



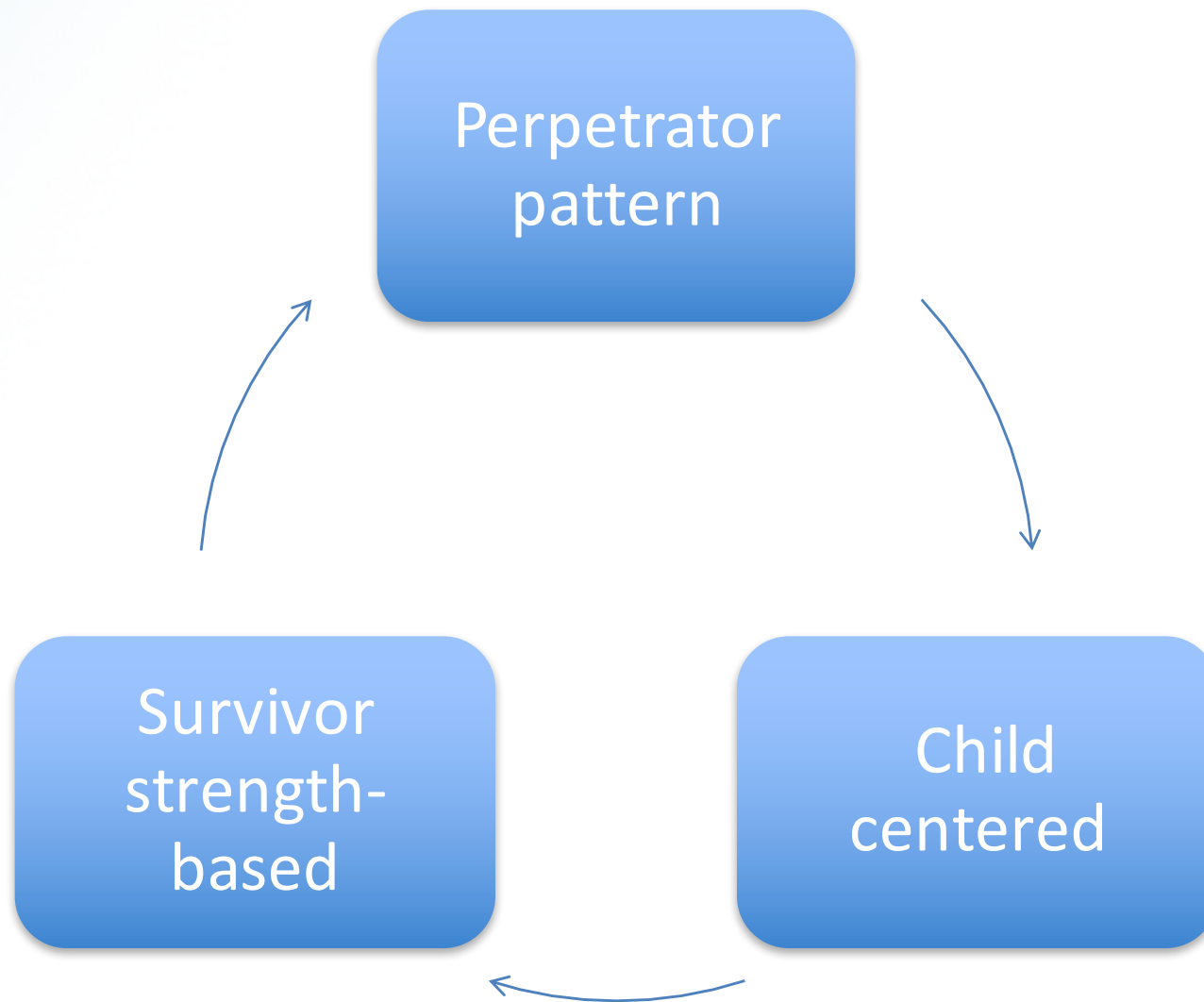
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PERPETRATOR PATTERN-BASED APPROACH FOR POST SEPARATION VIOLENCE

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Moving Systems to Become More Domestic Violence-Informed



Domestic violence perpetrators, in the context of the child welfare system, are parents and/or caregivers who engage in a pattern of coercive control against one or more intimate partners. This pattern of behavior may continue after the end of a relationship, or when the couple no longer lives together. The perpetrator's actions often directly involve, target and impact any children in the family.

When Domestic Violence is the Concern.....



Safe & Together Principles

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Keeping child Safe and Together™ with non-offending parent

Safety | Healing from Trauma | Stability & Nurturance

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Partnering with non-offending parent as default position

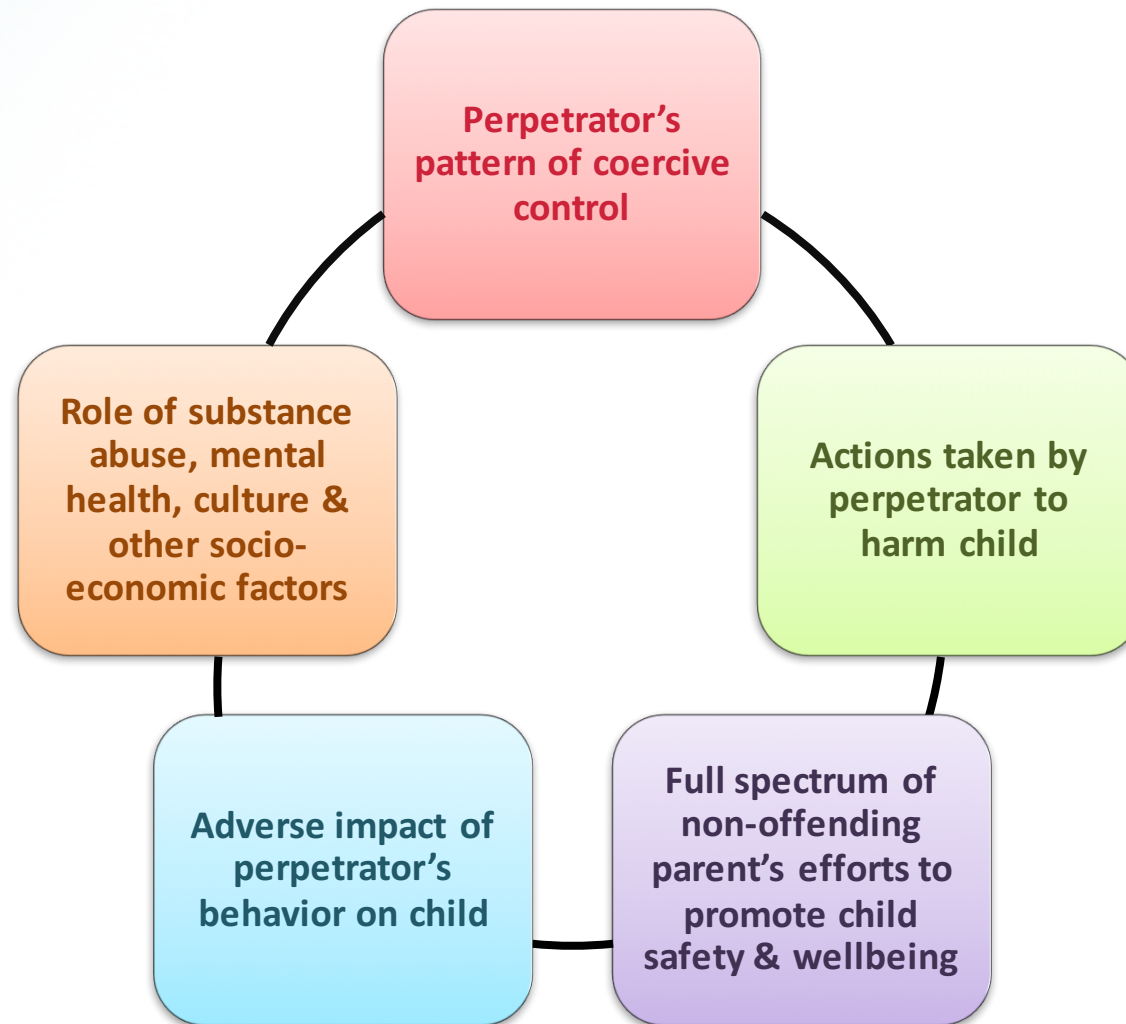
Efficient | Effective | Child-centered

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Intervening with perpetrator to reduce risk and harm to child

Engagement | Accountability | Courts

Safe & Together Critical Components



**Domestic violence perpetration
is a parenting choice.**
**(whether the children are there to witness it or
not)**

Multiple Pathways to Harm

Perpetrator's Pattern

- Coercive control toward adult survivor
- Actions taken to harm children

Children's Trauma & Safety

- Victim of physical abuse
- Seeing, hearing or learning about the violence

Effect on Partner's Parenting

- Depression, PTSD, anxiety, substance abuse
- Loss of authority
- Energy goes to addressing perpetrator instead of children
- Interference with day to day routine and basic care

Effects on Family Ecology

- Loss of income
- Housing instability
- Loss of contact with extended family
- Educational and social disruptions

Harm to Child

- Behavioral, Emotional, Social, Educational
- Developmental
- Physical Injury

What is the domestic violence survivor doing to promote child and family functioning in response to or in the context of the domestic violence perpetrator's behavior pattern?

Moving to a more comprehensive strengths lens

- **Safety: Physical & Emotional Examples**
 - Managing household to reduce children's exposure to violence
 - Sending children away (other room, other house, relatives, after school activities)
 - Verbally or physically intervening to protect children
 - Getting order of protection
- **Healing from Trauma Examples**
 - Talking to children
 - Bringing to counseling
 - Providing normalcy/routine/enjoyable activities
 - Engaging relatives in lives of children
- **Stability and Nurturance Examples**
 - Making sure household continues to function
 - Maintaining children's basic needs
 - Informing children about any changes in household
 - Parenting in a "foxhole"

Resources

Safe & Together Model Resources

- ★ Website:
safeandtogetherinstitute.com
- ★ Safe & Together Videos:
youtube.com/SafeAndTogetherModel
- ★ Coming Soon: **Online Courses!**

A photograph of an outdoor cafe at night. Several tables with metal frames and wooden tops are arranged on a paved patio. Large, colorful umbrellas in shades of yellow, green, and red are open over the tables. People are seated at the tables, some looking at their phones or talking. The patio is bordered by a low stone wall. In the background, more tables and people are visible, along with some blurred figures of people walking. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

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