

A Day in the Life of a Family Affected by Domestic Violence

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Objectives

- Illustrate how collaboration between systems can enhance the safety and well-being of families affected by domestic violence
- Discuss best practice for working with families affected by domestic violence
 - Honor the victim's choices
 - Access natural supports
 - Honor collaborative efforts
 - Encourage honest communication between systems about barriers and tensions in difficult situations

The Journey Begins

- Family History
- Care Coordination Home Visit
- Contacted CCCC Neighborhood Victim Advocate
- Accompanied Family to CCCC
- Went back to the house together



9 AM

SAFETY

Getting to Safety

- Attempted to pick up sons at school
- Accompanied Carmen and her 3 younger children to Civil Court
- Arranged to transfer physical custody of the 2 older sons to mom at the Police Station
- Accompanied family to train station



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Collaborators

- Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven
- Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis
- Clifford Beers Clinic
- Department of Children and Families
- New Haven Police Department
- The Civil Court
- Grandmother and other natural supports

In Retrospect...

Strengths

- Strong Working Relationships between providers
- Personal commitment of individual workers to the safety and well being of the victim and her children
- Agency support to employees and the domestic violence movement

In Retrospect...

Strengths contd.

- Willingness of service providers to come together to debrief intervention provided:
 - Offer mutual support
 - Discuss collaborative strengths
 - Identify barriers to best practice

In Retrospect...

Barriers

- Lack of financial and community resources
- Complex legal procedures
- Limitations of each participating agency
- Differences in mission driven perspective of each agency

Q&A

