

## Resources available free online



### Children Experiencing Domestic Violence: A Research Review

Nicky Stanley (2011)

[http://www.wolvesscb.org.uk/files/useful\\_links\\_and\\_publications/RIP%20-%20Children%20Experiencing%20Domestic%20Violence%20A%20Research%20Review.pdf](http://www.wolvesscb.org.uk/files/useful_links_and_publications/RIP%20-%20Children%20Experiencing%20Domestic%20Violence%20A%20Research%20Review.pdf)

Children Experiencing Domestic Violence: A Research Review provides a comprehensive review of research on children exposed to domestic violence. The review discusses issues around prevalence; the impact on children's development; parenting; violence in intimate relationships of youth; assessment and engagement with families experiencing domestic violence; interventions; and agency collaboration.



### Handbook for Police Responding to Domestic Violence

Promoting Safer Communities by Integrating Research & Practice

Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System (2004)

[http://www.lfcc.on.ca/handbook\\_police.html](http://www.lfcc.on.ca/handbook_police.html)

This handbook provides information on the dynamics of domestic violence in order to assist police officers in being able to engage with victims in the most useful and supportive way. The information provided will help officers to understand why some victims may be resistant to their support and interventions. Furthermore, this handbook illustrates the potential benefits of intervening with children exposed to domestic violence which may help police officers feel that they are part of the solution and that they are contributing to a meaningful collaboration that may reduce violence in future generations.



### Helping Children Thrive

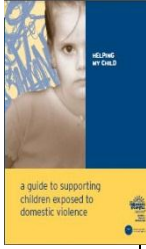
Supporting Woman Abuse Survivors as Mothers: A Resource to Support Parenting

Linda Baker & Alison Cunningham (2004)

<http://www.lfcc.on.ca/mothers.html>

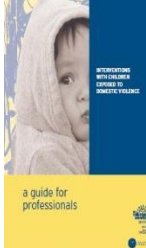
This resource was developed for service providers assisting women who have survived woman abuse. Topics include: the needs of abused women as mothers; how abusive men parent; how abusive men affect family dynamics; the effects of power and control tactics on mothers; the potential impact of woman abuse on children of different ages; and strategies used by young people to cope with violence in their homes. This resource also provides information on how to parent children exposed to violence. Included in the resource are handouts for women to be given out during individual or

group interventions regarding woman abuse or parenting.



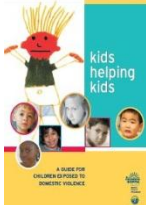
**Helping My Child**  
A Guide to Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence  
Dr. Sue Penfold (2005)  
<http://bcsth.ca/sites/default/files/helping%20my%20child.pdf>

This guide is the first of a three-part series, "Helping Children Cope with Domestic Violence," that is intended to help mothers, caregivers, and service providers support children exposed to domestic violence. This guide looks at the dynamics of domestic violence and what impact it has on mothers and children. It outlines what mothers can do to help keep their children and themselves safe and it provides useful resources for support and information.



**Interventions with Children Exposed to Domestic Violence**  
A Guide for Professionals  
Dr. Sue Penfold (2005)  
[http://www.domesticpeace.ca/documents/InterventionswithChildrenExposedToDomesticViolenceGuide\\_000.pdf](http://www.domesticpeace.ca/documents/InterventionswithChildrenExposedToDomesticViolenceGuide_000.pdf)

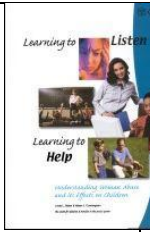
This guide is the last of the three-part series, "Helping Children Cope with Domestic Violence." This guide is designed for service providers to assist in frontline intervention. Topics include: understanding the dynamics of domestic violence; prevalence; the impact of domestic violence on women and children; dealing with disclosures; developing safety plans; making referrals; intervention programs for children exposed; and how to find resources and further information on children exposed to domestic violence.



**Kids Helping Kids**  
A Guide for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence  
Karen Hudson (2005)  
<http://bcsth.ca/sites/default/files/Kids%20Helping%20Kids.pdf>

This guide is the second of a three-part series, "Helping Children Cope with Domestic Violence." It has been developed for children aged five through twelve by using children's ideas, artwork and play when sharing their stories of living with domestic violence. The first section of the guide includes stories told by two children, Jordan and Thaylor. The next session discusses issues experienced by children exposed to domestic violence, including feelings of responsibility, expressing emotions, and safety planning. The final section provides children with information, resources, and support services that will

help them deal with their experiences of domestic violence.



Learning to Listen, Learning to Help  
Understanding Woman Abuse and Its Effects on Children  
Linda Baker & Alison Cunningham (2005)  
<http://www.lfcc.on.ca/learning.html>

This handbook helps to prepare students and volunteers, entering the helping professions, to recognize and respond to family violence. The handbook provides current and relevant information and links to other resources for further study. Topics covered in the handbook include: information on the dynamics of woman abuse; the concept of power and control; facts and figures; how to support women and help them find appropriate resources; how children are impacted by and cope with violence in the home; how to respond to child disclosures of violence; standards of professional conduct; awareness of one's own attitudes; and suggestions for how one can make a difference to end violence.



Little Eyes, Little Ears  
How Violence Against a Mother Shapes Children as they Grow  
Alison Cunningham & Linda Baker (2007)  
[http://www.lfcc.on.ca/little\\_eyes\\_little\\_ears.html](http://www.lfcc.on.ca/little_eyes_little_ears.html)

This resource helps professionals and volunteers understand how woman abuse can impact a child's development. This resource addresses the feelings and thoughts children may have about the violence, roles and coping strategies children may adopt for survival, and how children at different developmental stages may experience violence against their mothers. The goal of this resource is to understand how children experience violence against their mothers and how, by taking into account important contextual features of their family life, one can devise a plan to effectively intervene and support these children.



Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases:  
Guidelines for Policy and Practice  
Susan Schechter & Jeffrey L. Edleson  
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges  
Family Violence Department (1999)  
<http://www.thegreenbook.info/documents/Greenbook.pdf>

This book provides a guideline to help communities develop effective interventions and improve systemic response to families experiencing domestic violence and child maltreatment. The book was developed with the

aid of an advisory committee composed of professionals from child welfare, the courts, domestic violence agencies, academics, and federal agencies in the U.S. Topics include: safety and well-being for victims and the importance of holding batterers accountable for their use of violence; guiding principles for responding to families experiencing both domestic violence and child maltreatment; and recommendations for intervention, prevention, and policy development aimed at child protection services, domestic violence service providers, and juvenile and other courts responsible for child maltreatment cases.



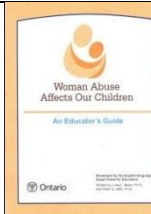
**Understanding the Effects of Domestic Violence**  
**A Trainer's Manual for Early Childhood Educators**  
Linda Baker, P.G. Jaffe & Kathy Moore (2001)  
[http://www.lfcc.on.ca/understanding\\_ECE.html](http://www.lfcc.on.ca/understanding_ECE.html)

This handbook is a comprehensive train-the-trainer package for Early Childhood Educators that includes: information on the impact of domestic violence on children; warm-up exercises; overhead masters; suggested activities; answers to FAQs; and case studies. This manual also comes with a companion handbook which can be distributed to training participants.



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This user-friendly resource helps Early Childhood Education students learn to identify and support children exposed to domestic violence. Topics include implications for the childcare setting, safety planning, reporting, and accessing community support.



**Woman Abuse Affects our Children**  
**An Educator's Guide**  
Linda Baker & Peter Jaffe (2007)  
[http://www.lfcc.on.ca/educators\\_guide\\_woman\\_abuse\\_and\\_children.html](http://www.lfcc.on.ca/educators_guide_woman_abuse_and_children.html)

An English Language Expert Panel for Educators was established to develop training, resources and an implementation plan designed for Ontario elementary school teachers, principals and counsellors. The Woman Abuse Affects our Children guide helps educators recognize and support children who may be experiencing violence in their home.



### Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence

A Handbook for the Juvenile Justice System to Enhance Assessment and Intervention Strategies for Youth from Violent Homes

Linda L. Baker & Peter G. Jaffe (2003)

[http://www.lfcc.on.ca/Youth\\_Justice\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.lfcc.on.ca/Youth_Justice_Handbook.pdf)

This handbook contains information that will help a person learn about domestic violence and its impact on adolescents; evaluating risk and safety planning; coordinated justice responses to domestic violence and the role of juvenile custody programs and probation; risk assessment and reduction with adolescent perpetrators of domestic and family violence; promising practices for adolescent perpetrators of domestic and family violence; and resources on domestic violence for adolescent victims and perpetrators.



### "A Full and Candid Account" Using Special Accommodations and Testimonial Aids to Facilitate the Testimony of Children

Alison Cunningham & Pamela Hurley (2007)

[http://www.lfcc.on.ca/full\\_and\\_candid\\_account.html](http://www.lfcc.on.ca/full_and_candid_account.html)

"A Full and Candid Account" is seven handbooks designed to help prosecutors, judges, victim support workers, and others understand and meet the needs of children exposed to violence who testify in court. Topics include an overview of issues related to child testimony; testifying outside the courtroom; witness screens; video-recorded evidence; designated support persons; hearsay evidence; and children and teenagers who testify in domestic violence cases. These handbooks will help to ensure that child witnesses provide complete and accurate evidence to a judge or jury.





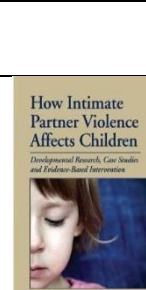
### Strengthening Policies to Support Children, Youth, and Families Who Experience Trauma

Janice L. Cooper, Rachel Masi, Sarah Dababnah, Yumiko Aratani & Jane Knitzer (2007)

[http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text\\_737.pdf](http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text_737.pdf)

This report examines current policies, promising practices and recommendations for reform in order to strengthen responses and provide support to families exposed to trauma. Topics include understanding trauma and its impact; examining inadequacies of current service and policy responses; profiling emerging best practices; learning of policies that support trauma-informed practice; and recommendations for future initiatives. This report also includes four case studies from different programs/initiatives across the U.S.

## Resources available for purchase or at library

	<p>Caring Dads: Helping Fathers Value their Children Katreena Scott, Karen Francis, Claire Crooks &amp; Tim Kelly (2006) <a href="http://caringdads.org/pros/res/m-manual-and-workbook">http://caringdads.org/pros/res/m-manual-and-workbook</a></p> <p>Caring Dads is a 17-week group intervention program for abusive fathers that addresses domestic violence as a form of child maltreatment. The program encourages fathers to recognize how their abusive behaviours can have a negative impact on their children and the father-child relationship. <i>Caring Dads</i> helps fathers develop strategies and skills for interacting with their children, and their children's mother, in healthy ways.</p>
	<p>Growing Up with Domestic Violence Advances in Psychotherapy: Evidence Based Practice Peter Jaffe, David A. Wolfe &amp; Marcie Campbell (2011) <a href="http://www.amazon.com/Domestic-Violence-Advances-Psychotherapy-Evidence/dp/0889373361">http://www.amazon.com/Domestic-Violence-Advances-Psychotherapy-Evidence/dp/0889373361</a></p> <p>Growing Up with Domestic violence is a resource that helps practitioners recognize and understand the impact of domestic violence on children and youth and how to provide effective clinical interventions and prevention measures. The book examines the effects of exposure to domestic violence on children at different ages and developmental stages. Relevant and current theories are reviewed and real-life case studies are provided. The main focus of the book is on proven assessment, intervention, and prevention strategies.</p>
	<p>How Intimate Partner Violence Affects Children: Developmental Research, Case Studies, and Evidence-Based Intervention. Edited by Sandra A. Graham-Bermann &amp; Alytia A. Levendosky (2011). <a href="http://www.amazon.com/Intimate-Partner-Violence-Affects-Children/dp/1433809303">http://www.amazon.com/Intimate-Partner-Violence-Affects-Children/dp/1433809303</a></p> <p>Using a developmental psychopathology perspective, this book is organized by developmental stages: infancy, preschoolers, school-age children, and adolescents. For each developmental stage, there is a review of empirical research on the effects of intimate partner violence on children, a description of age-specific intervention programs and evaluations, and an example of a child whose experience and adjustment illustrates age specific concerns. The resource is aimed at researchers and practitioners who work with victims of intimate partner violence and their families.</p>



## Juvenile Justice

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Violence Within Families and Intimate Relationships (book chapter).  
L.L. Baker, A.J. Cunningham & K.E. Harris.  
In *Juvenile Justice: Advancing Research, Policy, and Practice*.  
F. Sherman & F. Jacobs (Editors) (2011).

<http://ca.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470497041.html>

This chapter provides an understanding of family violence, its correlates, and linkages to delinquency, especially youth violence, and identifies observable signposts or pathways for young victims into the justice system: compromised school success, substance abuse as a coping strategy, abusive behavior toward parents, compromised mental health, and early home leaving. The authors argue that intervention within the youth justice system should be re-examined through the lens of youth affected by family violence. Implications for practice include the importance of healthy cultures in youth justice facilities; violence-informed health and mental health screening and assessment upon entering the youth justice system; interventions to teach coping skills (e.g., emotional literacy, social problem solving); healthy relationships education; and, planning for youth to reenter the community.