Transforming 7-Years of Outcomes of Mothers and Children Exposed to Domestic Violence into Applications for Smart Phones That Offer Rapid Assessment and Triage for Services

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THE PROBLEM
INSUFFICIENT SERVICES TO MEET NEEDS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

THE QUESTION
HOW DO WE IDENTIFY SURVIVORS IN HIGHEST NEED OF SERVICES?

THE METHODS
A 7-YEAR STUDY FOR EVIDENCE TO IDENTIFY SURVIVORS IN MOST NEED

A 750 MOTHERS INTERVIEWED EVERY 4 MONTHS FOR 7-YEAR WHO USED A SHELTER
A 150 MOTHERS INTERVIEWED EVERY 4 MONTHS FOR 7-YEAR WHO USED JUSTICE SERVICES

QUESTIONS TO PREDICT WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN HIGHEST NEED OF SERVICES

QUESTIONS ASKED
- TYPE & SEVERITY OF ABUSE
- RISK FOR MURDER
- ACE
- USE OF RESOURCES
- SELF-ESTEEM
- MENTAL HEALTH
- CHILD BEHAVIOR
- ECONOMIC SOLVENCY

APPLICATION FOR SMART PHONES & TABLETS

ASSESS RISK FOR:
- POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER
- RETURN TO ABUSER
- RETURN TO SHELTER
- CHILD BEHAVIOR ANGER PROBLEMS
- CHILD BEHAVIOR DEPRESSION PROBLEMS

FOUR ASSESSMENT TOOLS IN ONE APPLICATION

Time needed = 5 min
Person needed = 1
Training Needed = Assessment and Guided Referral

REFERENCES

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