



Concrete solutions. Meaningful tools. Real change.

SAFE & TOGETHER MODEL
1-HOUR BRIEFING

LENSES

- Cultural +
- Trauma informed +
- Domestic violence =

20/20 vision



Safe & Together Institute

Objectives

- ✦ To introduce a perpetrator pattern framework
- ✦ To introduce and understand the Safe & Together Model principles and components and how those guide practice
- ✦ To introduce how to use the Safe & Together Model to enhance good practice



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Mission

To create, nurture and sustain a global network of domestic violence-informed child welfare professionals, communities and systems.



Where is Safe & Together?

USA

- Alaska
- California
- Colorado
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Iowa
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia

Canada

- Manitoba
- Ontario

UK

- Barnardos Scotland
- 16 Local Authorities across Scotland
- Ministry of Defence
- Manchester
- 2 London Boroughs

Asia

- Hong Kong

Australia

- PATRICIA project
- Invisible Practices
- Queensland
- Western Australia
- Northern Territory
- Victoria
- South Australia
- New South Wales

New Zealand

- North Island
- South Island



Safe & Together™ Model

Better Outcomes for Families & Systems

Domestic Violence Informed Child Welfare System

- Improved Competencies
- Improved Cross System Collaboration

Foundation

- Model Characteristics
- Principles
- Critical Components

Practice Tools

- Mapping
- Pivoting
- Case Planning Guide
- Supervisor Matrix
- Pathways and Planning

Better Outcomes for Families: Safety, Wellbeing & Permanency

- Better Assessment
- Better Interviewing
- Better Documentation
- Better Partnerships
- Better Case Plans

Safe & Together Principles

1

Keeping child Safe and Together with non-offending parent

Safety | Healing from Trauma | Stability & Nurturance

2

Partnering with non-offending parent as default position

Efficient | Effective | Child-centred

3

Intervening with perpetrator to reduce risk and harm to child

Engagement | Accountability | Courts

Multiple Pathways to Harm

Perpetrator's Pattern

- Coercive control toward adult survivor
- Actions taken to harm children

Children's Trauma & Safety

- Victim of physical abuse
- Seeing, hearing or learning about the violence

Effect on Partner's Parenting

- Depression, PTSD, anxiety, substance abuse
- Loss of authority
- Energy goes to addressing perpetrator instead of children
- Interference with day to day routine and basic care

Effects on Family Ecology

- Loss of income
- Housing instability
- Loss of contact with extended family
- Educational and social disruptions

Harm to Child

- Behavioural, Emotional, Social, Educational
- Developmental
- Physical Injury

**Domestic
Violence
Destructive**

**Domestic
Violence
Neglectful**

**Domestic
Violence
Pre-
Competent**

**Domestic
Violence
Competent**

**Domestic
Violence
Proficient**

Policy Practice Training Services Collaboration

Weak Practice

Strong Practice

About the Adults
issues

Integrated with children/other CPS

“Failure to Protect”

Perpetrator Pattern

Fathers Invisible

High Standards for Fathers

Child v. Adult Survivor
Survivor

Child Safety & Well Being Tied to Adult

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1. **“Miriam is failing to protect her children from her partner’s violence, and keeps picking him over the children”.**
 2. **“She’s letting him back in”**
 3. **“The violence is not impacting on the children because they are not seeing or hearing it”**
 4. **“We don’t want to re-victimise the mother, but our job is child safety”**
 5. **“We know we need to do a better job with DV cases, but we don’t know how to do it”.**
 6. **“Our goal is to keep kids safe and together with the domestic violence survivor”.**
 7. **“The perpetrators behaviour and choices are the source of our concern for the child’s safety”**
 8. **“They are in a volatile relationship and if they separate we will no longer have concerns”**
 9. **“We know he needs to do a programme but there is no funding for that to happen so we’ll send him to a free parenting course instead”.**
 10. **“Our work doesn’t include talking with victims”.**

6 Myths

The myth of the child witness

The myth of the DV incident

The myth of failure to protect

The myth of perpetrator accountability

The myth of parental alienation

The myth of trauma informed practice

What Does Safe & Together Offer?

Suite of Tools & Resources

- Organisational Assessment & Consultation
- CORE and Advanced Training
- Mapping and Other Practice Tools
- Coach, Trainer and Advocate certifications
- Data and Research
- E-Courses and Companion Guides





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