

CUES AN EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTION TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN PEDIATRIC HEALTH SETTINGS

to improve health and safety outcomes for families

Caring for the family is caring for the child. Pediatric clinical settings provide unique opportunities for supporting families experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV).

C: Confidentiality

- ▶ Know your state's reporting requirements and share any limits of confidentiality with parents and caregivers.
- ▶ Ensure that you can bring up family violence or stress safely by seeing parents and caregivers alone for at least part of the in person or virtual visit.
! Make sure you have access to professional interpreters. Do not rely on family or friends to interpret.

"Before we get started I want to let you know that I won't share anything we talk about today outside of the care team here unless you were to tell me about [find out your state's mandatory reporting requirements]."



UE: Universal Education + Empowerment

- ▶ Give parents and caregivers two safety cards or ask if you can send them a link to resources if doing a virtual visit to start the conversation about parenting, stress, and family safety.
- ▶ Open the card and encourage them to take a look. Make sure caregivers know that you're a safe person for them to talk to.
! Offering this information to all caregivers ensures that everyone gets access to information about relationships, not just those who choose to disclose experiences of violence.

Safety cards are available for different settings, communities and in a variety of languages at ipvhealth.org

"I give two of these resources to all my patients' caregivers, because stress & violence at home is so common for so many families I care for. Take a look, and I've included one so you have information if you know someone who is struggling. On the back of the card, there are resources you can call or text anonymously for support. Is any of this a part of your story?"

S: Support

- ▶ Though disclosure of violence is not the goal, it will happen. Know how to support someone who discloses.
- ▶ Make a warm referral to your local domestic violence or family supports agency or national hotlines (on the back of all safety cards).
- ▶ Offer health promotion strategies and a care plan that takes child safety and family health into consideration.
! What resources are available in your area for supporting families experiencing IPV? How about for youth survivors? Partnering with local resources makes all the difference.

"Thank you for sharing your story with me. This sounds really difficult. I am here to support you and your child.

There are resources that can help. We work with closely with a local program that has helped a lot of parents in situations like yours. I would be happy to connect you today if that interests you."

For more information or to order materials contact the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence: M-F 9am-5pm PST | 415-678-5500 | TTY: 866-678-8901
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ipvhealth.org/pediatrics



CUES is most effective when used as a team!