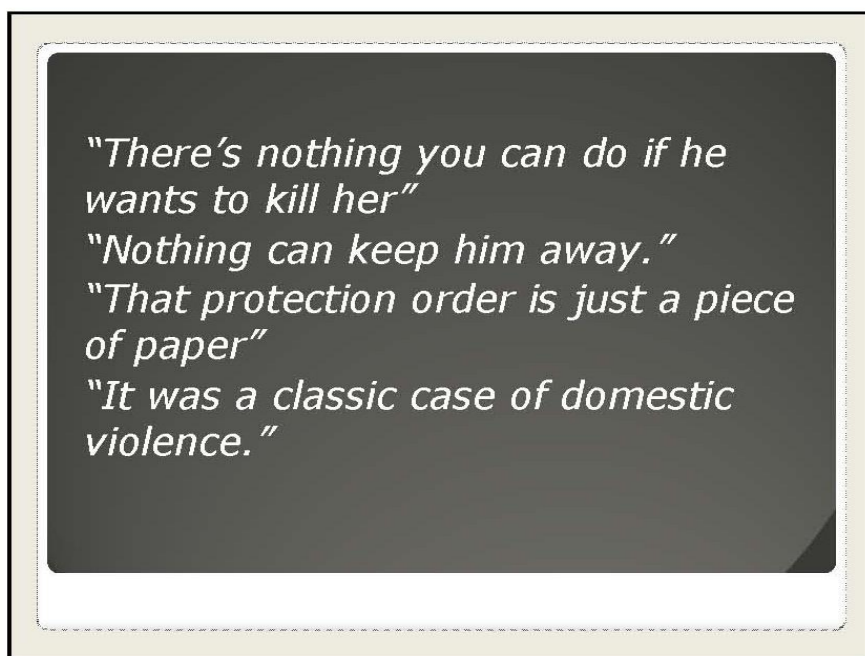
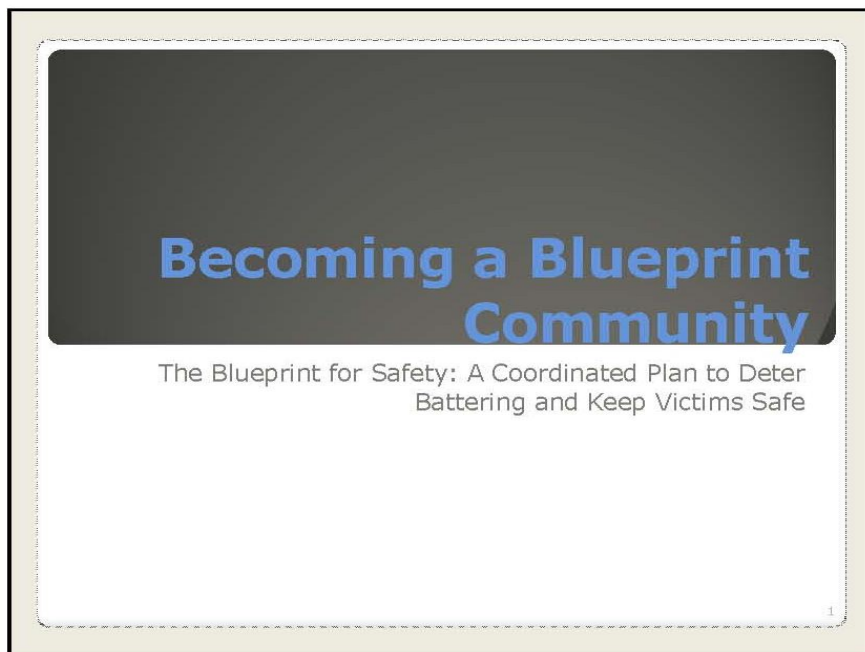


PRESENTATION TEMPLATE: BECOMING A BLUEPRINT COMMUNITY

(Available in electronic format from Praxis: blueprint@praxisinternational.org)



DEVELOP basic statistical picture for your community, including:

- Calls to 911
- Proportion of police work
- Prosecution & probation data
- # crisis calls – data from community-based organizations
- Etc.

Scope & scale of domestic violence in [Local]



The faces behind the numbers

The Blueprint for Safety

A coordinated justice system response to domestic violence crimes that...

- Responds more quickly and effectively
- Enhances capacity to stop violence, reduce harm, and save lives
- A fully articulated CCR
- Plan and method for making a CCR work

Defining the Blueprint

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- **An approach:** shared, coherent way of thinking about domestic violence cases and what types of intervention are effective
- **A document:** collection of interagency practices designed to guide our collective approach
- **A process:** ongoing evaluation and adjustments to practices

Defining the Blueprint

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- 2007 – 2010: Blueprint for Safety created and tested in St. Paul, MN (and continues today)
- 2011 - 2015: OVW-funded adaptation demonstration initiative
 - Duluth, MN
 - New Orleans, LA
 - Shelby County/Memphis, TN

Designed & tested

1. Coordinated work across and within agencies increases protection
2. Outcomes improve when the system treats a domestic violence case as part of ongoing pattern of criminal activity vs. a single event

**Research supports the
Blueprint approach**

3. Clear and consistent messages of offender accountability and victim safety can reduce violence.
4. Sure and swift consequences for offenders can reduce recidivism and the severity of future abuse.

Research support, continued

- Single, overarching policy
- Best practices grounded in research
- All agencies identify, document, act on risk/danger
- Employs victim *engagement strategies*
- Pays attention to *disparity* of impact and unintended consequences
- *Inter- and intra-agency monitoring* built in= ongoing problem solving among practitioners

Key features of the Blueprint

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- Do you believe he/she will seriously injure or kill you/your children? Why/why not?
- Is the abuse becoming more frequent? More severe?
- Describe the worst incident/time you were the most frightened.
- Have you ever been threatened for seeking help from police? Courts? Others?

Blueprint risk questions

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- Document & communicate information about risk/danger *across* system in new ways: **linked tools**
- Strengthen witness interviews & officer's direct observations
- More use of undercharged crimes, e.g., stalking, witness tampering
- Improve investigation & charging of suspects who've fled the scene

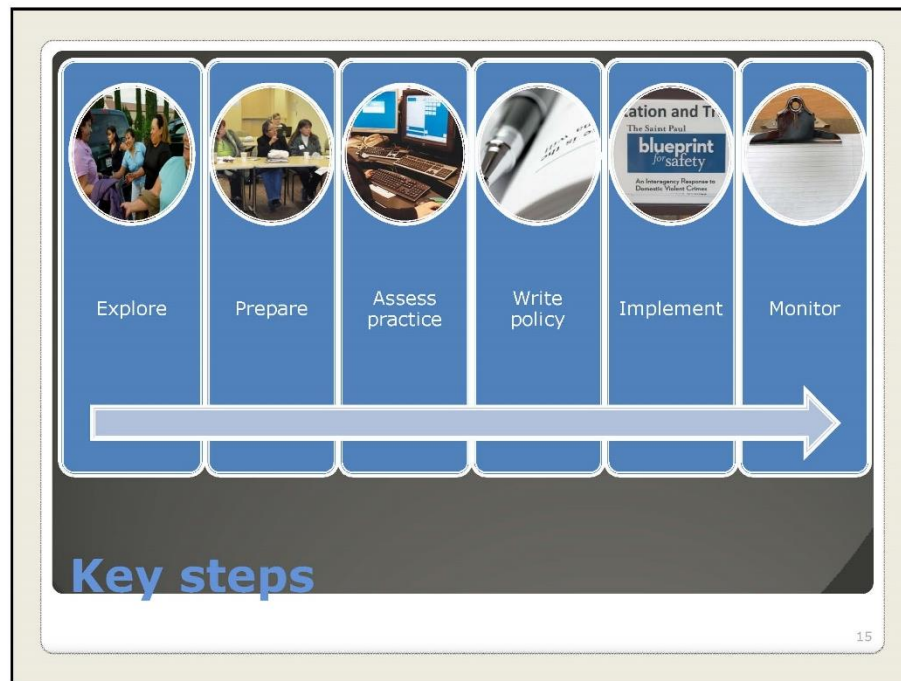
As a Result . . .

- Framework for pretrial release conditions that reflect risk/danger & include victim input where possible; swift response to violations
- Position probation to differentiate context/severity & fit sanctions & supervision accordingly
- More detail to judges about pattern, type, scope, & severity of abuse

As a Result . . .

Across the criminal legal system, decisions and judgments are based upon a more complete understanding of the risk and context of a particular case

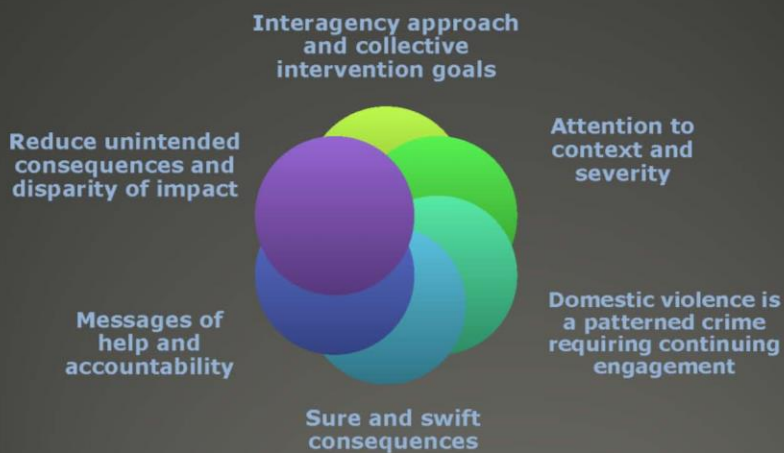
As a Result . . .



- Commitment to find and fix problems
- Use best-practice templates
- Partner with community-based advocates
- Ongoing inter- and intra-agency supervision and monitoring

Self-examination & problem-solving

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Foundational principles

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- Work together to develop policies, procedures, protocols
- Direct engagement with survivors (focus groups, battered women's advisory group)
- Understand full scope and scale of domestic violence
- Broad access to victims and survivors
- Unique perspective on CJS response

Central role for advocates

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Becoming a Blueprint community requires:

- Currently functioning interagency group
- Ongoing leadership by advocates
- Coordinator
- Time
- Agencies understand this is a process of assessment and change
- Leadership and commitment
- Spirit of trying new things

Blueprint requirements

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Can we answer "yes" to the following...

- Advocates have a central role
- Advocates and CJS work together
- Committed to a united approach with shared purpose
- Curious about how we're doing
- Open to new approaches
- Can agree to the Blueprint principles
- Can establish coordination
- Can establish authority and resources to sustain the Blueprint

Is the Blueprint right for us?

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Adapt slide to address questions and/or outline next steps according to local needs and plan

Questions & Next Steps & Contacts

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