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<p>Baker, L.L., Jaffe, P.G., Ashbourne, L., & Carter, J. (2002). <i>Children Exposed to Domestic Violence: An Early Childhood Educators Handbook to Increase Understanding and Improve Community Responses</i>. London, ON: Centre for Children & Families in the Justice System. Retrieved July 16, 2021, from https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/children-exposed-domestic-violence-early-childhood-educators</p>	<p>This handbook contains information to help the reader learn about domestic violence and its impact on young children, as well as recognize the signs that children may display when they are having difficulties. These signs may occur for a variety of reasons, including domestic violence. The handbook also provides information on ways to support children and deal with challenging behaviors. It also provides information that could be helpful to parents who may be adult victims of domestic violence. The handbook is geared toward early childhood educators who are working with young children.</p>	<p>Though this handbook is geared towards early childhood educators, it still provides valuable guidance. It is a very easy handbook to read and discusses in basic simplistic terms domestic violence and what affect it can have on children. The description of the various behaviors that children display can be beneficial to a Court in assessing behaviors of children that are described in Court or through the children's behaviors through direct discussion by the Court.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/1.-Children-exposed-to-domestic-violence-An-early-childhood-educators-handbook-to-increase-understanding-and-improve-community..pdf</p>
<p>Capacity Building Center for States. (2018). <i>Child Protection in Families Experiencing Domestic Violence (2nd ed.)</i>.</p>	<p>This manual is to be used as a guide for casework practice in aiding survivors of domestic abuse safely. The information provides a comprehensive approach to assist the</p>	<p>Although the intended audience is caseworkers, the manual provides helpful insight into domestic</p>

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<p>Washington, DC: Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved February 9, 2021, from https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/domesticviolence2018.pdf</p>	<p>child and family. The manual provides terms and definitions for those exposed to domestic violence. It provides data, research, and information outlining the scope of domestic violence with special attention given to various tactics of abuse inflicted on victims.</p>	<p>violence, which a judge can utilize in the courtroom with all individuals involved.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2.-Child-Protection-in-Families-Experiencing-Domestic-Violence-2nd-ed.-new.pdf</p>
<p>Copps, K.A. (2009). The Good, the Bad, and the Future of <i>Nicholson v. Scopetta</i>: An Analysis of the Effects and Suggestions for Further Improvements. <i>Albany Law Review</i>, 72, 497-526. Retrieved July 16, 2021, from http://www.albanylawreview.org/Articles/Vol72_2/72.2.0015%20Copps.pdf</p>	<p>This law review article discusses the case of <i>Nicholson v. Scopetta</i> from the perspective that it is almost always better to keep the mother and her children together and remove the batterer instead. In the <i>Nicholson</i> case, battered mothers initiated a class-action lawsuit against the New York City Administration for Children's Services, challenging the agency's practice of removing children from the home merely as a consequence of their mothers being subjected to domestic violence.</p> <p>The federal trial and appellate courts determined that this practice violated the mothers' and children's civil rights, and without more, the child's mere presence in the home during an abusive incident did not mean the child should be declared dependent. An entire section of the article is devoted to background information on</p>	<p>This law review article, though centered on a case from New York State, is very informative, well written, and heavily cited.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/3.-The-good-the-bad-and-the-future-of-Nicholson-v.-Scopetta.pdf</p>

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	child abuse, the effects on children from exposure to domestic violence, and removal to foster care.	
<p>Hotten, T. (2003). <i>Childhood Aggression and Exposure to Violence in the Home</i>. Crime and Justice research paper series: Catalogue no. 85-561-MIE. Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics: Ottawa, ON. Retrieved July 16, 2021, from https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/85-561-m/2003002/4224938-eng.pdf?st=6qzH1CDy</p>	<p>This report explores the effects of witnessing violence in the home on aggressive behavior among children. The analysis was based on random samples of children and their primary caregivers interviewed for the National Longitudinal Survey of Children & Youth. The children studied were 6-11 years of age. This age group was focused on as early child conduct problems were found to be important predictors of crime and delinquency later in life.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/4.-Childhood-aggression-and-exposure-to-violence-in-the-home..pdf</p>
<p>Kitzmann, K.M. (2007). Domestic Violence and its Impact on the Social and Emotional Development of Young Children. Rev. Ed. In: Tremblay RE, Barr RG, Peters RDeV, Boivin M, eds. <i>Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development</i> [online]. Montreal, Quebec: Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development: 1-7. Retrieved March 31, 2011, from http://www.child-encyclopedia.com/documents/KitzmannANGxp_rev.pdf</p>	<p>This article underscores the potential void in both the court and child services system for children who are victims of domestic violence, not necessarily because they are physically assaulted themselves, but because they are a witness to domestic violence. The article explains that witnessing domestic violence is serious and can result in similar reactions by children including children experiencing similar psychological problems as those children who are themselves physically assaulted.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/5.-Domestic-violence-and-its-impact-on-the-social-and-emotional-development-of-young-children..pdf</p>

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<p>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (2009). <i>Children's Exposure to Violence: A Comprehensive National Survey</i>. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. Retrieved July 16, 2021, from https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/227744.pdf</p>	<p>This bulletin discusses the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence (NatSCEV), the most comprehensive nationwide survey of the incidents and prevalence of children's exposure to violence to date. The survey, conducted between January and May 2008, measured the past year and lifetime exposure to violence for children age 17 and younger across several major categories: conventional crime, child maltreatment, victimization by peers and siblings, sexual victimization, witnessing and indirect victimization, school violence and threats, and internet victimization. The survey is the first comprehensive attempt to measure children's exposure to violence in the home, school, and community across all age groups from birth to age 17, and the first attempt to measure the cumulative exposure to violence over a child's lifetime.</p> <p>The survey highlights the degree to which children in this country live with violence in their daily lives. Violence takes a toll on children whether as victims or witnesses. This survey stresses that if policymakers, practitioners, advocates, and the general public are to respond effectively to curb the negative effects of children's exposure to violence, everyone must look at the problem in its totality and make a coordinated effort to help children and their families who suffer the effects.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/6.-Childrens-exposure-to-violence.-A-comprehensive-national-survey..pdf</p>

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<p>Volpe, J.S. (2020). Effects of Domestic Violence on Children and Adolescents: An Overview. <i>American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, Inc.</i> Retrieved November 12, 2021, from https://www.aaets.org/traumatic-stress-library/effects-of-domestic-violence-on-children-and-adolescents-an-overview</p>	<p>This article is brief but provides some excellent basic statistics about domestic violence, especially in relation to children. The article also provides basic definitions of domestic violence, Type I and Type II traumatic events, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It details possible signs and symptoms of childhood exposure to domestic violence and the signs and symptoms experienced by children of different age groups. The article provides statistical evidence that children who witness adult violence are also more likely to be victims themselves of direct physical abuse, including sexual abuse.</p>	<p>The article is a concise, easy read and can serve as a quick-guide to help the Court identify when children may be affected by domestic violence.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/7.-Effects-of-domestic-violence-on-children-and-adolescents.-An-overview..pdf</p>

