

Focus Group: Custody Evaluators

- Purpose of the group
 - Confidentiality including permission to record
 - Check in regarding time
 - Questions?
- Introductions: How many cases that included dv have you handled in the Multnomah county court system in the past 10 years? In the past 5 years?

Possible discussion questions: (introduce system graphic)

- What parts of the system/practices work well? Please describe. (*May want to probe related to what they mean by "work well"*)
- What practices/procedures/systems components don't work well? Please describe.
- What challenges do you face in working with dv cases? Please describe.
- How do you assess for dv? Do you have specific tools that you use? Are these tools adequate or could they be improved? How do you deal with concerns about corroboration?
- How do you assess threat of harm to children? Do you have specific tools that you use? Are these tools adequate or could they be improved?
- What sort of support would help you to provide better services (screening, working with parents and children) in cases involving dv? Give details.
- When is a recommendation of no parenting time appropriate? Have you ever made a recommendation of no parenting time? Would you? Why or why not?
- Any other comments regarding working with cases involving dv?

Thank you for taking the time to talk with us.

We can invite people to bring copies of any tools they use to the group to share with us. I don't want to ask about dv training- that information won't be generalizable and could make some people feel on the spot if they think their answer is inadequate.