

Co-Occurrence of Intimate Partner Violence with Child Maltreatment



Children growing up in families in which intimate partner violence (IPV) takes place are at increased risk to become victims of child maltreatment (CM).^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}



Children who witnessed IPV in the past year were almost four times more likely to experience CM in the same year compared to children who did not witness IPV.^{6, 7, 8}



Children who are exposed to both types of violence typically show more emotional and behavioral problems and are more at risk of becoming involved in violence later in life.^{5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13}



Risk factors for co-occurrence of IPV with CM are:

- Lower levels of economic status and education, and higher levels of neighborhood policing activity, immigrant concentration, and residential instability.^{14, 15, 16}
- Acceptance of family violence, including acceptability of violence in intimate partner and parent-child relationships.^{14, 17, 18, 19}
- Parental drug or alcohol addiction.^{20, 21, 22}



Children who live in homes with IPV are more likely to be sexually abused than children who do not live in homes with adult violence.^{2, 6, 18, 20, 23}



The most common form of child maltreatment co-occurring with IPV is neglect.^{24, 25}

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