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### Examining Child Protection Responses to Battering:

#### A Practice Assessment

with  
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## The Child Protective Services Response to Domestic Violence

CHALLENGES

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## Fails to take into Account the Dynamics of Domestic Violence

- Considers DV a relationship problem and charges "Failure to Protect"
- Holds non-offending mothers responsible for batterers violence
- Has few options for holding batterer accountable
- Threatens removal or remove children
- System not designed to hold batterer accountable

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## Greenbook Initiative

- *Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy & Practice*
- 1999 a series of meetings were held involving experts in child welfare, domestic violence and dependency court
- Discussing the Child Welfare Response to domestic Violence

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## Greenbook Initiative (continued)

- Development of key principles

Set forth the need to identify the impact of the batterer's violence on the child, the victim's protective and help-seeking strategies (giving due consideration to the impact the violence has on her options), and methods to hold the offender accountable for ending the violence.

*The Greenbook's* overarching conclusion is that the best response prioritizes both the safety of children and their battered mothers together.

To protect the child by protecting the mother, *The Greenbook* set forth a framework, principles, and more than sixty specific recommendations for the three primary systems (child welfare, advocacy and services, and dependency courts) that can become involved when battering and child maltreatment intersect.

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## Greenbook Initiative (cont.)

- The Greenbook's* guiding principles include:
  - Safety, well-being, and stability for children and families is central;
  - Priority is given to children remaining in the care of their non-offending parent(s);
  - Batterers, not their victims, should be held accountable for stopping their violence and coercively controlling behavior;
  - Community service systems should offer many points of entry to fair and capable services for people of diverse backgrounds; and
  - Differential response should be available that does not require opening a child protection investigation or findings of maltreatment to access help.

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## Questions?

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# Greenbook, Child Welfare & Institutional Analysis

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# Practice Assessment for Child Protection

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## DEVELOPMENT

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# Testing the Assessment Tool

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■ **Two goals:** 1) to use the guide to identify ways to enhance the child protection response to the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and battering in Wright County; and 2) to recommend changes to the draft guide to improve a final version for use nationally.

- Discussion series
- Mapping
- Policy and text analysis
- Case file analysis
- Recommendations
- Additional activities

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**Questions?**

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**Support for Institutional Analysis**

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**Thank You**

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