

October 2020 PLC:

Supporting Children and Families Impacted by Domestic Violence

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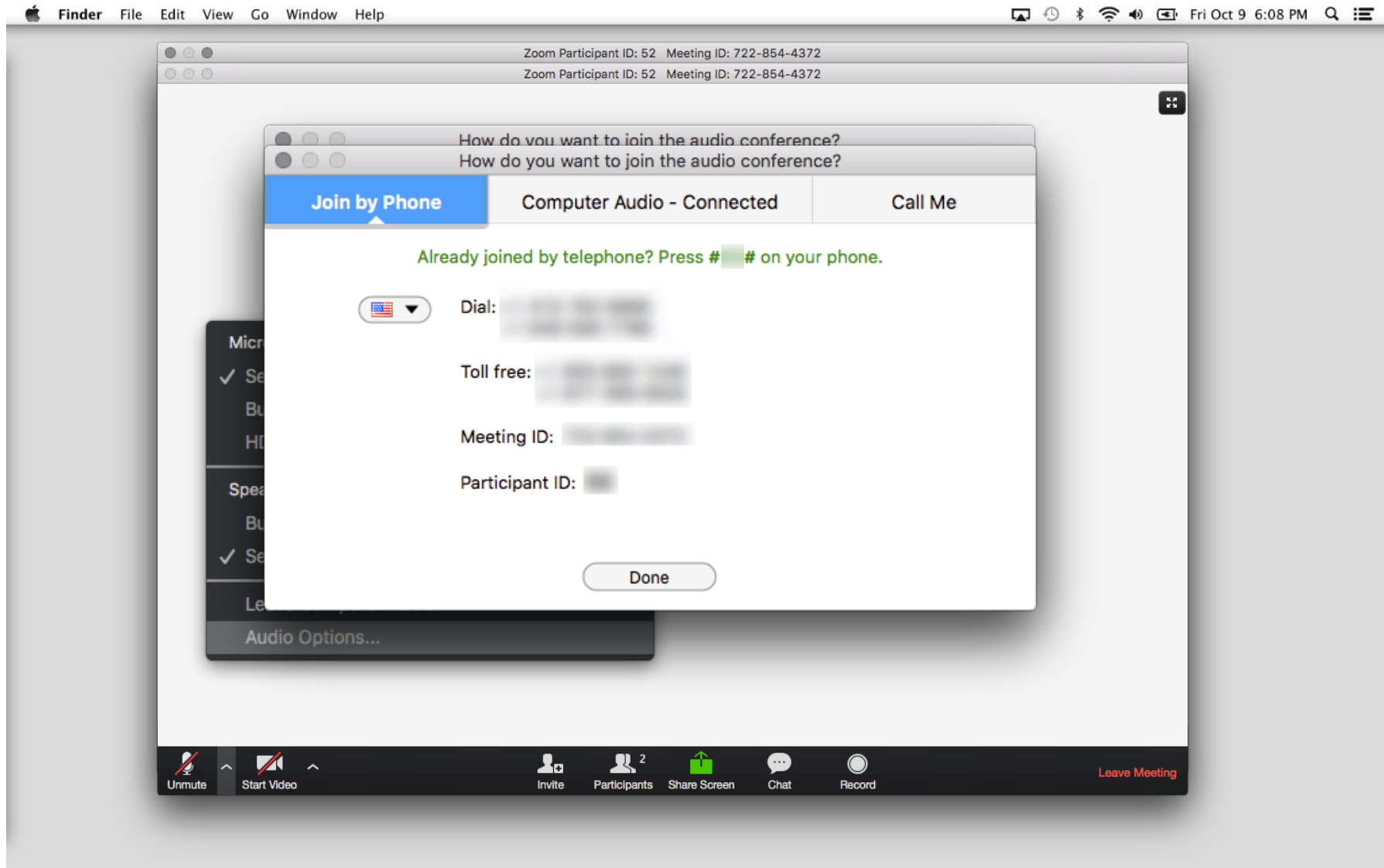
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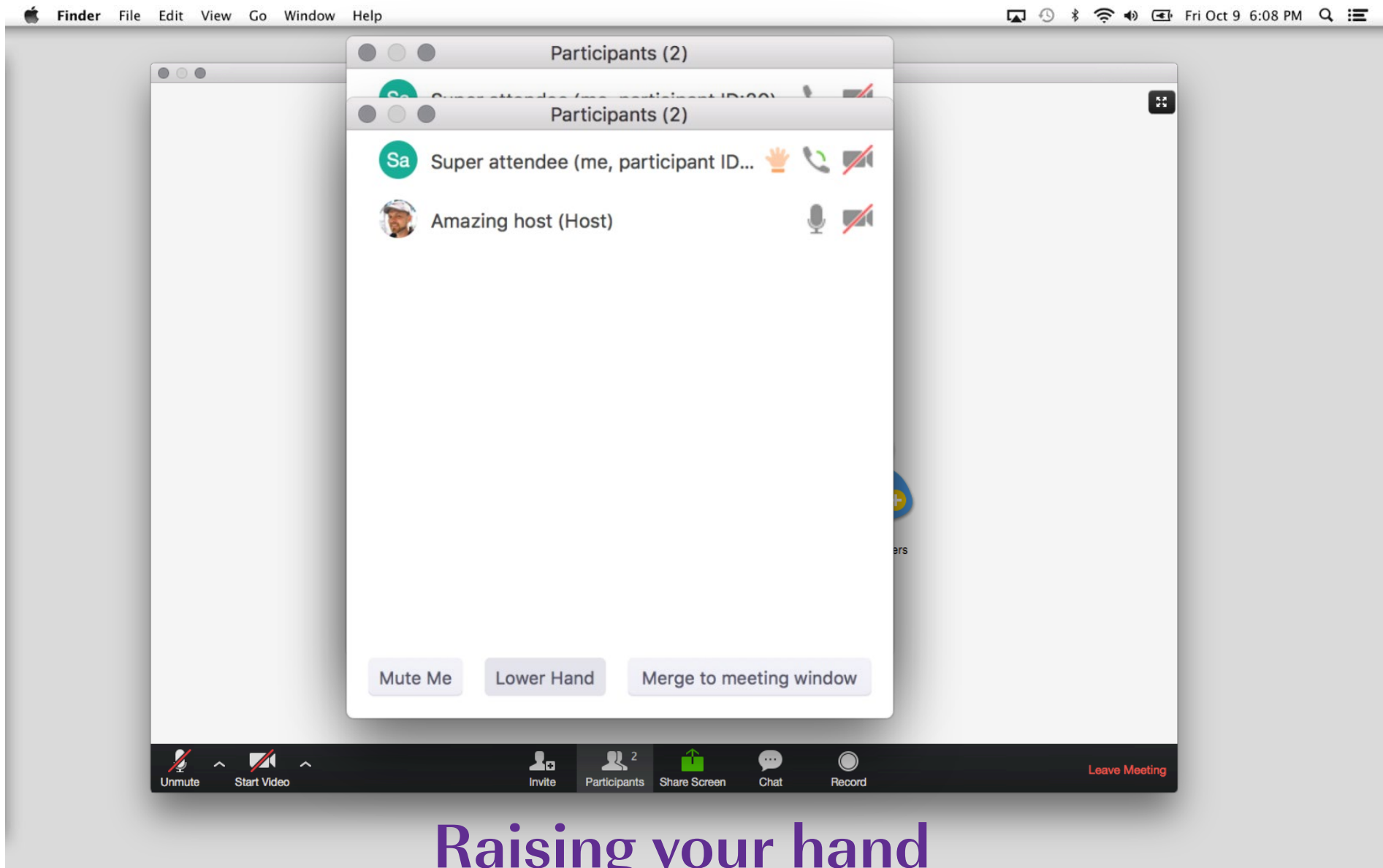
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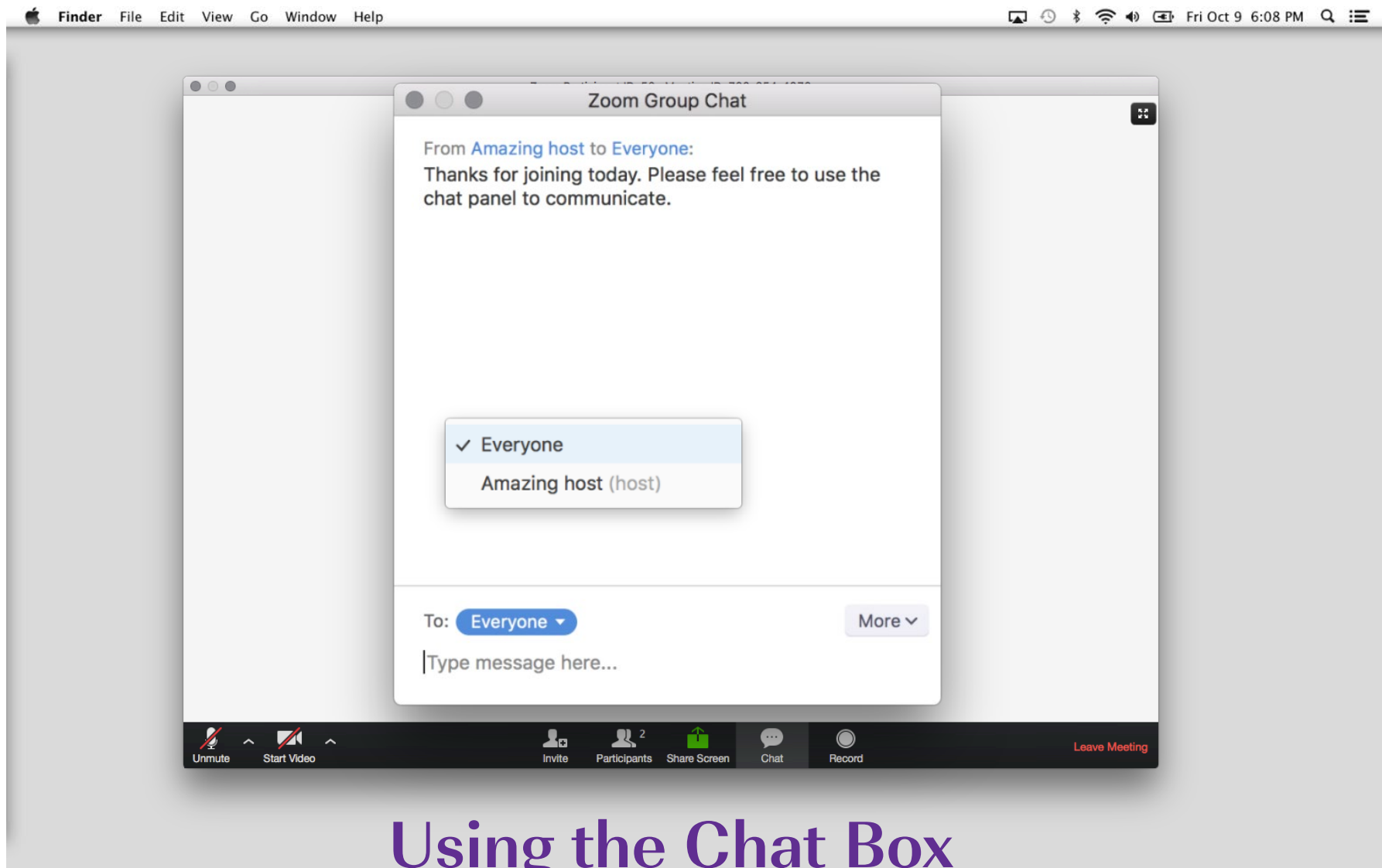




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Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Supporting Abused Parents and their Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

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FYSB's Mission

To support the organizations and communities that work every day to put an end to youth homelessness, adolescent pregnancy and domestic violence.



FYSB's Vision

A future in which all our nation's youth, individuals and families – no matter what challenges they may face – can live healthy, productive, violence-free lives.

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

- **Family Violence Prevention and Services Act** is the primary federal resource dedicated to provision of domestic violence shelters, supportive services, and related programming for victims of domestic/dating violence and their dependents.
- **FVPSA Programs include:**
 - State and Territorial Formula Grants
 - Native American Tribes Formula Grants
 - State and Territory Domestic Violence Coalitions Grants
 - Discretionary Grants
 - Training and Technical Assistance Resource Centers Grants
 - National Domestic Violence Hotline Grant

What FVPSA does:

- 24-hour hotline with caring advocates providing connections to community resources
- Services, shelter, and support to 1.3 million survivors
- Support to more than 1,500 local domestic violence agencies Family Violence Prevention and Services Program
- Culturally appropriate and peer-led programs reaching more than 240 Tribes
- Collaborative training, technical assistance, and resource development at the intersection of domestic violence, homelessness, and housing
- Increased knowledge sharing and capacity building for culturally specific services and meeting the needs of children exposed to violence in the home
- Community-level coordination with 56 Domestic Violence Coalitions

FVPSA-Funded National Training and Technical Assistance Resource Centers



National Resource Center
on Domestic Violence



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline



BATTERED WOMEN'S
JUSTICE PROJECT



NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR
THE DEFENSE OF BATTERED WOMEN
Working for justice for victims of battering charged with crimes



The National Center on Violence Against
Women in the Black Community



Specialized Services to Abused Parents and their Children (SSAPC) Demonstration Sites Grants

- Demonstration grants with intensive technical assistance and evaluation support
 - Cohort I (2016-2020): 12 sites
 - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/resource/ssapc-escyap-grantees-2016>
 - Cohort II (just started): 26 sites
 - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/specialized-services-for-abused-parents-and-children-ssapc-demonstration-grant-cohort-ii-awards>
- Variety of grantees (DV programs, child welfare, medical, tribal, etc.)
- Different approaches and focuses (e.g., child welfare involvement, substance use disorders, clinical therapy approaches, etc.)

SSAPC Demonstration Grants: Goals

1. Expand systems and responses to abused parents and their children and youth exposed to domestic violence
2. Coordinate or provide new or enhanced residential and non-residential services for children and youth exposed to domestic violence
3. Enhance evidence-informed and practice-informed services, strategies, advocacy, and interventions for children and youth exposed to domestic violence

SSAPC Demonstration Grants: Expected Outcomes for Grantees

1. Improved outcomes for abused parents and their children as a dyad/unit
2. Expanded capacity to prevent future domestic violence by addressing the needs of children exposed to domestic violence

Domestic Violence in the U.S. is...

- **Prevalent** – 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experience it.
- A **public health issue** that contributes to chronic health problems and often limits the ability of survivors to manage other chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and hypertension.
- A **leading cause of homelessness** for women and children; the need for safe and affordable housing is one of the most pressing concerns for survivors.
- **Preventable** by proactively implementing programs, training, and services that stop violence and abuse from happening in the first place.

How are children are exposed to DV?

Often exposed to violence for the first time in their homes, either by directly seeing or hearing physical violence occur between their parents

- Seeing their parent threatened, demeaned, or battered
- Being caught in a violent incident – intentionally or by accident
- Seeing the after-effects of abuse: bruises, broken objects, police being called to the home, related trauma responses
- Living in a household dominated by tension, stress, fear

Research shows that attachment to the non-abusive parent is protective of children's resilience and development.

How are children are impacted by DV?

- Potential for injury during their mother's pregnancy
 - 53% of women aged 16-29 in family planning clinics reported physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner
- Being used and manipulated by the abusive person and having the victim parent's authority undermined
- Suffering from the consequences of economic abuse
- Separation from the victim parent may further traumatize children and negatively impact their healing – children need to observe their parent establish safety and thrive in a life free of abuse



Domestic Violence and Child Welfare:

- The connection between DV and child welfare has been well established. One study indicates that anywhere from 30 to 50% of families receiving child protective services experience DV.
 - Additional research has shown that while close to 50% of families who touch the child welfare system experience DV, only 15% of caseworkers actually identified the domestic violence in those families
- Childhood exposure to DV and child maltreatment are considered Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).
- Research suggests that children who experience both DV and child maltreatment are more likely to be placed in out of home care, and that they often receive child welfare services for long periods of time.

Hope on the Horizon:

- Protective factors, including a strong relationship with a non-abusive parent, can help to mitigate these negative effects.
 - Growing understanding of the protective factors that make a difference for healthy child development have enabled both the child welfare and DV communities to understand the importance of helping children stay with the non-abusive parent whenever possible.
- Many communities have increased collaboration and decreased silos between child welfare and DV agencies.



Protective Factors Are...

Individual and relational attributes as well as environmental and social conditions that help to:

- Reduce the impact of DV risk factors
- Build individual strengths
- Promote healthy development
- Establish environments that support the safety, healing, and well-being of parents and children experiencing domestic violence.

PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



What can CBCAP programs do?

- View child safety as inherently linked to the safety of their abused parent
- Promote protective factors that lessen the impact of DV and nurture resiliency in abused parents and their children
- Develop and maintain mutually respectful relationships victim advocates in your community – know their programs and services
- Train across disciplines – share your expertise and support one another to create the best outcomes for abuse parents and their children
- Provide informational brochures on DV as part of your services
- Help abused parents find the support they need – ensure that it is trauma-informed, culturally relevant, appropriate, and accessible
- When working with abused parents, help restore their sense of agency and decision-making as a parent

Resources:

- Child Welfare Information Gateway (new domestic violence page in time for domestic violence awareness month!):
 - <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/domviolence/>
- Links to FVPSA-funded National Training & Technical Assistance Resource Centers:
 - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/programs/family-violence-prevention-services/programs/centers>
- Quality Improvement Center (QIC) on Child Welfare Involved Children & Families Experiencing Domestic Violence:
 - <https://dvchildwelfare.org/>

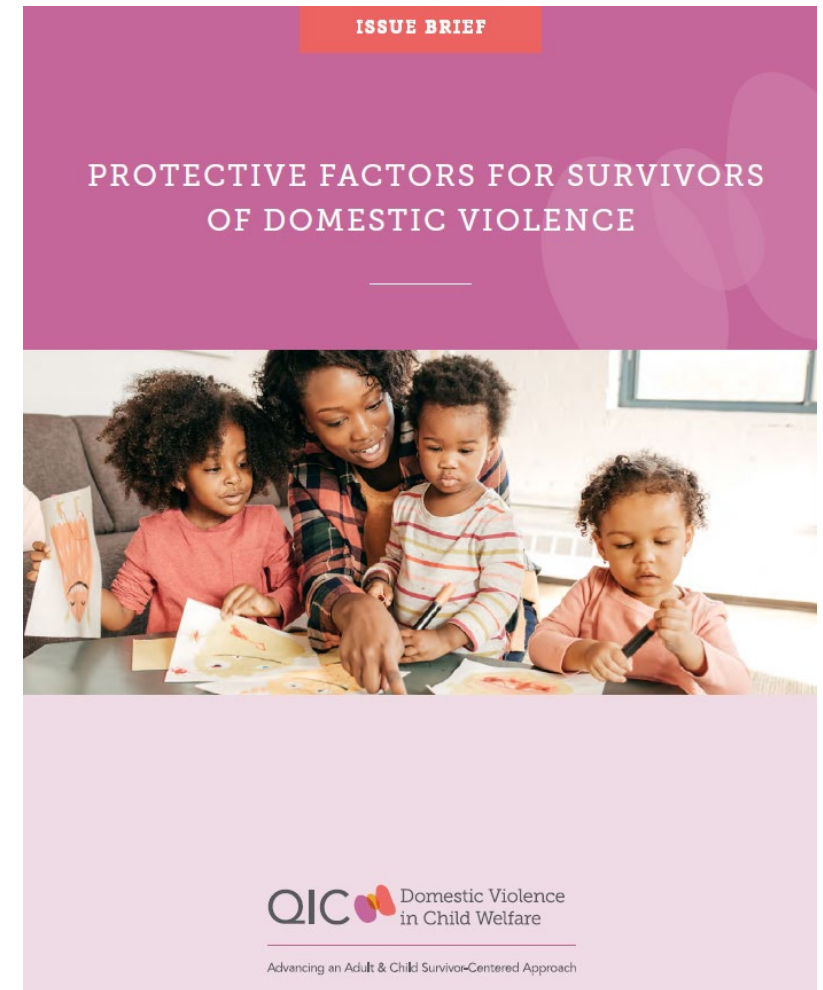
Resources:

From the Quality Improvement Center
on Domestic Violence in Child Welfare

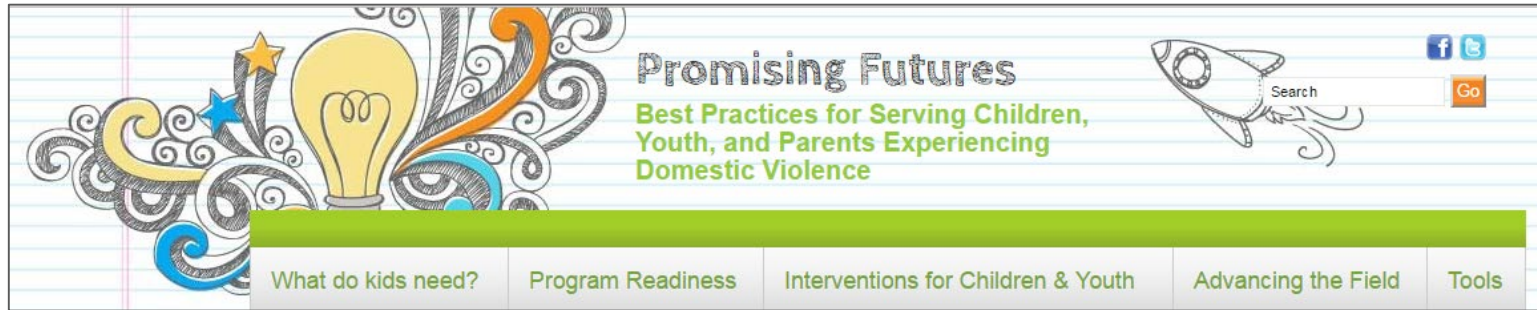
Issue Brief: Protective Factors for Survivors of Domestic Violence

This Approach involves building protective factors that lessen the impact of domestic violence for adult and child survivors and promote their safety, healing, and well-being.

<https://dvchildwelfare.org/resources/issue-brief-on-the-protective-factors-for-survivors-of-domestic-violence/>



Resources:



Promising Futures Without Violence
<http://promising.futureswithoutviolence.org/>

Futures Without Violence –
Child Welfare Webinars & Reports
<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/>

WEBINAR

STRONG COLLABORATIVE, STRONG FAMILIES: CO-LOCATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES WITHIN CHILD WELFARE

Title: Strong Collaborative, Strong Families: Co-located Domestic Violence Services Within Child Welfare

Date Recorded: August 8, 2016

This webinar will highlight the important work done in two different states to increase collaboration between child welfare and domestic violence agencies. Panelists ...

[LEARN MORE](#)

WEBINAR

WE BELIEVE MOMS MATTER: ENHANCING CHILD WELFARE RESPONSES TO MOTHER EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Title: We Believe Moms Matter: Enhancing Child Welfare Responses to Mothers Experience Domestic Violence

Date Recorded: August 24, 2016

This webinar will introduce a new safety card for child welfare workers to use with mothers experiencing domestic violence. The webinar ...

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REPORT

BUILDING CAPACITY IN CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS: DV SPECIALIZED POSITIONS

This report seeks to assist policymakers and practitioners in developing specialist positions that are tailored to the circumstances of their communities and states.

[LEARN MORE](#)

MANUAL

ACTIVIST DIALOGUES: HOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS IMPACT WOMEN OF COLOR AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

The document offers recommendations designed to address the co-occurrence of child abuse and domestic violence. It also aims to strengthen the understanding and capacity of primary systems.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Thank you!

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CBCAP Peer Learning Call



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GRANTEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

- Partnerships
 - Domestic violence shelters
 - Child Advocacy Centers
 - Safe houses
- Bi-directional referrals
- Crisis nursery





Grantee spotlight: Response Advocate Program



GRANTEE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Supporting Healthy Relationships TA
 - Video series
 - Resource packet
 - Discussion group



STATEWIDE EFFORTS

- Collaboration & Cross-sector integration
 - Family First Interagency Advisory Boards
- Our Tomorrows story collection project

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NEW MEXICO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

Domestic Violence Prevention

And

Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention

▶ **Goal:**

To create strong relationships between Child Welfare and Domestic Violence Community Based Providers to better serve survivors and their children.

- ▶ Cross examined data & identified points of access
- ▶ Assessment of funding options
 - ▶ CBCAP, FVPSA, IV-B, IV-E, State GF
- ▶ Independent assessment of overall system in New Mexico relating to Domestic Violence informed Practice

THE JOURNEY 2017- 2020



WHAT WE FOUND: WE CAN DO BETTER

Siloed systems in prevention and intervention.
Families accessed all of our systems, but we didn't speak the same language.

Wide range of knowledge, skills and training in area between child abuse prevention & domestic violence prevention/intervention

Very little cross training and support

Victim blaming high & offender accountability low

WHAT WE DID NEXT:

Partnership with Safe and Together™ Institute

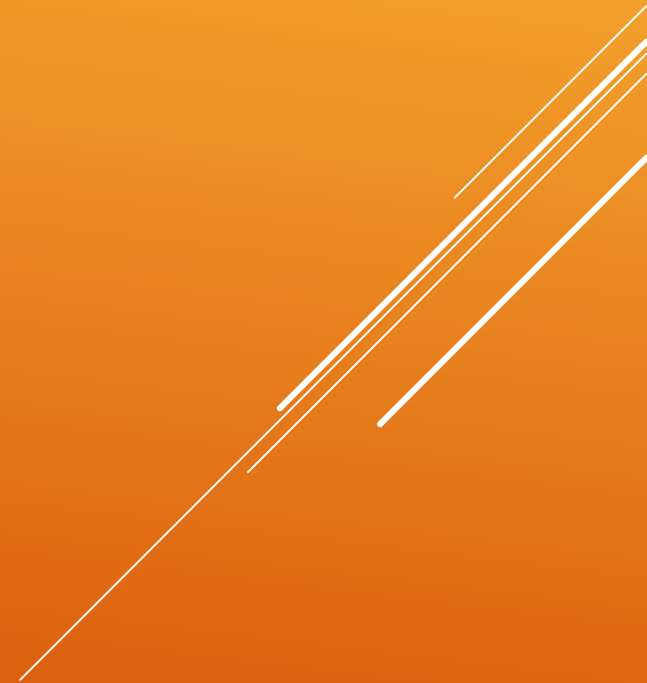
Cross trainings

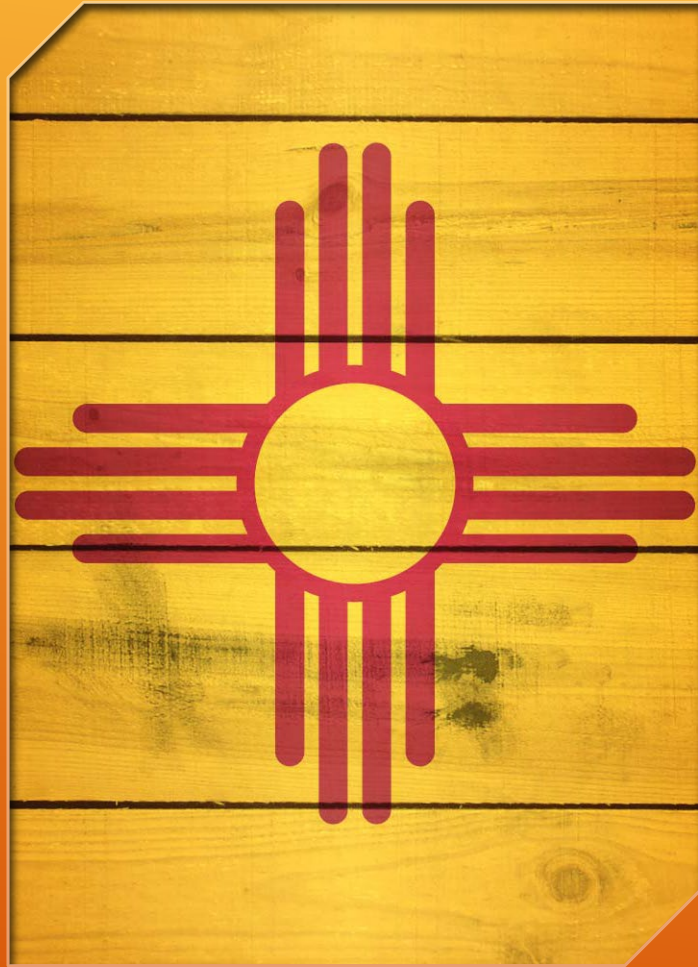
- DV awareness

- Parenting- Circle of Security

Addressed misconceptions and began to speak same language

Buy-In = Funding Increase





COMMUNITY LEVEL:

What's happening in our local communities.



Children's Bureau Updates

Please take a moment to fill out our short evaluation.

Your participation in the evaluation will help us to improve our future services to prevention programs.

Click this link to be taken directly to the survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/PeerLearningCalls>