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Supporting Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and their Children: What pediatricians can do

Resources

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Providing care for a child means caring for their whole family.



IPV impacts the whole family

Supporting parents and caregivers is a critical part of supporting children's health and wellbeing. Pediatric clinical settings provide unique opportunities for supporting families experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV).

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www.ipvhealth.org/pediatrics

New pediatric consensus guidelines - addressing caregiver IPV in pediatric clinical settings

Providing Healing-Centered Support in Clinical Pediatric Settings

Starting conversations with parents and caregivers about stress and relationships at home can make a difference.

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Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
Reports: A Complex Matter (PDF only) |
National Health Resource Center on
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Compendium Of State/Territory
Statutes And Policies On Domestic
Violence And Health Care

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Lessons Learned About IPV Survivor-Centered Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic:

Recommendations for Pediatric Healthcare Providers

www.futureswithoutviolence.org/aapissuebriefs

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE REPORTS: A COMPLEX MATTER

THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF CHILD AND ADULT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED.

Although adult survivors and child survivors of domestic violence have varied experiences, reactions, and needs, domestic violence negatively impacts both child and adult survivors in a family. Research indicates that a child survivor's best interests are inseparable from their survivor parent's. Thus, improving responses and outcomes for child and adult survivors requires domestic violence to be treated as matter that impacts multiple family members - where the safety, healing, and well-being of adult and child survivors are addressed interdependently based on each individual's specific needs.¹ Safety considerations should go beyond physical safety, and reflect the complexity of risk that can accompany the risk caused by the person using violence. In essence, safety from system involvement should be examined and addressed.

Many child-serving program administrators and staff are legally obligated to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the appropriate child protection agency. Child-serving programs are also partners to families and serve as sources of support, resilience, and healing. Mitigating unnecessary harm to families and preserving the provider's role as an authentic source of help is as important as the mandate to report. It is important for providers to inform families about their legal mandate regarding reporting and make sure that families understand what this means, and that the information is relayed in the family's primary language. Providers should aim to be as transparent as possible with families about any concerns that arise, especially if a report may be warranted. If a report needs to be filed, it is best practice to inform the family that a report will be filed so that it is not a surprise and additional safety planning with a domestic violence advocate can take place.

EACH STATE HAS DIFFERENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS ABOUT WHAT CONSTITUTES CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. THE PRESENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN A CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORT IS AUTOMATICALLY WARRANTED.

This resource is intended to help child-serving programs reduce harm that may be caused by filing a report when domestic violence is a concern, while also paying close attention to the safety of children and adults.



<https://tinyurl.com/DVandCANReports>



Intimate Partner Violence

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Intimate partner violence (IPV), defined as physical violence, sexual violence, stalking and psychological aggression by a current or former intimate partner, is a pervasive public health problem impacting 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men in the US. Children exposed to IPV are at increased risk of being abused and neglected and are more likely to develop adverse health, behavioral, psychological and social disorders later in life.

Pediatricians are an important resource for families experiencing IPV and should be aware of the profound effects of exposure to IPV on children. This page provides resources for pediatricians to recognize and support IPV survivors and their children.



Feedback Form

Intimate Partner Violence Overview



Intimate partner violence (IPV) - abuse or aggression that occurs in a romantic relationship, is a significant public health issue. About 35% of female IPV survivors and more than 11% of male IPV survivors experience some form of physical injury related to IPV. IPV can also result in death.



www.aap.org/IPV

Pediatrics and IPV

Additional Resources

Resources for Parents and Caregivers

- [Coping with Stress and Violence at Home](#)
- Fact Sheets for Parents and Caregivers - [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- [Healing the Invisible Wounds: Children's Exposure to Violence: A guide for families](#)
- [Stress & Early Brain Growth: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#)
- (Video) - [Talking With Your Child's Doctor about IPV](#)

Engaging people/parents who use IPV

- [Sample scripts and verbal messages](#)

Supporting families during public health emergencies

Many experts agree that IPV and child exposure to violence and abuse in the home has worsened since the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about how to provide survivor-centered care during emergencies.

- [Preparing To Support Survivors Of Intimate Partner Violence And Their Children During Public Health Emergencies: Lessons Learned From The Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Lessons Learning on Supporting IPV Survivor-Centered Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Recommendations for pediatric health care providers](#)
- [Families Experiencing Violence in the Home: A growing health care emergency](#)
- [Always Ready to Help: Support and resources for families experiencing violence](#)
- [Family Snapshots: Life during the pandemic](#)

Clinical Guidelines and IPV Screening & Assessment tools

- [Hanging Out Or Hooking Up: Clinical Guidelines On Responding To Adolescent Relationship Abuse: An Integrated Approach To Prevention And Intervention](#)
- [Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences](#)
- [Safe Environment for Every Kid \(SEEK\)](#)

Other Supportive Resources

- [Promising Futures: Best Practices for Serving Children, Youth and Parents Experiencing DV](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics, Intimate Partner Violence](#)
- [Safe Environment for Every Kid \(SEEK\) Tools and Resources](#)
- [National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- [Healing Centered Engagement](#)



Resources for Providers

- [Issue brief on protective factors for survivors of domestic violence](#)
 - [The Future of Healing: Shifting From Trauma Informed Care to Healing Centered Engagement](#)
 - [Healing-Centered Care for Intimate Partner Violence Survivors and Their Children](#)
 - [IPV: Identification & Response in Pediatric Health Care Settings](#)
 - [Trauma-Informed Care in Child Health Systems](#)
 - [Intimate Partner Violence: The Role of the Pediatrician](#)
 - [Childhood Trauma and Resilience: A Practical Guide](#)
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