Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

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Objectives

- To understand how domestic violence can have an affect on the lives of children
- To illustrate these impacts and outline the devastating effects to the children
- Pursuits to aid those children involved in the dilemma of domestic violence
Prenatal Effects of Domestic Violence

- Low birth weight
- Premature birth
- Excessive bleeding
- Fetal death
Infants Effected by Domestic Violence

- Continual crying, inconsolable
- Irritable
- Lacking emotions
- Lacking emotional and physical attachment with mother
- Developmentally delayed
- Diarrhea
- Low weight, no appetite
- Easily startled
Infants Effected by Domestic Violence, cont.

- Bedwetting
- Running
- Thumb sucking
- Fear of being left alone
- Nightmares
- Speech impediments
- Reluctance to being touched
- Excessive fantasy in play
Pre-teens Effected by Domestic Violence

- High level of aggression, anxiety, withdrawal and depression
- Disobedience, poor social skills and low-self-esteem
- Low cognitive functioning, poor school performance
- Prone to a anger, violent behavior, and rage
- A behavior leading to long-term adult depression and trauma
Pre-teens Effect by Domestic Violence, cont.

- Loss of childhood
- Suicidal thoughts
- Crime
- Increased sleeping
- Anger at abused parent
- Sexually acting out
- Drug/alcohol abuse
Teen Dating Violence

- Dating violence is experienced in 30 percent of teen dating

- Teen violence resulting from violent homes

- Violence viewed as acceptable

- Increase of sexual violence on college campuses

- Intimate partner violence with an acquaintance
Corrective Action Towards DV

- Professional therapy service
- School psychologist
- Sexual assault service
- Assessment of the child
- Victim support group attendance
Thank You

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