

Safe and Together™ Model

Ten item checklist about the intersection of domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health issues

1. What is the relationship between domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health issues?
2. How have the perpetrator's behaviors created/exacerbated the mental health/behavioral health and/or substance abuse issues for the adult survivor and/or child?
3. What is the relationship between the perpetrator's abusive behavior and their own mental health and/or substance abuse issues?
4. How is the perpetrator interfering with/supporting the treatment and recovery of family members?
5. How are family members more vulnerable to the perpetrator's control because of their mental health and/or substance abuse issues?
6. How are professionals assessing for domestic violence when the presenting issue is adult and/or child behavioral/mental health and/or substance abuse?
7. How is the case plan addressing domestic violence when it is co-occurring with substance abuse and/or mental health issues?
8. What is skill level/competence/policy and practices of substance abuse and mental service providers regarding assessing for domestic violence, safety planning and the integration of co-occurring issues into their treatment plan?
9. What information do mental health and substance abuse treatment providers have access to regarding the domestic violence?
10. What are the competencies/training/skill level of evaluators/assessors regarding domestic violence in general and more specifically regarding the co-occurrence of domestic violence with substance abuse and/or mental health issues?