Co-Occurrence of Intimate Partner Violence with Child Maltreatment: *The Facts*

Children growing up in families in which intimate partner violence (IPV) takes place are at increased risk to become victims of child maltreatment (CM). ¹,²,³,⁴,⁵

Children who witnessed IPV in the past year were almost four times more likely to experience CM in the same year compared to children who did not witness IPV. ⁶,⁷,⁸

Children who are exposed to both types of violence typically show more emotional and behavioral problems and are more at risk of becoming involved in violence later in life. ⁵, ⁹, ¹⁰, ¹¹, ¹², ¹³

Risk factors for co-occurrence of IPV with CM are:

- Lower levels of economic status and education, and higher levels of neighborhood policing activity, immigrant concentration, and residential instability. ¹⁴, ¹⁵, ¹⁶
- Acceptance of family violence, including acceptability of violence in intimate partner and parent–child relationships. ¹⁴, ¹⁷, ¹⁸, ¹⁹
- Parental drug or alcohol addiction. ²⁰, ²¹, ²²

Children who live in homes with IPV are more likely to be sexually abused than children who do not live in homes with adult violence. ², ⁶, ¹⁸, ²⁰, ²³

The most common form of child maltreatment co-occurring with IPV is neglect. ²⁴, ²⁵

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