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 (Auchenbach & 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