



## CPS/DV Co-location Evaluation

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR), contracted by the New York State **Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)**, evaluated a collaborative approach for serving families experiencing both intimate partner violence and child maltreatment.

Traditionally, child protective services (CPS) and domestic violence (DV) service areas functioned separately. However, many times they served the same families. It is estimated that 30-60% of families involved in CPS also experienced intimate partner violence. An emerging approach, involving co-location of DV agency staff with CPS staff, was thought to have benefits for the families involved with both systems. Formal evaluation of this collaborative approach were sparse. Using a mixed method design, this study systematically examined outcomes of families served by co-located CPS and DV staff. Gaining an understanding of these collaborative services and their impact on children and families offered a way to structure and fund future services.

## EVALUATION & RESEARCH

CHSR utilized mixed methods to evaluate collaborative practices and outcomes for families. Methods include telephone interviews with all counties' Directors of Services, focus groups with caseworkers and supervisors, face-to-face interviews with DV staff, a statewide online survey, case records review, and surveys of clients. Three counties without CPS/DV collaborations were selected for comparison and analysis alongside three counties engaged in collaborative initiatives.

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

As part of this study, CHSR worked with OCFS to develop a logic model that specified the program components and described the evaluation plan and types of data that would be collected. The co-location **logic model** systematically and visually represented how program activities were linked to the expected results of the initiative.