

Home Visitation Service Availability for High Risk Pregnant Women with History of Domestic Violence Victimization- Community Level

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Purpose: To assess capacity for providing home visiting services to high risk pregnant women and women with young children who have a history of domestic violence victimization

Availability/Accessibility of Services

- Can you give us a background about the services your organization provides and the populations served?
- What is the continuum of services available in this community for pregnant women and mothers with young children (e.g., outreach, shelter-based, etc.)?
- Could you discuss the process by which you identify pregnant women and mothers with young children in need of services? How do you go about engaging them in services?
 - Do you use standardized assessment tools to identify those needing services? If so, what assessment tools?
- What types of supports are available to facilitate participation in your services? (e.g. public transportation, child care, etc.)
- What other barriers to service access do you see in your community? How do you address the barriers?

Service capacity

- What is the capacity of your program?
 - Is shelter available for women and their children?
 - Are there frequently waiting lists for your services?
 - If services (shelter, groups, etc.) are at capacity, are other arrangements made?
 - What is the capacity to expand services if there were an increase in referrals?
- What is the average length of time between referral to assessment? Assessment to shelter or other service provision?
- What is the average length of stay in shelter? Other services? What is stay length based on?
- How do you address the needs of diverse populations?

Assessment and Referral Coordination with existing HV programs

- Do you specifically coordinate services with home visitation programs? What does the coordination among the programs look like?
 - Do you refer to HV services for pregnant women and women with young children who are receiving services? For pregnant women and women with young children who are in shelter?
 - If so, which HV programs do you most frequently refer to?
- Is there collaboration between DV staff and HV staff? At what levels?

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- What are the reasons that you would refer to home visiting? When would you refrain from referring?
- Describe your primary community partners that you use to support families who have identified needs.
- Do you frequently receive referrals from HV programs?
 - Do you do any specific community outreach (to HV programs or other partners) to help identify DV and know how to make referrals?
- How might home visiting programs in your community build capacity to serve multi-risk families in which DV is being perpetrated?
- What should HV staff know about the dynamics of DV as it relates to home visits? Safety issues?
- What barriers exist for home visiting programs to serve families where DV is being perpetrated?

General

- What would you need in your community in order to provide all services and resources needed for pregnant women and families with young children with multiple risk factors such as substance use, domestic violence, etc?