

## Deborah Greenleaf

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**From:** Jodie Campbell, South King County Community Network  
**Date:** March 7, 2006  
**Subject:** The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children

Dear Deborah,

Shortly following *The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children Conference* I agreed to review the conference evaluations and to report back to you about my findings. I understood that you sought to draw out the experiences of conference participants by asking both quantitative and qualitative questions.

In my report you will see these experiences reflected in two ways. First, the questions that required participants to evaluate guest presenters and workshops quantitatively were calculated to reflect a percentage based on the number of responses to the number of participants responding to the particular workshop or presentation.

Thematic data analysis was used to capture the qualitative experiences of the participants. Each response was recorded and then I went back through and streamlined responses eventually leaving me with a handful of major themes for each qualitative question.

Please note that due to time constraints I was unable to analyze the three questions listed on the back of the survey which sought to capture how participants felt about the overall effectiveness of the conference as well as suggestions for future conferences.

If you have any questions regarding these findings please contact me at (206) 661-2774. I will be on spring break beginning March 15, 2006 and returning to SKCCN on March 27, 2006, but would be happy to talk with you about my findings before then.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully,

Jodie Campbell

***EVALUATION LOGISTICS***

<b>Total # of evaluations completed:</b>	<b>132</b>
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Total # of evaluations completed for Dr. Jaffe only	10
Total # of evaluations completed for A community Response to DV (ACRDV)	21
Total # of evaluations completed for Custody and Visitation (CV)	13
Total # of evaluations completed for Alternative CPS Response (ACPS)	20
Total # of evaluations completed for Therapeutic Interventions (TI)	68
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	<b>131</b>

**(One participant in T. I. workshop did not complete a survey on Dr. Jaffe)**

## QUANTITATIVE & QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS

**Dr. Jaffe**

**Total responses: 131**

Participants were asked to rate presenter on a scale of 1-5 where:  
5 = very useful and 1 = not useful information

5:	68 = 51.90 %
4:	41 = 31.29%
3:	18 = 13.74%
2:	1 = 0.76%
1:	3 = 2.29%

**131**

*As the data indicates approximately 2.3% of conference participants did not find the information useful whereas approximately 51% found it to be very useful information.*

### **Principles gained from this presentation**

*(In order of importance based on number of responses)*

- i. Cross System Collaboration is essential in helping reducing re-victimizing of DV
  - Family and criminal court
  - Courts, legal and DV advocates and child welfare
  - Mental health and DV advocates
- ii. Custody and visitation issues are very complex and need special attention
- iii. Risk Assessment and Safety planning is very important for safety of DV victims and children impacted by DV
  - Take time to do them do thorough risk assessments
  - DV screening at intake
  - Safety planning
- iv. Parent mediation is not always an appropriate response for families impacted by DV
- v. Continue and increase advocacy and education for and about families impacted by DV
  - Community conscious raising
  - Roundtable advocacy
  - Educate legal personnel about dynamics of DV

- Educate kids about DV
- vi. Even children who witness DV are significantly impacted
- vii. Legal and other systems impact the entire family (mothers, fathers, and children)
  - Abusers might also have been or are also victims of familial violence

**Barriers to providing the quality of service you would like to provide?**  
(In order of importance based on number of responses)

- i. Lack of resources
  - \$ for specialized DV training
  - Cross-system training (providers need to understand the other systems their clients are involved with)
  - Adequate # of DV knowledgeable providers
  - Knowledge about available resources for families impacted by DV
  - Affordable and (DV) knowledgeable legal representation for victims
- iii. Lack of Coordination/communication between systems
  - Criminal Justice personnel, Mental Health providers, community-based DV advocates, DSHS
  - Mistrust exists between systems and providers
- iv. Language and other cultural barriers
  - Lack of awareness about different cultures within systems
  - Language barriers
  - Racism
- v. Lack of DV awareness/education within the legal system
  - Judges, prosecuting attorneys and public defense attorneys, court appointed legal advocates and legal aids lack adequate and correct information about the domestic violence and its impact on families
- vi. Lack of Community education and community awareness
- vii. Lack continuum of care capabilities for families impacted by DV

## Therapeutic Interventions

Total responses: 68

Participants were asked to rate presenter on a scale of 1-5 where:  
5 = very useful and 1 = not useful information

5:	31 = 45.58%
4:	27 = 39.70%
3:	6 = 8.82%
2:	2 = 2.94%
1:	2 = 2.94%

**68**

*As the data indicates approximately 3% of conference participants did not find the information useful whereas approximately 46% found it to be very useful information*

### Principles gained from this presentation

*(In order of importance based on number of responses)*

- i. Interventions discussed as needing to be developmentally appropriate for children undergoing trauma therapy
- ii. Use of CBT in trauma treatment
- iii. Using play therapy as a way to help kids work through issues
- iv. Re-enforcing resiliency in children exposed to DV
- v. Important to make connections with parent who was the victim of DV
  - Assist parent in their healing process by creating space and ways for parents to learn self-reflective skills and self-control
  - Educate parents about normal developmental stages that children go through
  - Help parents to help their own children cope with emotions
- vi. Trauma specific therapy

### Barriers to providing the quality of service you would like to provide?

*(In order of importance based on number of responses)*

- i. Lack of providers trained specifically in DV trauma
- ii. Lack of parental involvement

- Parent in denial
  - Parent struggling with MH and other issues
- iii. Lack of economic support for low-income families
  - Lack of affordable and accessible therapy
- viii. Limited time with children and families due to heavy case loads
- ix. Lack of community education and community awareness
- x. Lack of collaboration between MH providers and DV advocates

## A Community Response to Domestic Violence

Total responses: 21

Participants were asked to rate presenter on a scale of 1-5 where:  
5 = very useful and 1 = not useful information

5:	12 = 57.14%
4:	6 = 28.57%
3:	3 = 14.28%
2:	0 = 0.00%
1:	0 = 0.00%

**21**

*As the data indicate over half of the conference participants found the information presented in this workshop very useful.*

### **Principles gained from this presentation**

(In order of importance based on number of responses.)

- i. Important for police as first responders to DV scenes
  - Police already have access
  - Can help officers identify traumatized kids at the scene
  - Can teach officers about how to document what kids say and the behaviors they are presenting as well as feelings they are experiencing
  - Provides officers with a way to appropriate communicate with children at DV scenes.
- ii. Collaborative Response (community and agency response)
  - In home services
  - Grassroots approach valued
  - Outreach is key to access
- iii. Long-term funding is important
  - Being able to bill Medicaid would help
- iv. Culturally appropriate literature for officers to give to parents

### **Barriers to providing the quality of service you would like to provide?**

(In order of importance based on number of responses)

- i. Funding
- ii. Officers have limited time to respond in order to move on to next call

- iii. Lack of cultural competency
  - Most officers are unable to effectively communicate with people at a DV scene due to language and other cultural barriers
- iv. Officer safety
  - Only 2 officers per call to a DV scene which means officers cannot always secure scene, deal with offender(s), primary victim and assist children
- v. Problems within the system
  - Victim blaming
  - Bureaucratic
  - Lack of coordination between systems

## Custody and Visitation when DV is Involved

Total responses: 13

Participants were asked to rate presenter on a scale of 1-5 where:  
5 = very useful and 1 = not useful information

5:	6 = 46.15%
4:	3 = 23.07%
3:	2 = 15.38%
2:	2 = 15.38%
1:	0 = 0.00%

**13**

*As the data indicate approximately 46% of the conference participants found the information presented in this workshop very useful.*

### **Principles gained from this presentation**

(In order of importance based on number of responses)

- i. Cross system communication is needed
- ii. Differences between family and criminal court
- iii. Important to understand why one would choose to restrict visitation vs. suggesting supervised visitation
- iv. Batterers use legal system to continue patterns of power and control over DV victims

### **Barriers to providing the quality of service you would like to provide?**

(In order of importance based on number of responses)

- i. Lack of free or low cost and appropriate DV legal services
- ii. Lack of coordinated response
  - Lack standardized response procedures

## Alternative CPS Response in DV Cases

Total responses: 20

Participants were asked to rate presenter on a scale of 1-5 where:  
5 = very useful and 1 = not useful information.

5:	11 = 55.00%
4:	4 = 20.00%
3:	5 = 25.00%
2:	0 = 0.00%
1:	0 = 0.00%
	<b>20</b>

*As the data indicate approximately over half of the conference participants found the information presented in this workshop very useful.*

### **Principles gained from this presentation**

*(In order of importance based on number of responses)*

- i. Collaboration between systems save money
- ii. Approach is strengths-based and solution focused
- iii. Need to increase partnerships with other system personnel
- iv. Better assessment/DV screening needed in CPS cases
- v. Need to protect both the adult victim and child who witnesses the violence

### **Barriers to providing the quality of service you would like to provide?**

*(In order of importance based on number of responses)*

- i. Large caseloads and limited time
  - Currently only dealing with cases already filed and, by definition, they are the worst cases)
  - Not all providers are trained in DV work
- ii. Lack of funding and services for families impacted by DV
- iii. Language and other cultural barriers
  - Lack of services for ESL families
- xi. State-wide vs. County-wide management system makes collaboration challenging

