

## Safe and Together Model

# Descriptions of Training Modules and Targeted Audiences

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### A. Basic (3 day) training (Core)

This is the basic **Safe and Together** training for subject matter experts or specialists. These training days consist of lecture, group exercises, and other media to provide participants with an improved understanding about batterer behaviors, the impact of those behaviors on children, safety planning with survivors of domestic violence. In addition, the participants of the core training learn practical skills and interventions for each family member to enhance the safety and well-being of children.

Target Audience: Child welfare workers, supervisors and trainers who will be responsible for providing domestic violence “expertise” to their colleagues or who have primarily handled domestic violence cases should be in attendance at the training. In addition, it is strongly suggested that one or more local domestic violence advocates be invited to the training to share in the information and develop collaborative relationships that can improve work towards the safety and well-being of children. Participants in this core training are considered the core cohort of participants for several other trainings.

Target Audience Size: 30

**Cohort 1 Training Date and Location: February 3-5 in Franklin**

**Cohort 2 Training Date and Location: February 22-24 in Ross**

### B. Consultation Skills (2 days) (Core)

Within these two training days, participants will learn about skills for consulting with other child welfare staff about their domestic violence cases. The training will provide practical information and ways to support making recommendations and assessments on child welfare cases.

Target Audience: These training days are for the core training group of participants.  
(*This training is split into two different dates; however, Day 1 training is combined with C below for a two-day seminar*)

Target Audience Size: 30

**Cohort 1 Training Date and Location: Day 1 - March 18 in Clark; Day 2 – April 28 in Fairfield**

**Cohort 2 Training Date and Location: Day 1 - March 4 in Franklin; Day 2 – April 29 in Franklin**

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### C. Advanced Training on the Intersection of Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Child Behavioral Issues (Core)

This training will provide advanced levels of information for participants on the intersection of vulnerabilities that may be experienced by families also experiencing domestic violence. Substance abuse and mental health

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issues will be discussed in the context of working with domestic violence survivors, perpetrators and children exposed to domestic violence. The participants will gain assessment, interviewing and case planning skills.

Target Audience: This training is for the core group of participants.  
(This training is day 2 of the two-day training from B above)

Target Audience Size: 30

**Cohort 1 Training Date and Location: March 19 in Clark**

**Cohort 2 Training Date and Location: March 5 in Franklin**

### **D. Enhanced Advocacy Training for DV Advocates Only (Not for Core Group)**

This training will provide information about the **Safe and Together** model and its application to the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare. The training will re view the key components of the **Safe and Together** model and its application to child welfare interventions with domestic violence survivors and their children. The participants will have an opportunity to explore how to utilize the model to enhance their advocacy for child welfare involved clients. This training also encourages cross system collaboration between domestic violence advocates and child welfare workers.

Target Audience: This training is intended for domestic violence advocates and counselors, community educators, child advocates and domestic violence agency supervisors and managers in the community where child welfare is being trained in the **Safe and Together** model.

Target Audience Size: 60

**Training Date and Location: March 12 in Franklin**

### **E. Advanced Training Day on Working with Batterers (Core)**

This training focuses on improving competencies needed for working with perpetrators of domestic violence. This training will build on skills and information about perpetrators of domestic violence learned in the basic training including skills for intervening with perpetrators and assessing change in perpetrators to enhance child safety.

Target Audience: This training is for the core group of participants.

Target Audience Size: 30

**Cohort 1 Training Date and Location: April 5 in Fairfield**

**Cohort 2 Training Date and Location: April 6 in Fairfield**

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### **F. Community meetings**

In order to develop understanding and support within agencies and within communities for the implementation of the **Safe and Together** model, David Mandel & Associates provides day long community meetings to

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introduce the model. The overview includes a 1) presentation on the assumptions, principles and critical components of the model and 2) an introductory exploration of concepts and skills associated with successfully intervening with domestic violence perpetrators and partnering with domestic violence survivors around the safety and well being of children.

Target Audience: Key managers, administrators and supervisors from child welfare are encouraged to attend along with various community partners to these meetings. These partners may include domestic violence program advocates/managers/trainers, batterer intervention specialists, mental health providers/managers who primarily work with trauma survivors or children who have experienced trauma issues, family preservation providers, in-home parenting or other in-home providers, or other providers regularly utilized for domestic violence cases. Dependency court personnel including judges, GALs, evaluators and other court related personnel are highly recommended to attend. Law enforcement including prosecutors, probation, police and others can be invited as identified as important by the organizers.

Target Audience Size: 60+

#### Training Dates and Locations:

**April 6 – Ross County**

**April 7 – Fairfield County**

**April 13 – Franklin County**

**April 14 – Clark County**

#### **G. Advanced Training Day on Working with Survivors (Core)**

This training provides advanced information on how to engage, partner and safety plan with survivors in the context of child safety and well-being. This training will build on skills and information learned in the basic training.

Target Audience: This training is for the core group of participants.

Target Audience Size: 30

**Cohort 1 Training Date and Location: April 22 in Clark**

**Cohort 2 Training Date and Location: April 23 in Ross**

#### **H. Safe and Together Model for Legal/Dependency Court Staff**

This training will provide information valuable to court staff and partners who work for the needs of children who've been exposed to domestic violence. This training is a modified version of the day long overview of the **Safe and Together** model (Community Meeting). It will provide court related personnel with information about the **Safe and Together** model with a special focus on how it applies to the abuse and neglect adjudication, evaluation, reasonable efforts and other topics relevant to dependency court personnel.



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Target Audience: This training is directed at attorneys for the county, children and parents; court evaluators; judges, paralegals; Guardians ad Litem; evaluators; CASAs and other court or legal personnel who work with dependency court.

Target Audience Size: 60

**Training Date and Location: June 2 in Franklin**

#### **I Training for Batterer Intervention Staff**

This training will provide information about the ***Safe and Together*** model and its application to the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare. The training will review the key components of the ***Safe and Together*** model and its application to child welfare interventions with domestic violence perpetrators and their children. This training emphasizes the importance of batterer intervention providers' collaboration with child welfare to intervene domestic violence perpetrators to improve the safety and well being of children.

Target Audience: This training is intended by batterer intervention specialists and providers in the community where child welfare is being trained in the ***Safe and Together*** model.

Target Audience Size: 60

**Date: May 18 in Franklin**

#### **J Training on Batterers as Parents (Core)**

This training is for the core group of participants. This training will provide information about assessing the parenting skills and deficits of parents who perpetrate domestic violence. In addition, participants will learn skills to improve their practice with battering parents to enhance the safety and well-being of children.

Target Audience:

Target Audience Size: 30

**Date and Location: May 19 in Fairfield**

#### **K. Safe and Together Model for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Providers**

The training will provide information about domestic violence and the ***Safe and Together*** model with a focus on best practices with survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence as well as children who witness domestic violence. The focus will be on connecting the dots between trauma and safety in the context of mental health, substance abuse, child maltreatment and domestic violence. In addition, participants will learn the importance of collaborating with child welfare workers to provide support to domestic violence survivors and their children and hold perpetrators of domestic violence responsible for their behaviors while providing them with potentially necessary treatment.



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Target Audience: This training is for local community professionals who work with substance abusers or persons with mental health issues, including trauma issues. The training will be appropriate for child mental health providers as well.

Target Audience Size: 60

**Training Date and Location: June 8 in Franklin**

#### **L. Basic Overview (Two Half Day Sessions)**

This is a basic ***Safe and Together*** training overview for CPS staff that was not part of the Core Group and has otherwise not participated in any of the trainings. This short overview provides the basic foundation and core tenets of the ***Safe and Together*** model and will provide participants with an improved understanding about batterer behaviors, the impact of those behaviors on children, safety planning with survivors of domestic violence. In addition, the participants will learn practical skills and interventions for each family member to enhance the safety and well-being of children.

**Training Date and Location: June 9 in Franklin**

#### **M. Safe and Together Retreat:**

This retreat is to bring together the core participants and their community partners who have attended the ***Safe and Together*** trainings to encourage collaboration and team building around the issue of working with clients who've experienced domestic violence.

Target Audience: Key participants in the ***Safe and Together*** training cycle.

Target Audience Size: 60-100

**Date and Location: June 18 in Franklin**

