"Predicting Lethal Intimate Partner Violence"

Implications for Policy and Practice

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Research and Advocacy

★ Collaboration is key
★ Important for researchers and the advocacy community to work together
★ Recognition to Dr. Campbell and the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence for creation of this project
Community Collaboration

★ Life saving program that must have the support of the entire community
★ Coordinated community response critical to meet the increased demand for services
★ Requires close collaboration between domestic violence programs and law enforcement
★ Careful examination of practice foundational for both law enforcement and domestic violence programs
Safety First

- 24 hour hotline
- Staffing to meet the increased demand
- Changes in procedures and rules that might represent barriers
- Re examination of programming to serve a potentially new population
- Immediacy of services and follow up as key
Program Capacity

- Ensure security systems and provide crisis plans
- Prepare for increased stress level of the staff with more high danger cases
- Important for administrators recognize and respond to staff needs
- Provide information on vicarious trauma
- Implement staff supports such as EAP programs, wellness programs, etc.
Policy Implications

- Funding is critical!
- The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)
- The Violence Against Women Act
Resources

The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
The Lethality Assessment Program
www.mnadv.org

The National Network to End Domestic Violence
Action Alerts
www.nnedv.org