



Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Domestic Violence Model Protocol Training for Prosecutors

PRE-TRAINING ASSESSMENT

Date: __/__/__

Training Location: _____

The purpose of the assessment is to determine the effectiveness of the training session today. With this assessment, we are trying to determine what prior knowledge you may have had on the training topic. You will not receive an individual grade or score for this assessment.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the following assessment **BEFORE** you begin your training.

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Uncertain	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. When it comes to domestic violence cases, law enforcement and prosecution work well together in my district.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Domestic violence cases take up more than their fair share of my time.	1	2	3	4	5
c. I feel confident in my ability to prosecute domestic cases.	1	2	3	4	5
d. I think the evidence-based approach to prosecuting domestic violence cases is an effective approach.	1	2	3	4	5

The following questions ask about your knowledge of domestic violence as it relates to the work of prosecutors. Please answer each question to the best of your ability.

1. Why is a 'vertical prosecution' strategy preferred, where staff size permits?
 - a. Reduces the need for the victim to repeat the crime description
 - b. Familiarity with these cases promotes an effective response.
 - c. Facilitates rapport between victim and prosecutor.
 - d. All of the answers are correct.

2. What is an important consideration to keep victims of domestic violence safe during the prosecution process?
 - a. Prepare the victim for court.
 - b. Ensure the victim creates a safety plan.
 - c. Both a. and b.
 - d. Neither a. nor b.
3. What is a requirement of the Bischoff Bail Statute?
 - a. That anyone violating an order of protection completes a risk assessment for the court.
 - b. That anyone violating an order of protection goes to jail.
 - c. That anyone violating an order of protection is assigned to GPS tracking rather than jail.
 - d. That anyone violating an order of protection is detained for psychiatric observation.
4. What are common law exceptions to the use of hearsay in domestic violence cases?
 - a. An admission by the suspect/batterer reported by the police
 - b. An 'excited utterance', a spontaneous statement made by the victim or a witness reported by the police
 - c. A statement of medical diagnosis witnessed by the police officer
 - d. All of the answers are correct.
5. Victims may feel reluctant to testify for what reason?
 - a. The victim has left the abuser and does not want to relive the experience.
 - b. The victim does not trust the criminal justice system.
 - c. The victim is in the process of developing a safety plan for leaving their abuser.
 - d. All of the answers are correct.
6. Although both people in a domestic disturbance have injuries, the primary aggressor in a domestic violence case can be identified because...
 - a. They are likely to report to have been abused
 - b. They are attempting to abusively control the other person(s)
 - c. They almost always sexually abuse the victim
 - d. There is really no way to determine the primary aggressor in these cases.
7. What should always be the primary concern of prosecutorial policy in domestic violence cases?
 - a. Pro-prosecution
 - b. Holding the defendant accountable
 - c. Victim safety
 - d. Evidence-based prosecution
8. For what reasons would the prosecutor subpoena the victim of domestic violence?
 - a. This ensures that the victim will know when to show up to testify.
 - b. This protects the victim from intimidation.
 - c. There is no good reason to subpoena the victim in these cases.
 - d. This relieves the victim from having to choose to testify against the abuser

9. What is a reason not to subpoena the victim of domestic violence?
 - a. Forcing a victim to testify may be disempowering.
 - b. Subpoenaing a victim of domestic violence violates the Victim's Economic Security & Safety Act.
 - c. If the victim fails to appear, they will be charged with civil contempt of court.
 - d. You should always subpoena the victim, if necessary.
10. During plea negotiations, what is the appropriate role for the victim of domestic violence?
 - a. The victim may be given an opportunity to comment on the plea bargain.
 - b. The victim may be given the opportunity to accept or deny the plea bargain.
 - c. The victim has no role in plea negotiations.
 - d. The victim can only be informed of the outcome of plea negotiations.
11. Which orders of protection remedy is NOT enforceable by a police officer?
 - a. Visitation of a minor child
 - b. Removal of a minor child
 - c. Physical care and possession of a minor child
 - d. Temporary legal custody of a minor child
12. Which remedy or remedies may be enforced by police under certain conditions?
 - a. Possession of personal property
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 - d. All remedies may result in criminal charges under certain conditions.
13. For second or subsequent violations of orders of protection, what is the harshest applicable penalty?
 - a. Class A misdemeanor
 - b. Class B misdemeanor
 - c. Class 3 felony
 - d. Class 4 felony
14. How might the Domestic Violence Advocate assist the prosecutor in a domestic violence case?
 - a. By being a witness for the prosecution
 - b. By helping the victim understand the court process
 - c. By maintaining confidential any and all communications with the victim
 - d. All of the above is correct
15. Which victims' rights have conditions related to court proceedings or other legal conditions?
 - a. Making a statement to the court at sentencing
 - b. Obtaining restitution
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a. My supervisor will support my use of the model protocols for domestic violence that I learned today.	1	2	3	4	5
b. I feel confident in my ability to handle domestic violence situations.	1	2	3	4	5
c. I think the evidence-based approach to prosecuting domestic violence cases is an effective approach.	1	2	3	4	5
d. The training was relevant to my role in law enforcement.	1	2	3	4	5
e. The trainer was knowledgeable of the subject matter.	1	2	3	4	5
f. The training materials were helpful.	1	2	3	4	5
g. The trainer acted in a professional manner.	1	2	3	4	5
h. The training was interesting and kept me engaged.	1	2	3	4	5
i. The training improved my knowledge of domestic violence.	1	2	3	4	5

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