Collaborating with Child Protective Services

We’re collaborating with Child Protective Services to develop protocol to guide shelter workers and CPS staff in their interactions. Aside from the Greenbook, does anyone have examples of existing policies or procedures that do any of the following and are working well:

* Makes recommendations to CPS workers about how to contact a DV shelter to interview a victim
* Makes recommendations to shelter workers about responding to information requests from CPS
* Outlines the responsibilities of each party when working together

Any guidance would be appreciated.

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| **Coalition** | **Point of Contact** | **Response** |
| Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence | Nicole LindemyerPolicy & Special Projects Manager717.545.6400 ext. 205nal@pcadv.org | PCADV worked with CPS for years to develop a model protocol for CPS workers. We also developed a guide for advocates called “Navigating the Children and Youth System” (you can contact us to request this document). |
| New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women | Leslie MalkinCommunity & Program Education Administrator609.584.8107malkin@njcbw.org | NJ Division of Children & Family adopted a Domestic Violence Protocol. In a collaboration with NJCBW, DCF, and a consortium of trainers, over 3000 DYFS staff have been or will be trained on this Protocol. We also have an exciting program, the Domestic Liaison Project, where a domestic violence advocate, employed by a local DV program, is housed in DYFS offices and can see DV clients directly or work with DYFS staff on DV-involved cases. |
| Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence | Ann Brickson608.225.0539annb@wcadv.org | This link will provide you with a recent manual jointly developed by DV programs and child welfare folks here in WI: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/publications/pdf/5005.pdf> |
| Texas Council on Family Violence | Krista Del Gallokdelgallo@tcfv.org | The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) and Child Protective Services (CPS) have developed a Memorandum of Understanding to guide communication between shelter programs and CPS workers, including providing parameters  around requests for information and interviews from survivors. This final MOU represents a significant amount of collaborative effort between both agencies.  Recently, TCFV and CPS have partnered to create a best practices guide to following the MOU for both shelter advocates and CPS workers. Also, in a related area and as a part of our legislative agenda, we recently passed a measure that created a task force on the issue of overlap between child maltreatment and domestic violence.  We have had great collaboration with CPS personnel so far and look forward to crafting solutions. |

The following related documents are posted separately under the “Children & Youth” section:

* Model Protocol for CPS Workers, developed by PCADV
* New Jersey Division of Children & Family’s Domestic Violence Protocol
* Memorandum of Understanding, developed by TCFV and Texas CPS
* Texas Senate Bill 434 and Fact Sheet