DCF Response to IPV

- In 2012, DCF organized the Office of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Substance Use Treatment & Recovery.
- In 2013, a Request for Information (RFI) was issued by the Department to assist in the redesign of the IPV service array.
- In 2013, DCF created a IPV Program Development and Oversight Coordinator Position (PDOC).
- In 2013, the Department evolved from outside consultation to establishing internal specialist in an effort to build internal capacity and expertise. The Department created the Intimate Partner Violence Specialist Position (IPVS). Through expansion, there are currently 13 IPV Specialists.
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- In 2013, IPV PDOC assumed responsibility for the Department’s capacity regarding the State Of Ct- Judicial Department’s Protective Order Registry. Developed draft protocol & increased capacity from 40 - 121 DCF staff with access to the Registry.
- In 2014, the Department issued a Partner Violence Consultation, Training, and Evaluation Request for Proposal in an effort to expand the Department’s capacity to meet the needs of families impacted by Intimate Partner Violence.
DCF Response to IPV

- In 2014, the Department entered into a formal collaboration with the Injury Prevention Center (IPC) of the CT Children’s Medical Center to design and implement an evaluation of the DCF IPV service delivery and outcomes. The IPC scope of work would include:
  - Assisting in the development of training to increase DCF workforce capacity
  - Evaluate the parent and child IPV service delivery and outcomes
  - Conduct qualitative and quantitative evaluation of changed in practice over time with a focus on recidivism, service utilization and child and family outcomes.
- In September of 2014, the Department brought the Evidence based, Moms Empowerment Model to Ct through a training of staff at DCF and the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV). The Department would engage in a 2 year collaboration with CCADV to offer the model to mothers and their children within the 18 Domestic Violence Shelters. Through this collaboration 720 children and 651 parents received the service.
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- In 2014, the Department brought the Evidence Based Safe Dates Model to Ct through a training to DCF, CCADV and community providers. The Department funded CCADV to provide the curriculum to CT Public School districts. The project trained 17 school districts, 4 Technical Schools, 8 Domestic Violence Agencies and 1 Community Based Organization.

- In 2014, the Department developed a new intervention model, Intimate Partner Violence - Family Assessment Intervention Response (IPV-FAIR). The model, based on current research, would be a voluntary intensive in-home and clinic based services individualized to meet the needs of all family members. This model would also include the Fathers for Change Promising Practice Model. Initial funding of IPV-FAIR only allowed for 4 programs to cover the state. In 2015, additional funding secured to expand IPV-FAIR to all 6 DCF Regions.
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- In 2015, the Department collaborated with CCADV within the Safe Sleep Initiative to replace cribs and provide literature regarding Safe Sleep within the 18 Domestic violence Shelters.
- In 2015, a pilot group of young men at Solnit South participated in the Safe Dates Curriculum.
- In 2015, begin developing a new Evidence-Based Model for addressing families impacted by Intimate Partner violence - a Multisystemic Therapy for Intimate Partner violence (MST-IPV) with support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Funding still to be secured.
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- In 2016, the Department participated in the Child Welfare League of America Annual Conference presenting the IPV-FAIR & Fathers for Change Intervention Model.

- In 2016, the Department hosted two cross-training events,
  - Families Impacted by IPV (112 participants)
  - Animal abuse, Child Abuse and IPV (109 participants)
### Injury Prevention Center Service Array Evaluation

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• Fathers for Change - Innovative model designed in CT - Emphasizes engaging & servicing men.
• FAIR - Connecticut designed model based on best practice - Unique design - Ct in forefront.
• Moms Empowerment & Kids club - Collaboration with CCADV Shelters - CCADV struggling with Sustainability plan.
• Safe Dates - Collaboration with CCADV - Training provided to Ct Municipal Schools. Plus one group run at Solnit North.
• MST-IPV - Collaboration with Casey Services and Model developers of MST-BSF. Funding needed for Implementation.