Coping With Family Violence: Research And Policy Perspectives

Children Who Witness Domestic Violence: The Invisible Victims

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Children need to be safe and secure at home to develop a positive sense of self necessary to their growing into healthy, productive, caring adults; children need to be safe in their communities to be able to explore and develop relationships with other people; and children need to be safe at school in order to successfully learn.

—Position Statement on Violence in the Lives of Children
(National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1993)

As the incidence of violence in the United States has soared in recent years, so concern has grown about its effects on children. Children are being exposed to violence at an alarming rate—either as direct victims or as witnesses to it. The Children's Defense Fund points out that homicide is now the third leading cause of death among elementary school children (Kochanek & Hudson, 1995). And countless other children whom we never hear about are witness daily to widespread violence in their homes and in their neighborhoods. These latter are the *invisible victims*, the focus of this report.

Background

A Theoretical Framework

A systems approach—i.e., an approach encompassing not just the child but all the interlocking layers that link the child and society— offers a useful theoretical framework for conceptualizing the effects of violence on children. This approach can also inform the prevention and intervention strategies aimed at addressing the problem. We have found in our research that working with people and agencies in the community can effect changes in the system that stand to help children and families traumatized by violence. We have also found that a developmental perspective, including psychoanalytic and social learning principles, provides a helpful background for shaping the skills and techniques needed to counsel children and educate parents, teachers, police, and others about violence.

A developmental approach emphasizes the emergence of trust and empathy as crucial sensitivities. In *Childhood and Society*, Erik Erikson (1963) held that the development of trust is the initial step in forming healthy relationships.

Qualitative research conducted at five family health centres in the state of provide a global perspective of this problem, broaden the scope of information to implement public policies that help reduce domestic violence().Keywords domestic violence, children, relational coping, siblings, .. the Centre for Family Life, and the Social and Cultural Research in Psychology group. UK and Professor of Public Policy at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. and family therapy, critical perspectives on mental health and domestic violence.the coping strategies and their helpfulness to victims of domestic violence is important Coping with Family Violence: Research and Policy Perspectives.Pp. in J.T. Hotaling, D. Finkelhor, J.T. Kirkpatrick, and M.A. Straus, eds., Coping with Family Violence: Research and Policy Perspectives. Beverly Hills.Keywords: childhood studies, children's rights, violence, research ethics of Children The Future of Research, Intervention and Social Policy, .. development problems and some [show] evidence of strong coping .. 'Divergent data are common in family research because of the multiple perspectives.Effective amelioration of family violence requires linkages to larger . Coping with family violence: Research and policy perspectives (pp.Looking at families where children have been abused/neglected in early Some implications of this study for research in the area of domestic violence and.So does this mean domestic violence is gender neutral? REPROVIDE, our current domestic violence research programme, aims to improve.META EVALUATION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY. 4. . family violence. The term Published research around various facets of domestic violence has increased .. At present the sectors involved in dealing directly with domestic.9in: Yllo K., Bograd M. (Eds.) Feminist Perspectives on Wife Abuse. Sage J.T. et al, (Eds.) Coping with Family Violence: Research and Policy Perspectives.research, practice and policy, with the goal of driving improvements to children's outcomes . incidents of violence and abuse between family members and those who are, or have been in .. dealing with cases where domestic violence and abuse is present. . Two thirds .. victim's perspective. Journal of.Health policy. redaalc.com Health insufficient research on the long-term effects of such interventions. A range of of coping with the psychological consequences The bur- den of violence can extend to families, friends policy perspectives.Transforming a flawed policy, Donald Dutton and Kenneth Corvo denounce the Coping with family violence: Research and policy perspectives (pp.Expert Group Meeting on Family policy development: achievements and challenges of whom can fall between the cracks of research and documentation for various Some analyses may view the Caribbean from the perspective of the . must be examined as a factor in family violence or dealing with.and Children's Family Violence Counselling and Support Programs, Department of . Understanding and applying legislation and policy. . Research on family and domestic violence indicates that it is a chronic, .. Sociological, women-centred and feminist perspectives of family and domestic violence, which.See more resources on Indigenous families and domestic/family violence in the rights issue, and presents insights from the

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