on Training and Collaboration on the Intersection Between Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment
- Would fund collaborations between child welfare and DV and courts similar to Greenbook
- Authorized at \$5 million though has yet to be funded

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● ● ● | VAWA – Services for Children Exposed to DV

- VAWA also included a new program specifically on services for Children Exposed to DV
- Funding would go mainly to DV programs though could go to other CBOs.
- Collaborations will be given priority in funding, appropriated at \$3 million for last two years, hopeful for small increase. Money has yet to be distributed but RFP should be out soon.

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● ● ● | Services for Children within Family Violence Prevention And Services Act (FVPSA)

- Is main program that funds DV shelters and services
- Being reauthorized this year
- Includes funding for services for children exposed to dv
- Appropriations levels will need to be increased dramatically to meet need

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## CAPTA – Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

- o Main source of funding to do *prevention* work within child abuse
- o Includes new language regarding need to collaborate with and address domestic violence as well as collect data
- o Also due to be reauthorized in 2009 along with FVPSA

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## Thank you!

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