

**Topic:** Partnerships/Programming with Child Protective Services

**List Serve Question:** Does your Coalition have a collaboration/program with the State’s Child Welfare Agency to work with children who witness and provide services to victims of domestic violence who may be at risk of a child neglect case (or who are involved with a CPS investigation)?

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| Coalition  | Yes/No | Additional details |
| Arizona | Yes | ACESDV provides training to the state's child welfare department's core training as well as advanced academy trainings. |
| Colorado | Yes | The Coalition provides consultations on specific cases and training for caseworkers; Provides monthly calls for the Expert Witness Workgroup,https://www.illuminatecolorado.org/canes/ |
| Connecticut | Yes | CCADV engaged Betsy McAlister Groves to assist our organization in understanding how to improve policy and practice with child welfare in CT. A report was issued in December 2016, "Supporting Children and Families Affected by DV: Best Practices and Recommendations for Collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Children and Families". Our two systems are using the findings and recommendations from this report to advance our collaborative work to include trainings, cross-trainings, quarterly regional meetings with frontline advocates and workers, a set of shared principles and quarterly meetings with lead administrators between the two systems.  |
| Georgia | Yes | GCADV works with the Department of Children & Family Services on a regular basis, providing TATA to Dept. staff and to domestic violence programs on working with the Dept. GCADV also produces a pocket card forhelping professionals on working with domestic violence survivors.  |
| Idaho | Yes | The Idaho Coalition's Thriving Families project works to increase the capacity of domestic violence programs and Governmental child welfare systems to identify and respond to families experiencing domestic violence and provide culturally-responsive interventions.Please see: https://idvsa.org/focus/children-exposed-to-violence/ |
| Illinoi | In Progress | llinois is currently developing a pilot project to “test” the usefulness of having DV advocates placed in child welfare offices for support and training. We are part of a research project organized by Futures without Violence. I believe Massachusetts and Pittsburgh are also research sites. |
| Iowa | Yes | Iowa’s child welfare agency (Iowa Department of Human Services) uses the Safe & Together Model- a series of tools and interventions developed for child welfare staff to become domestic violence informed. The Coalition offers training and technical assistance and advocates from member programs serve on “Connect and Protect (CAP)” teams to consult on domestic violence welfare cases. First link below describes the program in Iowa and the second link is to the Safe & Together Institute that provides information about the model. <https://www.nonpareilonline.com/news/health/safe-and-together-program-a-domestic-violence-victim-supportive-child/article_627b7c4c-b5f1-11e7-ad13-eb6c44f491dc.html><https://safeandtogetherinstitute.com/about-us/about-the-model/> |
| Maine | Yes | Maine’s Child Protection Liaison program involves advocates employed by the regional domestic violence resource centers working on site at the regional child welfare offices. These liaisons provide advocacy for adult domestic violence survivors within the child welfare system, consultation and training for child welfare employees, and consultation and training regarding child welfare issues for advocates at domestic violence resource centers. The children assisted directly by domestic violence resource centers are those participating in children’s groups, residents of shelters or housing programs, or involved in unique programs offered by the domestic violence resource centers. Lyn Carter is MCEDV’s Child Protective Liaison Program Coordinator and can be reached at lyn@mcedv.org if you would like more details. |
| New Hampshire | Yes | New Hampshire also has a program with our DCYF agency. Each crisis center has at least one Family Violence Prevention Specialist that collaborates with their DCYF district office on CPS investigations that have a co-occurrence of DV and child abuse/neglect. CPS workers refer victims of DV directly to their FVPS to provide advocacy for the protective parent survivor and support around the CPS system. They also provide consultation and training to CPSWs as needed around identifying power and control, avoiding charges of failure to protect, recognizing protective strategies, etc. The Coalition has a liaison with DCYF on this program, Elena Coleman  elena@nhcadsv.org |
| New Jersey | Yes | **The Domestic Violence Liaison (DVL) Project puts a DV advocate (employed by the local DV provider) in each child protection office in the state. The DVL provides technical assistance, case consultation support, and education to the child protection workers as they work with victims and families. DVLs are also available to provide support to survivors engaged with the child protection agency.** This partnership among DCF, the Coalition, and local county-based DCF-funded domestic violence.Separately, our Dept of Children and Families also funds some of our members’ counseling services for children who have experienced DV. |
| Ohio | Yes | The Family Systems Advocacy Director provides technical assistance for a domestic violence-focused project for child welfare, the Ohio IPV Collaborative. The technical assistance is provided pre and post Safe and Together training. Services included data collection and readiness assessment, training, referrals to capacity-building resources, and consultation on locally determined service gaps or service coordination needs. Trainings were developed on Advocacy with Survivors Involved with Child Welfare for domestic violence advocates. ODVN is involved with an OVC Vision 21 planning grant: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth. |
| Rhode Island | Yes | One of the local member agencies provides advocacy services and the Coalition partners with training needs for DCYF. Our RI program description is: <http://www.bvadvocacycenter.org/en/services/safe-families-collaboration-project> |
| Texas | Yes | TCFV coordinates and participates in several state-level collaborations with the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services. TCFV has worked with the Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) system, to develop state agency policy modifications, handbooks, training for CPS supervisors and frontline workers, training for DV advocates on working with CPS-involved families and making and documenting referrals, and the continued coordination of liaison efforts between DV organizations and CPS at local and state levels.  |
| Vermont | Yes | DCF is contracting with *Safe and Together* for their work togetherand for case worker training: <https://www.bwjp.org/assets/documents/pdfs/webinars/safe-and-together-model-for-custody-bwjp-webinar-oct.pdf><https://safeandtogetherinstitute.com/about-us/about-the-model/> |
| West Virginia | Yes | The WV Coalition has a partnership with the WV DHHR CPS/APS |

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