

Assessing Child Exposure to Adult Domestic Violence

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Overview

- Assessment issues
- Types of assessments
- Need for future assessment tools
- Resources

Assessment Issues (1)

- Factors related to level of violence:
 - Severity
 - Frequency
 - Chronicity
- How is the child exposed to these incidents?
- What meaning does child assign to violence?

Assessment Issues (2)

- How child does or does not cope?
- How is the child involved in the violence incidents?
 - Actively
 - Passively
 - Does abuser or victim involve child?
- What other protective or risk factors exist?
- Impact of exposure on child?

(Edleson et al, in press)

Assessment Tools (1)

■ **Exposure**

- CEDV in development (Edleson et al)
- Adapted CTS (Straus et al)
- VEX-R (Fox & Leavitt)
- Things I have seen and heard (Richters & Martinez)

Assessment Tools (2)

- **Child Perception**

- Child Perception of Interparental Conflict (Grych et al)
- Family Worries (Graham-Bermann)

Assessment Tools (3)

■ **Impact**

- CBCL (Achenbach & Edelbrock)
- Child Depression Inventory (Kovacs)
- Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children (Briere – new edition)

Need for new tool

- Tool must measure:
 - Level of violence
 - Types of exposure
 - Child's involvement in events
 - Child's coping (active/passive)
 - Risk and protective factors available

MINCAVA

Minnesota Center Against Violence & Abuse

Special site on Children & DV

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/link>

MINCAVA Electronic Clearinghouse

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu>

VAWnet Library

<http://www.vawnet.org>

Greenbook site

<http://www.thegreenbook.info>