

Family Court Enhancement Project Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The Multnomah County Circuit Court's Family Court Enhancement Project (FCEP) is a federally grant funded initiative focused on improving practice related to custody cases that involve domestic violence. We are hoping to find ways to better support those professionals working with litigants in family law cases that involve domestic violence. The information you provide will assist the FCEP with determining the needs of family law professionals.

1. What is your role? (Check all that apply)

- Attorney Counselor Mediator
 Custody Evaluator Parenting Time Coordinator Other: _____

2. How many years have you been practicing in this role? _____

3. What county, or counties do you practice in: _____

4. What percentage of your cases involve concerns about domestic violence?

- 1-25% 26-50% 51-75% 76-100% Never

5. Which phrase best describes your practice regarding cases involving domestic violence?

- I avoid taking domestic violence cases I don't like domestic violence cases, but will take
 The presence or absence of domestic violence does not affect my decision about taking the case
 I like to take cases involving domestic violence

6. I find domestic violence cases challenging because... (check all that apply):

- they are too complicated I worry about my safety as a practitioner
 I don't understand enough about domestic violence it's too hard to figure out who's telling the truth
 I think most people who claim to be a domestic violence victim are lying
 Other: _____

7. If you represent only one party, do you represent mostly:

- Individuals who identify as victims Individuals who are accused of perpetrating domestic violence N/A

8. Do you screen for domestic violence?

- Yes No

If yes, do you screen prior to taking the case or afterwards?

- Prior After

If yes, do you have a screening/protocol/assessment and if so what is it?

- Yes No
- _____
- _____

9. Would you use a screening tool for domestic violence if one were available and vetted by your peers? Yes No

10. Have you ever recommended your client not discuss Domestic Violence in a court case because you thought it would negatively impact the client's case? Yes No N/A

11. Do you use a specific lens or theoretical orientation in your approach to domestic violence cases? Yes No
If yes, please describe _____

12. If you are making recommendations to the court based on your evaluation of a case involving domestic violence, how often are they followed by the court?

- Always Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never N/A

13. How would you rate your level of knowledge about domestic violence as it relates to your cases/work?

- Expert Strong Competent Underdeveloped Minimal

14. How have you learned about working with domestic violence cases? (Check all that apply)

- Literature reviews Association of Family & Conciliation Courts information
 Peer consultation National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges materials
 Trainings in the community Experience working with domestic violence Cases
 College/university coursework Prior employment
 Other: _____

15. What standards of practice, if any, do you refer to for direction in determining how to work with cases involving domestic violence? _____

16. What experts/consulting resources do you use in your work with domestic violence cases? _____

17. When choosing individuals to consult with, do you consider where/how they received their training? Yes No

18. What sorts of supports would be most useful to you in improving your work with cases involving domestic violence?

- More training Ability to consult with peers I'm not interested in working with domestic violence cases
 Other _____

19. In which of the following areas would you be interested in receiving training? (Check all that apply)

- Domestic violence evaluation Effective representation of domestic violence survivors
 Coercive Control Effective representation of accused domestic violence perpetrators
 Separation violence Impact of domestic violence on children
 Stalking Implications of domestic violence on parenting
 Cyber stalking Impact of trauma on children, parents, or practitioners
 Sexual Assault Child abuse
 Creating appropriate parenting plans in domestic violence cases
 Other? _____

16. How would you prefer to receive new info or training? Lectures Peer discussion Webinars

- Written materials Experiential trainings (role playing, working on scenarios) Other: _____

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