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Subject: DV and Child Welfare Ad-hoc Workgroup

Mr. Lee,

Attached is the completed report that was mentioned previously.

LINK TO ATTACHMENT:

http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/ceo/ardi/1136606_DVChildWelfareReportDVC12.19.2022FINAL.pdf

Begin forwarded message:

Hi Nicolle,

Thank you for working to get this out before the end of the year. I am including Edmarine Edwards from DCFS who led the training subcommittee. We did this collaborative work to ensure that agencies like DCFS start to understand their role in perpetuating trauma when domestic abuse is ignored. There is over 30 years of relevant research that documents the connection between abuse of a parent and that of children. The latest research from [Dr. Emma Katz](#) and [Dr. Christine Cociola](#) specifically cite the reasons why children who live in a home where domestic abuse is taking place should be considered victims and not just witnesses. Not to mention, the ACEs test which includes living with domestic abuse as a trauma that contributes to increased morbidity in children with high ACEs scores.

I hope that this work will help create real change in how LA County serves survivors. It is imperative that DCFS moves away from the patriarchal ideology of blaming and shaming survivors, i.e. women, for their abuse. When abusers (mostly men) are not held accountable for their behavior, it effectively enables and serves as an emboldening effect on the minds of those who already feel entitled to treat the mothers and children as property to [man]handle as they please.

Best regards,

Roman James

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Hello everyone,

We have received final approval of the Domestic Violence and Child Welfare report that you have all put so much time and energy into! Thank you all for your work and patience in contributing to this report. The Domestic Violence Council truly values this collaborative process, and all of the activities that have already been initiated around the recommendations of this report to increase understanding and partnership between the domestic violence and child welfare fields. **(Also, please forward to any of your workgroup members who may not receive this email.)**

Given we are right into the holiday season I wanted to get the report out to all of you and the workgroup members, and then the DVC will lead an official release and dissemination activities in early January to make sure the report is rightfully publicized and not lost in the holiday shuffle. Again, thank you for your patience and continued advocacy to move this work forward. If you have any questions please reach out and wishing everyone happy and healthy holidays!

Thank you,

Nicolle Perras

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