

Documentation Schema

For a non-offending parent's full spectrum of supporting the safety and well-being of her children

Summary statement

Mother engaged in a pattern of supporting the safety and well-being of her son.

Specifics of the behaviors

She engaged in age appropriate play, attempted to defuse her partner's anger and abusive behavior through avoidance of his questions, placating him by providing him with a beer and engaging him in a conversation about chores, redirecting the conversation, reminding her partner about their son's needs, preparing dinner for the family, defending her parenting and her son's participation in age appropriate play. She also role modeled resistance to abuse by standing up to his verbal abuse and actively tried to remove herself and her son from her partner's abusive behaviors but was prevented from doing so by her partner's intimidating and threatening behavior.

How the behavior has helped child or ameliorated the impact of the batterers' behavior

While mother engaged in a series of efforts to shield her son from his fathers' verbal abuse, threats and intimidation, father continued to choose to expose his child to his verbal abuse, threats and intimidation of his mother. Mother's age appropriate play and her efforts to shield her son from his father's abuse should be seen as clear strengths as a parent. She appears to be actively engaged in supporting her child's safety and well-being.