Hatred, Hope and Healing: Personal Reflections from an Adult Who Witnessed Domestic Violence as a Child
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“There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they grow up in peace.”

Kofi. A. Annan,
Former UN Secretary-General
Why Domestic Violence is a Child Well-Being Issue

- Continued threats of violence after separation
- Behavior negatively affects children
- More controlling and abusive parenting
- Perpetrators often involve children in violent events
- Good under observation

*Bancroft & Silverman, 2002*
How Domestic Violence Impacts Children

• Children are exposed to and experience domestic violence in various ways.

• Exposure to domestic violence can pose a serious threat to children’s emotional, psychological, and physical well-being.

• Children exposed to violence can have a difficult time establishing healthy relationships.
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Working with Youth

- Children may decide to confront the parent who has used violence in efforts to protect their family.

- Teens may feel hatred towards the victim for failing to exit the relationship and leave the abuse.

- Teens may not respect parent’s directives based on dysfunctional home setting.

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Making a Difference by Promoting Resilience

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A parent, therapist, coach or other supportive adult can help children exposed to domestic violence and trauma.

Dr. Rice at the National Boy Scouts of America Jamboree – Ft. AP Hill Virginia
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Tools You Can Use

Promising Futures: Promoting Resiliency among children and youth experiencing domestic violence

Almost 30 million American children will be exposed to family violence by the time they are 17 years old. Kids who are exposed to violence are affected in different ways and not all are traumatized or permanently harmed. Protective factors can promote resiliency, help children and youth heal, and support prevention efforts.

Research indicates that the #1 protective factor in helping children heal from the experience is the presence of a consistent, supportive, and loving adult—most often their mother.

Get started at www.PromisingFuturesWithoutViolence.org
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)
National Dating Abuse Helpline: 1-866-331-9474 or text “lovesis” to 77054

Futures Without Violence
Promising Futures: Best Practices for Serving Children, Youth & Parents is a project of Futures Without Violence

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Working with Men and Fathers

Center for Urban Families – Baltimore, Maryland
Staying in the Conversation

Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence (ACE-DV) Leadership Forum

The ACE-DV Leadership Forum is comprised of advocates in the movement to end gender based violence who identify as having experienced domestic violence in childhood. The Leadership Forum was established to amplify the voices and experiences of ACE-DV to enhance our work to end domestic violence.

We envision a movement that includes the perspectives and priorities of ACE-DV in the provision of services, the development of policies, the direction of research, and the general approach to effectively address and prevent domestic violence.

The goals of the ACE-DV Leadership Forum are to:

1. Promote the leadership of ACE-DV within the movement to end domestic violence and beyond.
2. Provide technical assistance, training, and guidance related to this issue.

Read more about the Purpose, Goals, and Beliefs of the ACE-DV Leadership Forum (Updated April 2016).
What Resilience Looks Like

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Resources

- Breaking Free from the Web of Violence: Asset-Based Approaches for Boys & Men of Color
- Trauma-Informed Care for Children Exposed to Violence: Tips for Engaging Men and Fathers
- Promoting Resiliency Infographic
- Responding To The Long-term Needs Of Adult Children Exposed To Domestic Violence: Exploring The Connection To Suicide Risk
- Child Welfare information Gateway: Web Resources on Domestic Violence
- Children’s Bureau Express Spotlight on Domestic Violence
Thank You & Next Steps

• Download the handouts to learn more. Click on the files in the “Handouts” box on your screen.

• Do you have innovative ideas, questions or concerns about state prevention planning? Tell us about your work. Send an e-mail to hello@CANTASD.org with “Child Witnesses to Domestic Violence” in the subject line.
Participant Feedback

Thank you for your participation!

How useful was this session?

Additional Comments: hello@CANTASD.org