

Ohio IPV Collaborative Planning Group

Task Group Descriptions

The fundamental goal underlying the work of all three of these task groups is improved collaboration among systems to more effectively address family violence. All groups are encouraged to think innovatively about the issues when developing the recommendations, taking into consideration the current financial climate.

TASK GROUP ONE: Assessing and Developing Community Resources

This task group will be responsible for developing recommendations that will address how to effectively assess the community landscape, determine needs, and develop existing resources to meet those needs. This work will include developing recommendations for a community needs assessment tool. Many communities are strapped for resources, and often the resources that are available do not fully correspond to community needs. This group is tasked with developing ideas for bridging that gap. An example of an area for this group to consider looking into is reallocating current funds or applying for funds under unique collaborations to develop batterer intervention programs in lieu of or in addition to anger management or other responses.

TASK GROUP TWO: Engaging System Partners and Developing a Collaborative Vision

This group will be responsible for the development of recommendations on identifying, engaging, building and maintaining successful relationships with system partners. This group will identify effective strategies for establishing a common community vision to address intra-familial violence. This task group will also develop general recommendations for implementing this shared community vision. These recommendations may address how to open communication channels among partners, shared resource development, and the creation of processes to continuously evaluate the growth and effectiveness of partnerships.

TASK GROUP THREE: Engaging the Family Using a Holistic Approach

This group will be responsible for investigating holistic approaches to engaging all members of the family, including: the batterer, the child(ren), the victim, and any extended family members or significant family contacts who should be engaged. This group will also determine the specific roles of all system stakeholders in relation to each member of the family and in relation to other system stakeholders. This group should consider different approaches for ways system stakeholders can effectively engage the batterer and other family members, without minimizing the batterer's conduct or accountability.

✓ **Points to Remember:**

- The goal of this project is to maximize the potential for better outcomes for children through focused systems collaboration and commonality of vision and purpose.
- As you are developing your recommendations, please consider:
 1. Legal Implications/Affect on Legal System Stakeholders of your recommendations
 2. Lessons Learned from the Project Sites

***Please Note: All groups should develop a written set of recommendations by June 21, 2010.**