Focused on Encouraging Healthy Couple, Co-Parenting, and Marital Relationships.

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Promoting Child Health and Safety: Promising Practices for Encouraging Child Health and Safety via Integration of Relationship Education
How to Ask Questions

1. Click on the Q&A

2. Type your question in the top box

3. Click on the word “Ask” to submit your question
Presenters

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Webinar Goals and Objectives

• Describe promising practices for integrating healthy marriage and relationship education into services that promote child safety

• Share strategies and examples of how to develop a plan of action for integrating healthy marriage education skills into existing services

• Describe how the National Resource Center can assist with the integration process
National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families

• **Mission:** Connecting healthy marriage education skills and safety-net services as an integrated approach to strengthening families
What We Offer

• Research that supports and promotes integration of healthy marriage education skills

• Resources, tips, and tools to use and share with the families you serve

• Training and technical assistance to support stakeholders like you, as you work to implement integration strategies
Promotes Child Health and Safety

- Interpersonal skills are essential to effective parenting and marital relationships
- Caregivers in healthy relationships may serve as better models for youth
- Caregivers educated in relationship education may help improve children’s overall health
- Relationship education may help reduce incidences of child abuse/neglect
Levels of Integration

- **Level 1**: Basic Engagement
- **Level 2**: Partnerships
- **Level 3**: Full Integration
Examples of Integration

Level 1: Basic Engagement
• Place handouts in waiting rooms promoting healthy relationships or available community resources to support family safety.

Level 2: Partnerships
• Identify community partners to refer clients to or to bring relationship education skills programming onsite or during home visitation.

Level 3: Full Integration
• Train staff or volunteers to offer relationship education skills as part of child safety programs.
Integration: Promoting Family Safety

• 15 million children living in poverty. (FIFCFS, 2011)
• 12 million victims of intimate partner violence within a year. (CDC, 2011)
• Nearly 6 million children referred to CPS annually, mostly for neglect. (CB, 2011)
SURVEY QUESTION

Women initiate violence in relationships as much as men do.

- True
- False
# Men, Women & IPV

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Integrating Family Safety – Sample Strategies

- Pamphlets on healthy relationships (incl. tips)
- Family safety curriculum unit
- Risk assessment w/response(s) based on level of risk.
Integrating Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education in Oklahoma

Connie Schlittler
Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Oklahoma Marriage Initiative
Marriage Education in Oklahoma

• OK Marriage Initiative arose from 1998 study that linked social indicators to the Oklahoma economy.

• The Initiative has grown to become a broad-based social service prevention program based on best available research.
Programs that Promote Child Safety and Well Being

- Within My Reach
- Retreat Based Interventions
- Family Expectations
Program Integration

• Use of TANF funding as base support.
• Built into TANF program activities and OKDHS staff deliver classes.
• Public-private partnerships enable the most appropriate services to be delivered.
• Engages volunteers to deliver programs.
Challenges of Integration

- Fiscal reductions in state funding
- Turn over in trained staff and volunteers requires ongoing training
- Reduction in state staff compounded by workers’ caseloads
Lessons for Success

• Ongoing monitoring and reporting of work

• Ongoing training of staff and volunteers

• Commitment of state leadership is essential
Program Benefits and Outcomes

• Family Expectations couples were more likely to have stayed together and the quality of their relationships had improved.

• Positive impacts include: quality of co-parenting relationship, father living with the child, father providing substantial financial support to the child
Promising Practices: Lessons Learned for Integrating Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education

John Barner
National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families
Building Effective Partnerships

• Networking across agencies
• Connecting with schools, community organizations, and childcare
• Engaging families
• Engaging providers
• Engaging others
Building Community and Political Support

• Information Sharing
• Making the connection across services
• Educating supporters
Crafting the Message

- Messages to peers and partners
- The public message
- Messages to families and participants
- Importance of strong resources for families.
Effective Strategies

• Strategic planning
• Recruitment & retention
• Addressing special circumstances
• Adapting for diverse populations
• The right curriculum and facilitators
SURVEY QUESTION

I understand ways to overcome challenges and barriers to integration of relationship education into my agency’s service delivery.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
SURVEY QUESTION

I understand steps that my agency/program can take in order to integrate relationship education into our services.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
Virtual Resource Center
www.healthymarriageandfamilies.org
The National Resource Center can Help

- Resource Center Website
- Searchable Library
- Stakeholder Specific Products
- Virtual Learning Center
- Training and Technical Assistance
Expertise Behind the Center

• Research, Program Design and Implementation, Organizational Development, Policy Analysis, Public-Private Partnerships, Strategic planning, etc.

SURVEY QUESTION

I know more about resources available from the National Resource Center and how these can assist in integration of relationship education into my agency’s service delivery.

☐ Strongly agree
☐ Agree
☐ Neither agree or disagree
☐ Disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
Future Training and Technical Assistance Efforts

- Future Webinars
- Online training opportunities
- Regional/State Integration Institutes
- Individualized Technical Assistance
POST-SURVEY QUESTION

Are you likely to talk with others at your organization about integration of relationship education into your current services/role at work?

- Yes
- Possibly / not sure
- No
POST-SURVEY QUESTION

Are you likely to use the *National Resource Center* for resources or training/technical assistance in the future?

- Yes
- Possibly / not sure
- No
Contact Us

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POST-SURVEY QUESTION

Please rate your overall satisfaction with today’s webinar:

- Very Unsatisfied
- Not Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor Unsatisfied
- Satisfied
- Very Satisfied