



# Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence: Services for Victims and their Children

## Definition:

The CEBC defines **Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence: Services for Victims and their Children** as **programs that address the needs of victims of Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence situations, including services for children exposed to domestic violence.** Over one million women in the United States are physically assaulted by their partner each year and over half need medical attention. Often, women surviving domestic/intimate partner violence come to the attention of Child Welfare Services not as a victim, but as a parent who was not able to protect their child. Research from the Domestic Violence and Children: Analysis and Recommendations Study indicates that between 3.3 million and 10 million children in the United States are exposed to Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence each year. It is estimated that 70% of men who abuse their female partners also abuse their children. Children in homes where domestic violence occurs have a greater than 1500% higher risk of being seriously neglected and physically or sexually abused. For more information on this topic and how it relates to child welfare, please visit the Child Welfare Information Gateway's section on Domestic Violence: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/casework-practice/domestic-violence/?top=292>.

## Topic Area Criteria:

- **Target population:** Victims of Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence and their children
- **Services/types that fit:** Outpatient, day treatment, and residential services in individual or group formats
- **Delivered by:** Mental health professionals or trained paraprofessionals
- **In order to be included in this topic area on the CEBC:** Program must specifically target victims of domestic violence and their children, or be designed to address the needs of this population
- **In order to be rated in this topic area by the CEBC:** There must be research evidence (as specified by the [Scientific Rating Scale](#)) that examines outcomes for victims and/or children, such as reductions in domestic violence and abuse, improvements in well-being, and changes in symptom levels, behaviors, and/or functioning

# Programs

The table below provides a summary of the rated programs currently listed in the **Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence: Services for Victims and their Children** topic area. More detailed information can be found on the [CEBC website](#).

Program	Target Population	CEBC Scientific Rating	CEBC CWS Relevance Level
<a href="#">Child-Parent Psychotherapy</a> (CPP)	Children age 0–5, who have experienced a trauma, and their caregivers	2	High
<a href="#">The Community Advocacy Project</a>	Survivors of domestic abuse who have utilized shelters. Can be expanded to non-shelter users	2	Medium
<a href="#">Child-Centered Play Therapy</a> (CCPT)	Children ages 3–10 who are experiencing social, emotional, behavioral and relational problems	3	Medium
<a href="#">Domestic Violence Home Visit Intervention</a> (DVHVI).	Families with children from birth to 18 years old living in home that have reported incidents of intimate partner violence (IPV) to police	3	Medium
<a href="#">Kids Club &amp; Moms Empowerment</a>	Children ages 6–12 and their mothers exposed to intimate partner violence in the last year	3	Medium