

## Appendix D

### *Safe and Together*<sup>TM</sup> Evidence Base

The *Safe and Together* model is built upon research and evaluation of best practices. A list of David Mandel's writing in peer-reviewed journals can be found in Appendix U.

#### **Evaluation Data**

- **Ohio:** The HealthPath Foundation of Ohio and the Supreme Court of Ohio supported a third-party evaluation in 2013 of Ohio's *Safe and Together* implementation. Kenny Steinman of Galade Research and Project Management, LLC, and Sheri Chaney Jones of Measurement Resources Company collected data from over 30 county child protection agencies with five data collection methods –surveys, supervisor and community partner interviews, and desk and policy reviews. Results showed an increase in attitudes and practices that align with best practices in child welfare and domestic violence. The full report can be found at <http://ohiochildlaw.org/ohio-intimate-partner-violence-collaborative/>.
- **Florida:** An evaluation in Florida showed correlations between improved outcomes for families and David Mandel & Associates' extensive work with child welfare and domestic violence advocates in the *Safe and Together* model. Between 2012 and 2013 in Bay and Gulf Counties, data collected showed decreases in removals as well as fewer maltreatments and repeat maltreatments. More information can be found at <http://endingviolence.com/our-programs/safe-together/safe-together-overview/evidence-of-model-efficacy/>.

#### **Research Base**

- **The Greenbook:** *Safe and Together* includes foundations addressed here but also fills in gaps around perpetrator accountability. <http://thegreenbook.info/>
- **Research by Respected Experts:** *Safe and Together* is based in the research of experts like Lundy Bancroft (author of *Batterer as Parent*), Alicia Lieberman (founder of the Early Trauma Treatment Network and author of multiple peer-reviewed articles in leading journals), Betsy McAlister Groves (author of *Children Who See Too Much*), Jay Silverman (contributing author to *Batterer as Parent*), and Evan Stark (provider of expert court testimony, author, and proponent of children remaining safely together with non-offending parents), among others.
- **Nicholson v. Williams (2004):** In this case, the New York Court of Appeals ruled that (a) a non-offending parent's inability to prevent children's exposure to domestic violence does *not* constitute parental neglect or sole cause for removal and (b) removals should not be undertaken if the trauma impact of removal on the child would exceed the trauma impact of the domestic violence.