

INTERVENING WITH
PERPETRATORS WHO
CHOOSE TO USE
COERCIVE CONTROL
TOWARDS THEIR
FAMILIES

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Safe and Together Model

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WARNING!



LANGUAGE

WHAT DO WE CALL IT?

GENDER RESPONSIVE

PERPETRATOR

SURVIVOR

TODAY'S CONVERSATION

RECOGNIZE

CHOICE


RESPOND

ENGAGE

SAFETY

RECOGNIZE

CONTROLLING AND MANIPULATIVE
TACTICS BY PERPETRATORS



Perpetrator Pattern Based Approach

Safe and Together

PERPETRATOR PATTERN BASED

NOT
RELATIONSHIP

NOT
GEOGRAPHY

NOT
ARREST
HISTORY

CHOICE

TO USE CONTROLLING, MANIPULATIVE
TACTICS

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financial
sexual
emotional
psychological
physical



NOT ANGER



NOT MENTAL
HEALTH
ISSUES

PARENTING CHOICE



NOT
SUBSTANCES



BUT IT IS
ALWAYS A
CHOICE

INTERVENE

RESPOND

HOLDING THE PERPETRATOR
ACCOUNTABLE



PERPETRATORS

source of harm
they determine if family is safe
we need them to change
family needs them to change

ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

TO HOLD PERPETRATORS ACCOUNTABLE,
CONNECT BEHAVIOUR TO IMPACT,
ASSESS WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE



ENGAGE

DON'T

collude

get into a power struggle

look for “triggers”

get them to admit

humiliate

IMPACT

to partner
child
family functioning



CHANGE

BEHAVIOURS

meaningful to the family
develop empathy
child-centered
setting a good example
making safe parenting choices

SAFETY

PHYSICAL & EMOTIONAL

PHYSICAL

EMOTIONAL

Take Care