



Early Childhood
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FUTURES
WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Session 5 Building Collaborative Relationships with Community Partners

Webinar Series

1. Introduction to Addressing Domestic Violence in Head Start programs
2. Supporting Healing for Families Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence
3. Partnering with Parents to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence
4. Partnering with Parents Who Have Used Violence in Intimate Relationships
- 5. Building Collaborative Relationships with Community Partners**

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will be better able to:

- Identify existing community resources that can assist families experiencing domestic violence.
- Leverage existing Head Start frameworks, requirements and systems to address domestic violence.



A Model for Community Engagement



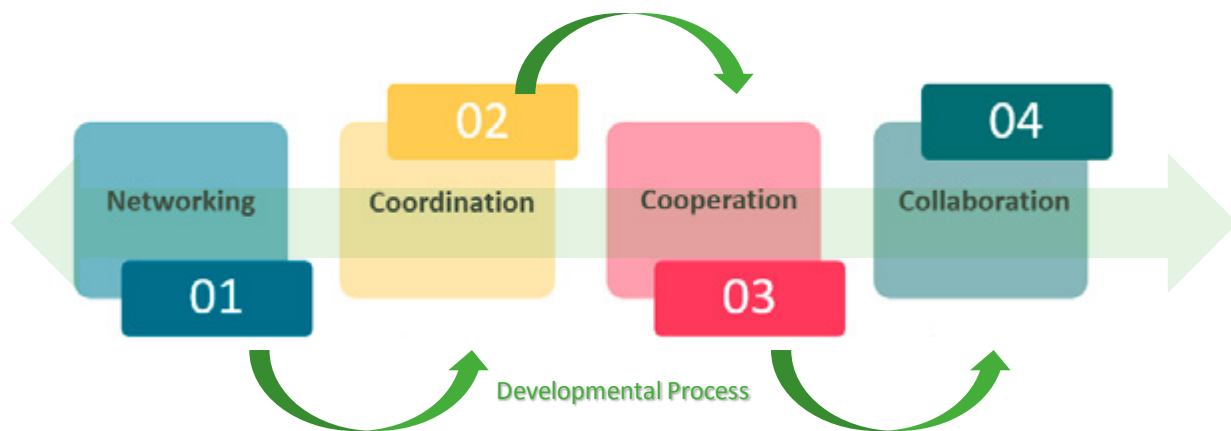
Where We Came From



Where We're Going

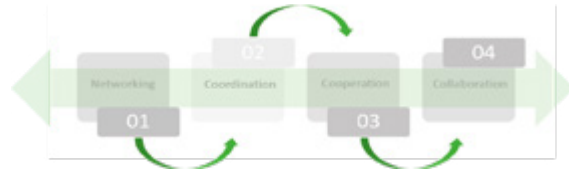


Developmental Continuum of Collaboration



Adapted from Developed by the QUILT (Quality in Linking Together) Project, through a partnership with the Community Development Institute, the Education Development Center, and the National Child Care Information Center.

Networking
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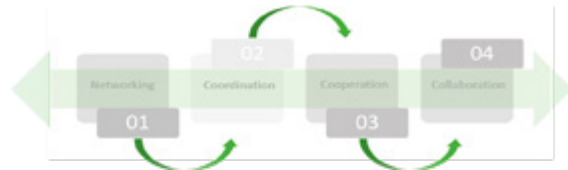
Staff exchange information about community programs and services.

02
Coordination



Staff work with other community agencies to avoid duplication of efforts or to fill gaps in services.

Cooperation
03



Two or more programs conduct joint activities to meet their individual program goals.

04
Collaboration



Programs working together toward common goals that could not be achieved by any program acting alone.

Reciprocal ◊ Increasing Social Capital ◊ Systemic Integrated Process ◊ Community Outcomes



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Additional Potential Collaborations

- Battering Intervention Programs
- Parenting programs
- Health care
- Child welfare
- Recreation programs
- Others?



Forging New Partnerships – Core Elements

- Build trust
- Understand each other's mandates
- Find mutually beneficial goals/outcomes
- Establish an MOU
- Cross training
- Referral system
- Celebrate successes and process incidents
- Revisit relationship regularly

Sample Memorandum of Understanding



Why these collaborations matter

Collaborations between Head Start and domestic violence programs promote family well-being. These partnerships can

- Increase safety
- Promote health
- Support educational advancement and economic mobility
- Additional access to services

Are You Ready?

- Find out what policies and protocols your program has in place to address DV
- Connect with your local DV program
- Be a champion for DV prevention and response!



Wrap Up

- Partnerships with community organizations, like DV agencies, can strengthen your program's response to domestic violence.
- Engaged partnerships should build on forming positive, respectful and mutually beneficial relationships with community partners.



Resources About Domestic Violence



Home > Family Support & Well-being

Preventing and Responding to Domestic Violence

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/family-support-well-being/article/preventing-responding-domestic-violence>

