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Maternal Telehealth
Access Project

Join us live! April 13 & 16, 2021

Two Part Series: Telehealth, COVID-19, and Intimate Partner Violence: Increasing Safety for People Surviving Abuse

Register in Advance

Part 1: Understanding Staff and Client Needs in the Time of COVID: Healing Centered Engagement and Equity as Guiding Principles to Support Staff and Help Families

Tuesday, April 13: 1:30 - 4:30 PM EST/10:30 AM - 1:30 PM PST

This talk centers on Healing-Centered Engagement and system supports. Translation? Many maternity care providers are exhausted and overwhelmed in both work and in personal life. COVID offers an opportunity for a deep dive into radical change. We need to ask questions about systemic problems and practices and ask ourselves if our vision for health, wholeness, safer, loving, healing centered practices are being implemented as fully as they might be. Let us dream for a minute together about what innovation looks like during a pandemic: for ourselves, our systems of care, and for our families dealing with trauma and domestic violence.

Part 2: Helping Maternity Care Providers Address Domestic Violence in a Pandemic

Friday, April 16: 1:30 - 4:30 PM EST/10:30 AM - 1:30 AM PST

Given the COVID 19 pandemic, and the shift to virtual care, it is very difficult for providers to determine patient safety and confidentiality during visits. The “shelter-in-place” recommendations for communities can increase the risks for survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and their children. During this training, we will review promising practices for providers working within a virtual space reviewing how power and control issues may look different within the ‘shelter in place’ situation and how this might prevent people from being able to reach out for help. Talking about healthy and unhealthy relationships and how to help friends and family is a strategy that builds stronger client relationships and allows survivors to hear about resources and ways to promote safety without disclosure of IPV. The intervention strategies we will be sharing are adapted for virtual care settings.

When disclosures happen, the goal is to understand the survivor’s perspective and priorities, and work collaboratively with the client to strengthen their safety plan - building on strategies that they have used in the past, and to connect with the National Domestic Violence hotline or local domestic violence advocacy programs for ongoing systemic advocacy, problem-solving around safer planning and available resources including possible financial assistance.

As a result of the training, participants will be able to:

- Identify strategies for self-care and attunement to reduce burnout
- Describe evolving practices and challenges around virtual care and intimate partner violence
- Describe the CUES intervention to address intimate partner violence adapted for virtual visits

Participation in both parts is highly encouraged.

Presenter

Rebecca Levenson, MA is a former Senior Policy Analyst and now a consultant for FUTURES Without Violence. A nationally recognized researcher, educator, advocate, and speaker, she has worked extensively in home visitation programs across the country for the past 20 years. She is an author of Healthy Moms Happy Babies, a National Curricula to Support Home Visitors Address Domestic Violence utilizing the CUES intervention.