Testing Global Models for Practice and Policy

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Dedication

The 300 women and children who allow us to record their pain and recovery take emotional risks each time we meet. As one woman said, "I want to talk but it hurts to remember."

We thank each woman who chose to remember and dedicate the findings of this research to her courage and determination.

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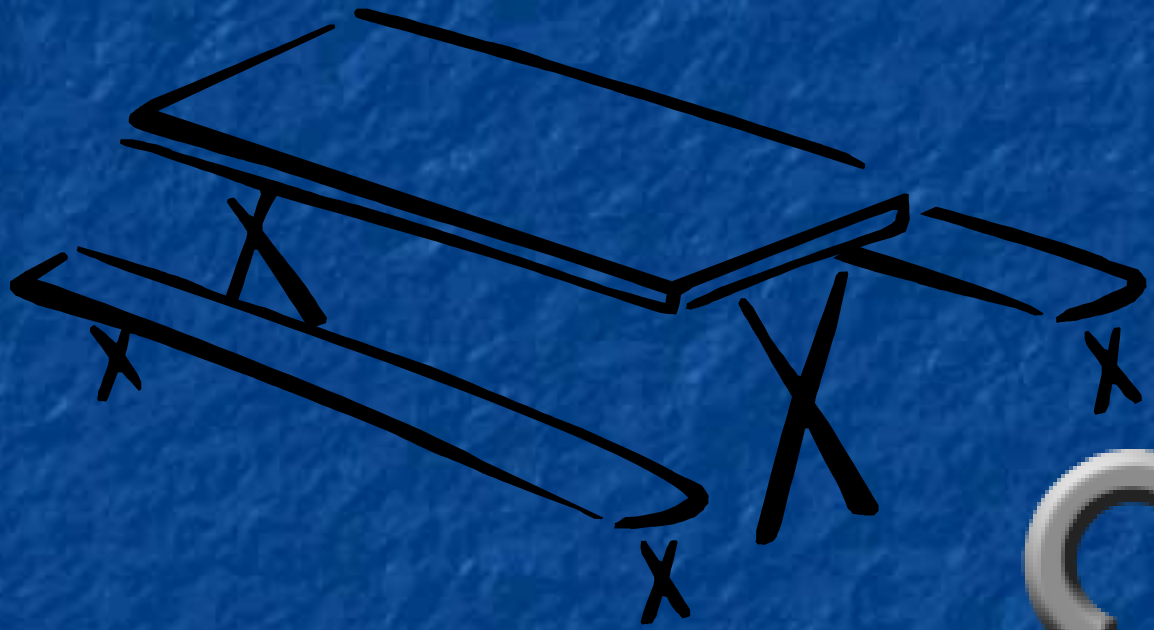
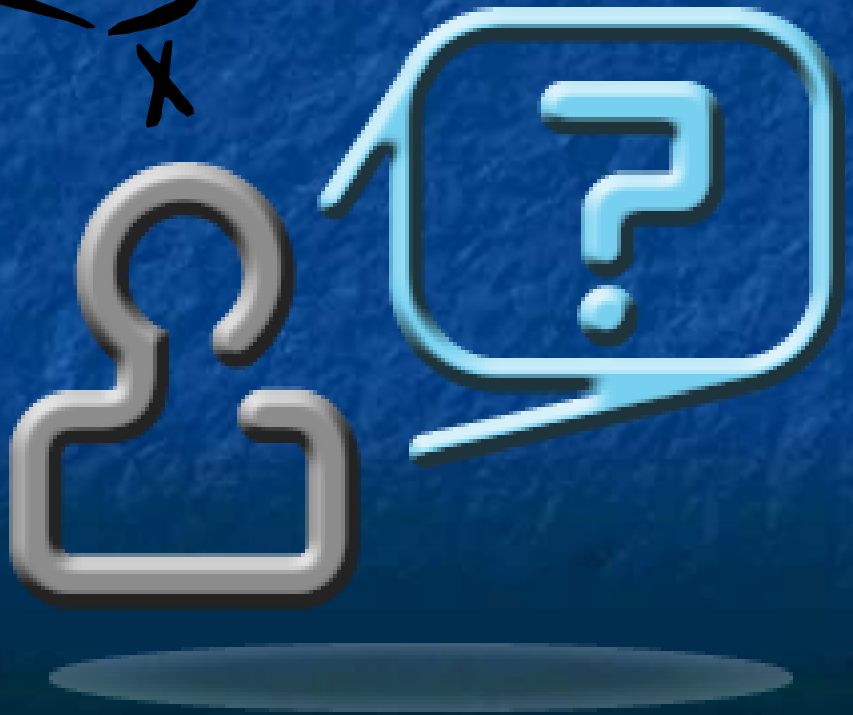
A Picnic Table & A Question





Small to Big to Super Big

What are the Outcomes & DOSE Effectiveness?

Abuse? Danger? Safety? Woman Functioning? Child Functioning?

TWO GLOBAL MODELS

SHELTERS

- Non-Profits
- Advocacy & Counseling
- Varied Services & budgets

Protection Orders

- Government Mandated
- Justice Driven
- Consistent services & per woman costs

Outcome Evidence

Shelter

Advocacy following a shelter stay results in lower levels of abuse for 18 months – no difference after 18 months (C. Sullivan, 05).

Protection Orders

Equal lower reports of abuse for women who received a protection order compared to women who did not receive at 18 months(McFarlane, 04)

No Comparative Outcome Evidence for

Safety, Abuse, Health, Woman & Child Functioning

No Outcome Evidence on Dose of Shelter Stay or Intergenerational Effect

Prospective Naturalistic 2-Group Comparative Design

150 Shelter Women

Eligibility

- First time user
- Age 18 years or older
- Never Received Protection Order
- One child, age 18mos to 15 years

(10% of Shelter Women)

150 PO Women

Eligibility

- First time user
- Age 18 yrs or older
- Never stayed at a shelter (any type)
- One child, age 18 mos to 15 years

(30% of PO Applicants)

METRICS

Severity of Violence Against Women
Danger Assessment Scale
PTSD & Brief Symptom Inventory
Community Agency Use
Safety Behavior Checklist
Child & Adult Behavior Checklist
Koci Marginalization Index
General Self Efficacy
Chronic Pain Scale
Norbeck Social Support Index
Employment & Schooling

METHODS

- Face-To-Face Interview Every 4-Mos for 24 months
- Incremental compensation - $ 30, $40 $50, $60, $70, $80, $100
- At 12 months, No women lost or Withdrawn

Demographics	300 Women
Age Range of Women	18-52years
• Median	30
Age Range of Children	18mo-16yrs
• Median	6.0
Race & Ethnicity	
% White Hispanic	57%
% White Non-Hispanic	10%
% Black Non-Hispanic	26%
% Bi-Racial/Ethnic	5%
% Asian Non-Hispanic	2%

Demographics	300 Women
RELATIONSHIP WITH ABUSER	
Married	**37%**
Divorced	**5%**
Single	**58%**
Median Time With Abuser	**5 Years**
EDUCATION	
High School or GED	**66%**
1 to 3 years College	**51%**
College Degree	**6%**
SCHOOLING	
Going To School	**15%**
Want To Go To School	**89%**

Demographics	300 Women
COUNTRY OF BIRTH	
• United States	64%
• Non-US Born with documents	14%
• Non-Us Born, no documents	22%
• Median Years in US	12

Demographics	PO N=150	Shelter N=150	TOTAL N=300
LANGUAGE English Speaker Spanish Speaker	 76% 24%	 63% 37%	 72% 28%
Days at Shelter • Median • Range		 21 days 1-153	
% Received Protection Order % No Protection	57% 43%		

Shelter Women Facts

Why at Shelter?	
• Increasing Abuse	47%
• Homeless	35%
• Children (safety, behavior)	18%
Expectations From Shelter Staff	
• Resources	65%
• Safe Housing	25%
• Children (better functioning)	10%
Expectations AFTER Shelter	
• Self-Sufficiency	64%
• No Fear	9%
• Children (safer, better function)	27%

Protection Order Women

WHY Protection Order?

- **More Abuse** — **53%**
- Major Abuse Incident — 33%
- Children (safety, behavior) — 14%

Expectations From Protection Order Staff

- **Receive Protection Order** — **84%**
- Assistance With Services — 6%
- Children (better functioning) — 10%

Expectations AFTER Receiving the Order

- Feel Safe — 44%
- **Abuser Will Stay Away** — **47%**
- Children (safer, better function) — 9%

Services Use	PO N=150	Shelter N=150	p value
Freq of Use Score	5.29	6.33	NS
Helpfulness Score	3.29	3.47	NS
Difficulty to Use	.65	.96	.008
MOST NEEDED			
Counseling	34%	47%	<.001
Protect Order	43%	3%	
Housing	8%	33%	
Legal Aid	15%	18%	

SERVICE USE	PO N=150	Shelter N=150	p value
MOST DIFFICULT TO RECEIVE			<.006
Housing	4%	23%	
Legal Aid	27%	13%	
Social Services	10%	18%	
Police	59%	46%	

Abuse, Danger, School, Work

Metric	PO N=150	Shelter N=150	p value
Phy Abuse Score	34.83	38.20	.035
Sex Abuse Score	7.81	8.84	.015
Danger Score	14.87	15.93	NS
HS Education	73%	60%	.020
Employed	72%	37%	<.001
Hrs Work/Wk	37	30	<.001
Wage/Hour	$12.32	$9.61	<.004

Health & Child Functioning

Metric	PO N=150	Shelter N=150	p value
PTSD	5.04	5.22	.395
BSI - Depression	8.48	10.63	.005
Marginalization	12.72	14.03	.035
Social Support	68.05	54.98	.040
CBCL 18mo-5yrs Males – External	18.84	21.78	.068
CBCL 6yr – 16yrs Females – External	7.14	11.93	.016

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