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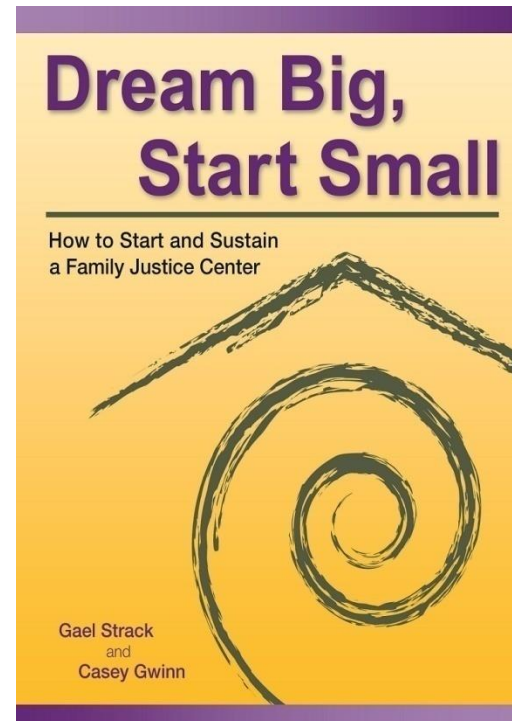
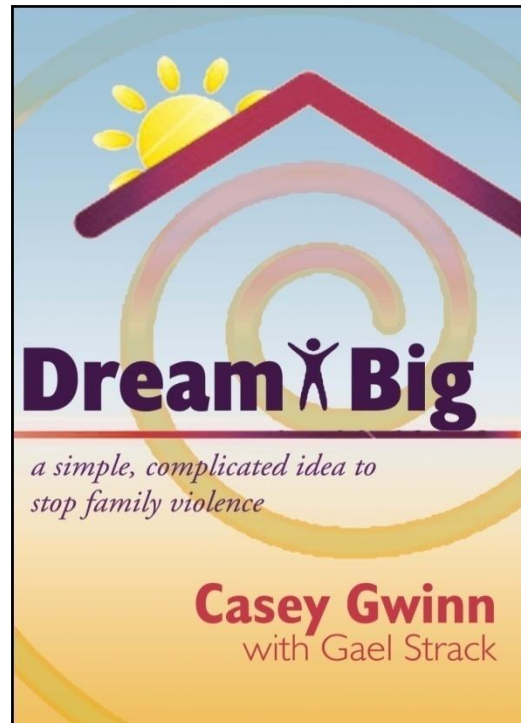
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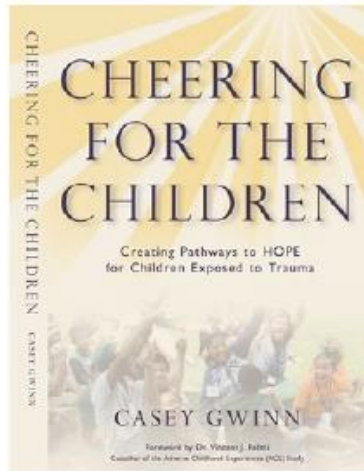
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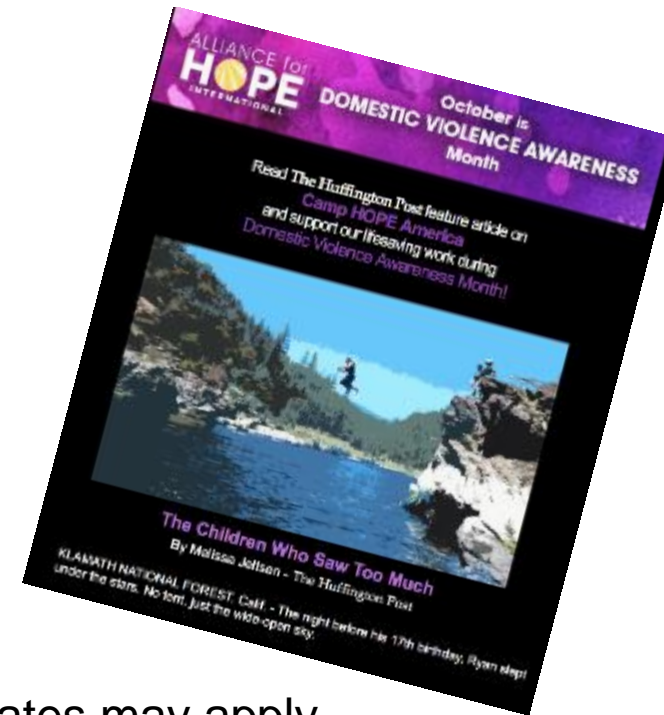


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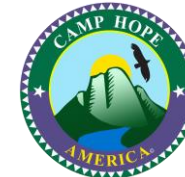
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UTILIZING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK TEAM MODEL

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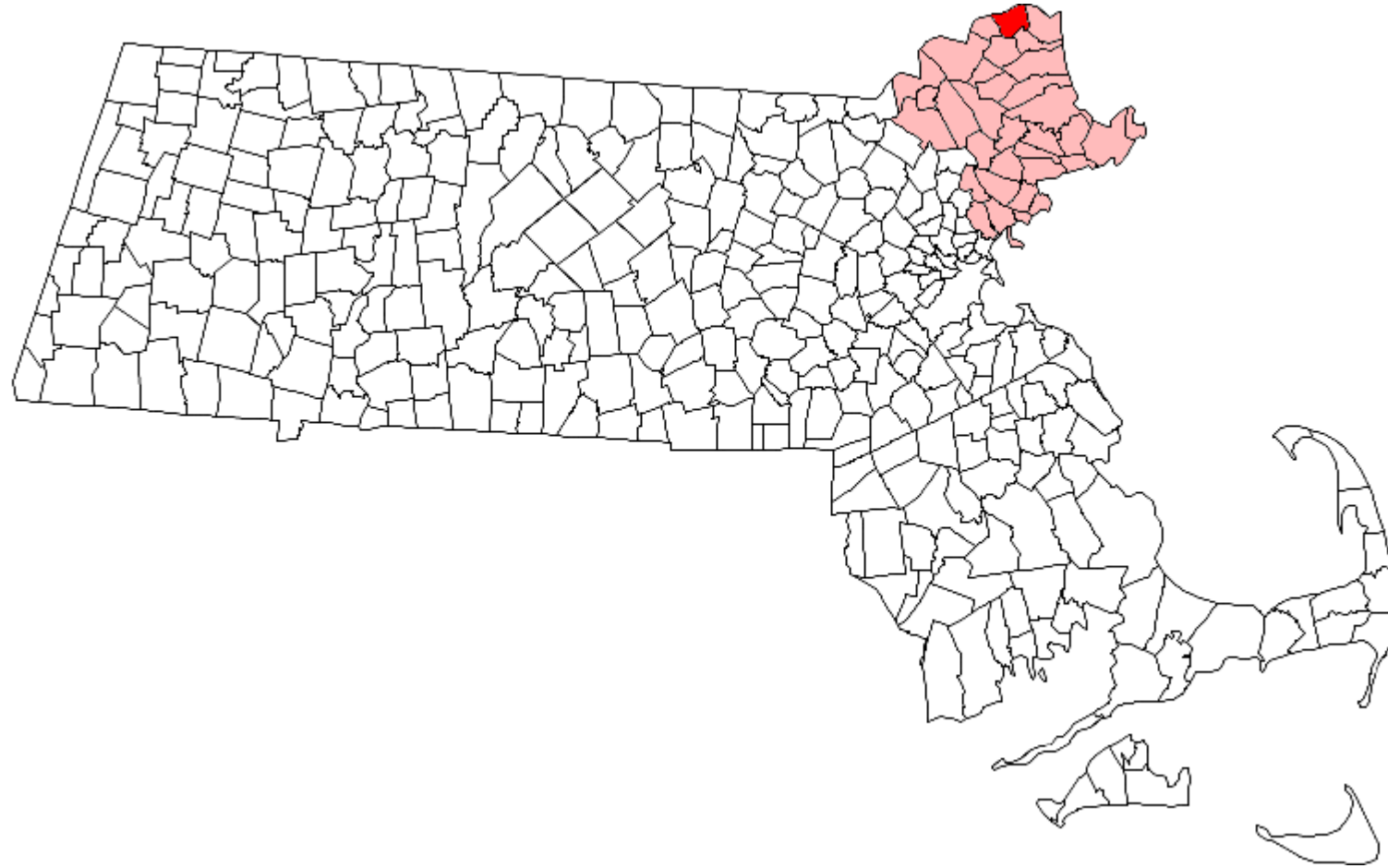
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Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model

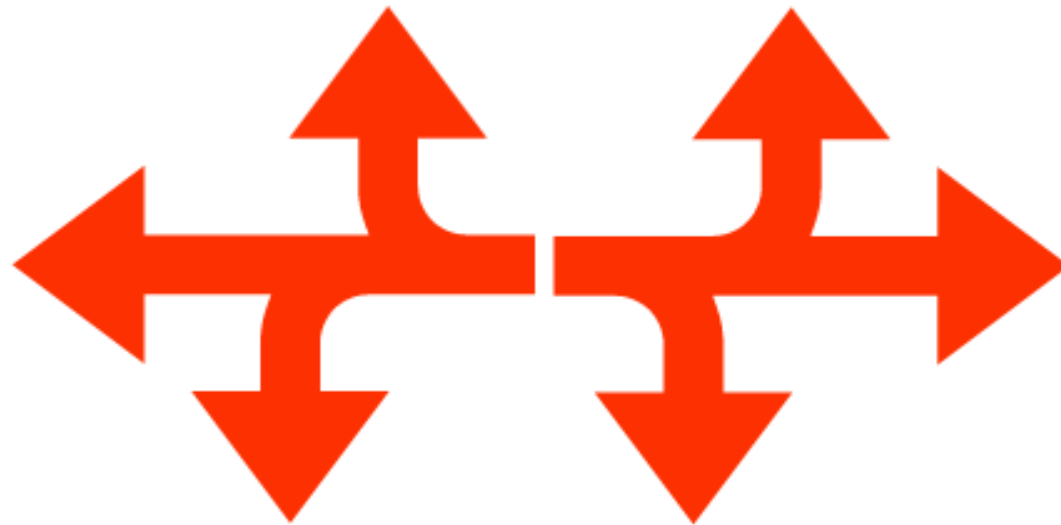


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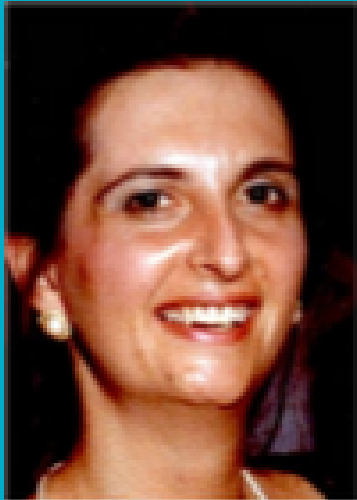
BUILDS ON ASPECTS OF

- **Coordinated Community Response**
- **Fatality Review**
- **Family Justice Center**



THE CATALYST

**EIGHT Domestic
Violence Related
Deaths**



Dorothy Giunta- Cotter
August 12, 1966- March 26, 2002

Judge: Husband released days before shooting

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room when they heard a gun blast

He was 'one of the
most dangerous'

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2002

Amesbury wife slain after 15-year abuse

Experts say restraining orders won't stop killers

By FRANK RICHARDSON



GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/JOANNE RATH

The Green Street home in Amesbury, site of the shootings.

'The system failed her'

Advocates for women critical of judges

By DAN HACKETT
Daily News Staff



William Cotter. They contend the
tape will reveal that the judge
made insensitive remarks about

hours every day. Cotter, a cable TV technician, kept his
tools in the garage.

Court documents show the estranged couple fought to

**DECISIONS ARE ONLY AS GOOD
AS THE INFORMATION WE HAVE
TO BASE THEM ON.**

GAPS IN OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE SYSTEM AT THE TIME OF DOROTHY'S HOMICIDE:

**Risk assessments
were not being done
consistently
throughout the
system**

**No formal process
for communication**



**Assumption that
victims in the
most dangerous
cases would seek
safety in shelters**

RESEARCH FOUNDATION

- The escalation of DV to a lethal level follows an *identifiable pattern, with identifiable indicators.*” ¹
- Victims are most at risk of homicide from a batterer when leaving or engaging in legal separation. The most dangerous time is within the *first year of leaving, and more precisely within the first three months* .²
- “ In the [intimate partner] femicide study, the *majority of victims or perpetrators (up to 83%) or both had contact with criminal justice, victim assistance, and/or health care agencies in the year prior to the homicide.....* This indicates opportunities for prevention by identification of women at risk and appropriate intervention.” ³
- Of victims who have been killed by an intimate partner, only 4% of them had ever availed themselves of the services of a domestic violence service provider. ⁴

RISK ASSESSMENT



INTEGRATION OF RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS INTO DV AGENCIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES



WHICH RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL?

FOR ADVOCATES:

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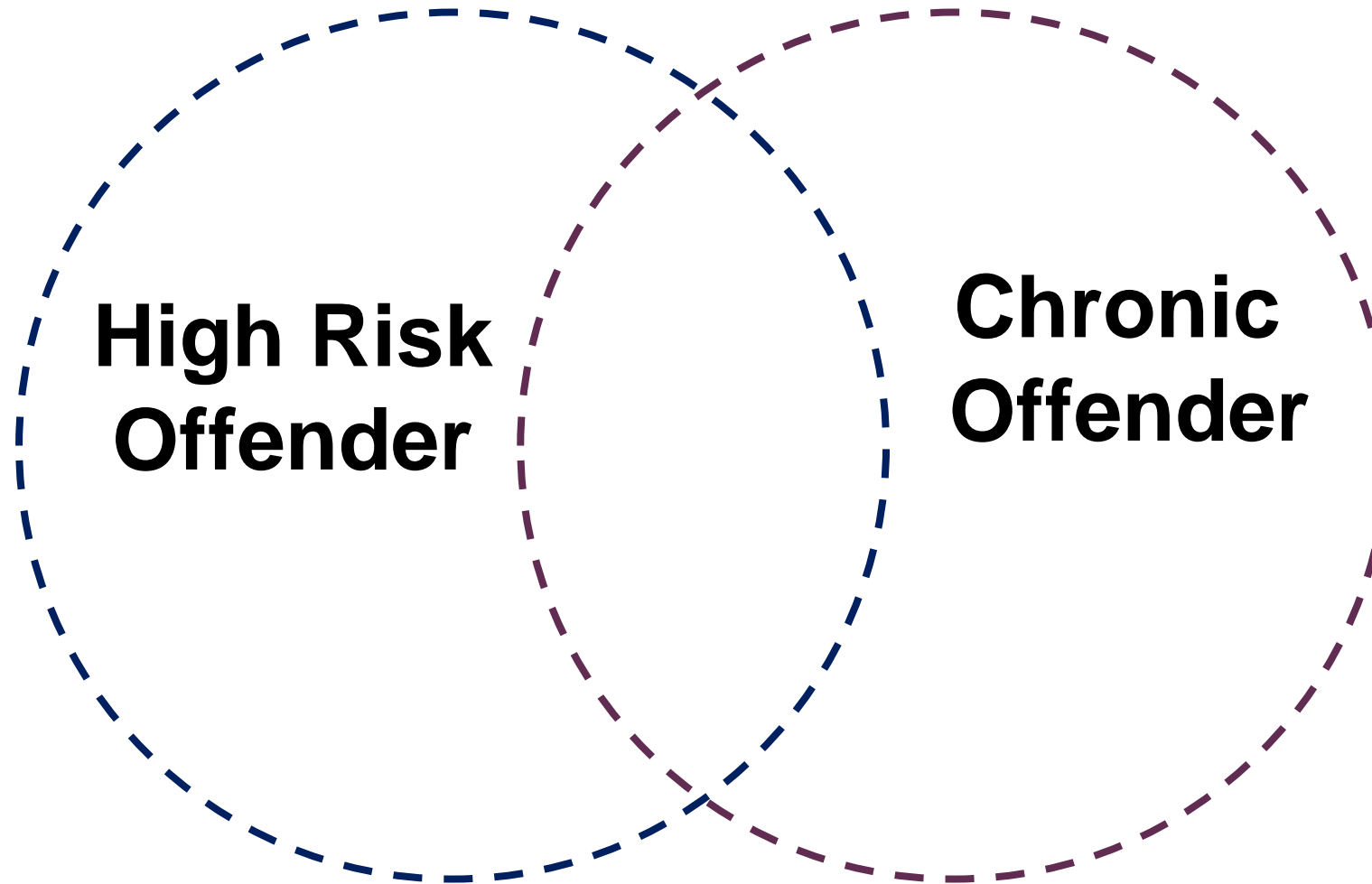
- **Administered by advocates & clinicians**
- **IP homicide & near-lethal assault**
- **20 questions**
- **Weighted scoring**
- **Requires training & certification**
- **Requires policy decisions**

FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

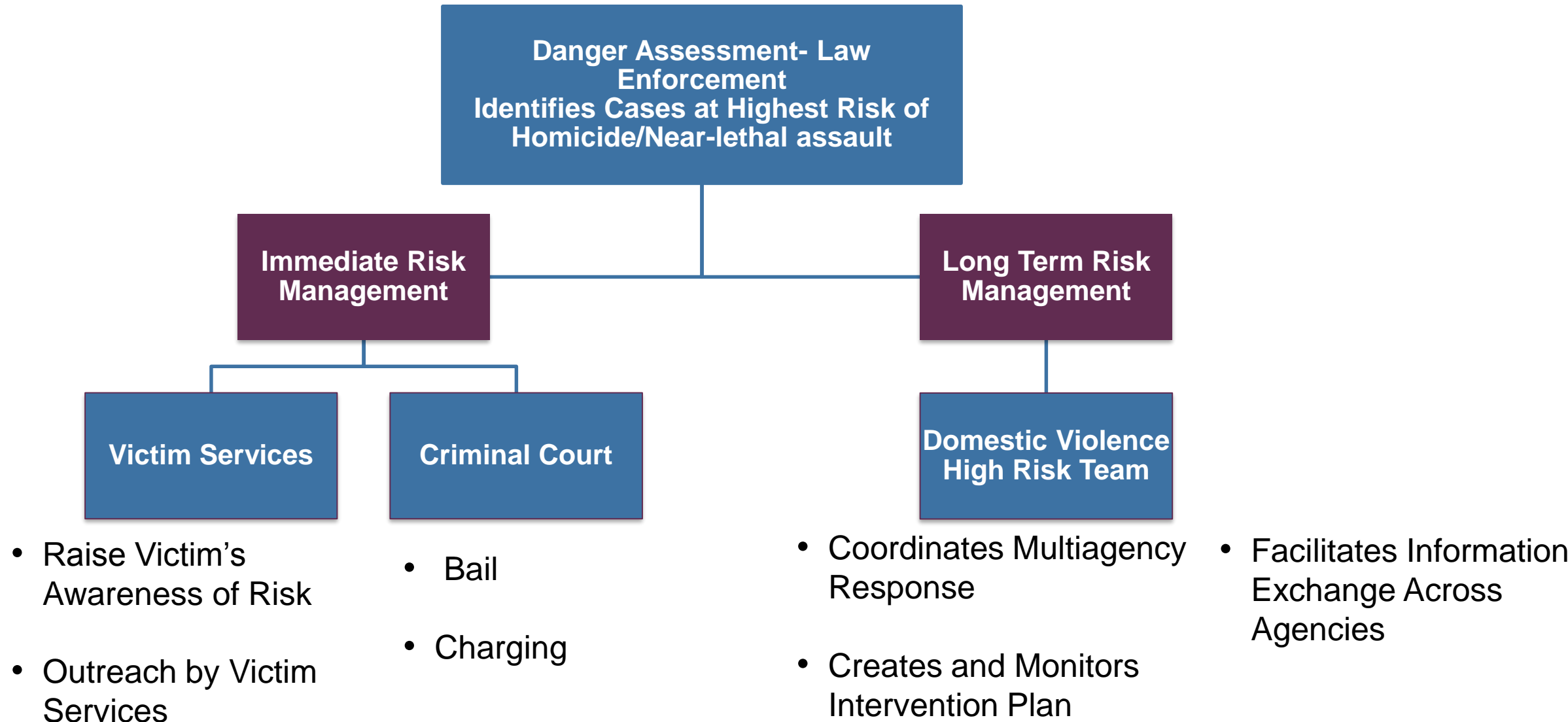
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- **Conducted by Law Enforcement**
- **IP homicide & near-lethal assault**
- **11 questions**
- **Threshold score & officer override**
- **Conducted on-scene**
- **Attaches to police report**
- **Criminal acts**
- **Designed for use by DVHRT**
- **Requires training**
- **Requires policy**

GETTING THE RIGHT CASES TO THE TEAM



DVHRT MODEL STRATEGIES



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK TEAM



DVHRT MEMBERSHIP








DVHRT CASE PRESENTATION



**DEVELOPING AN INFORMED
INTERVENTION PLAN THAT IS PROACTIVE
NOT REACTIVE.**

DVHRT TEAM MEMBER FUNCTIONS

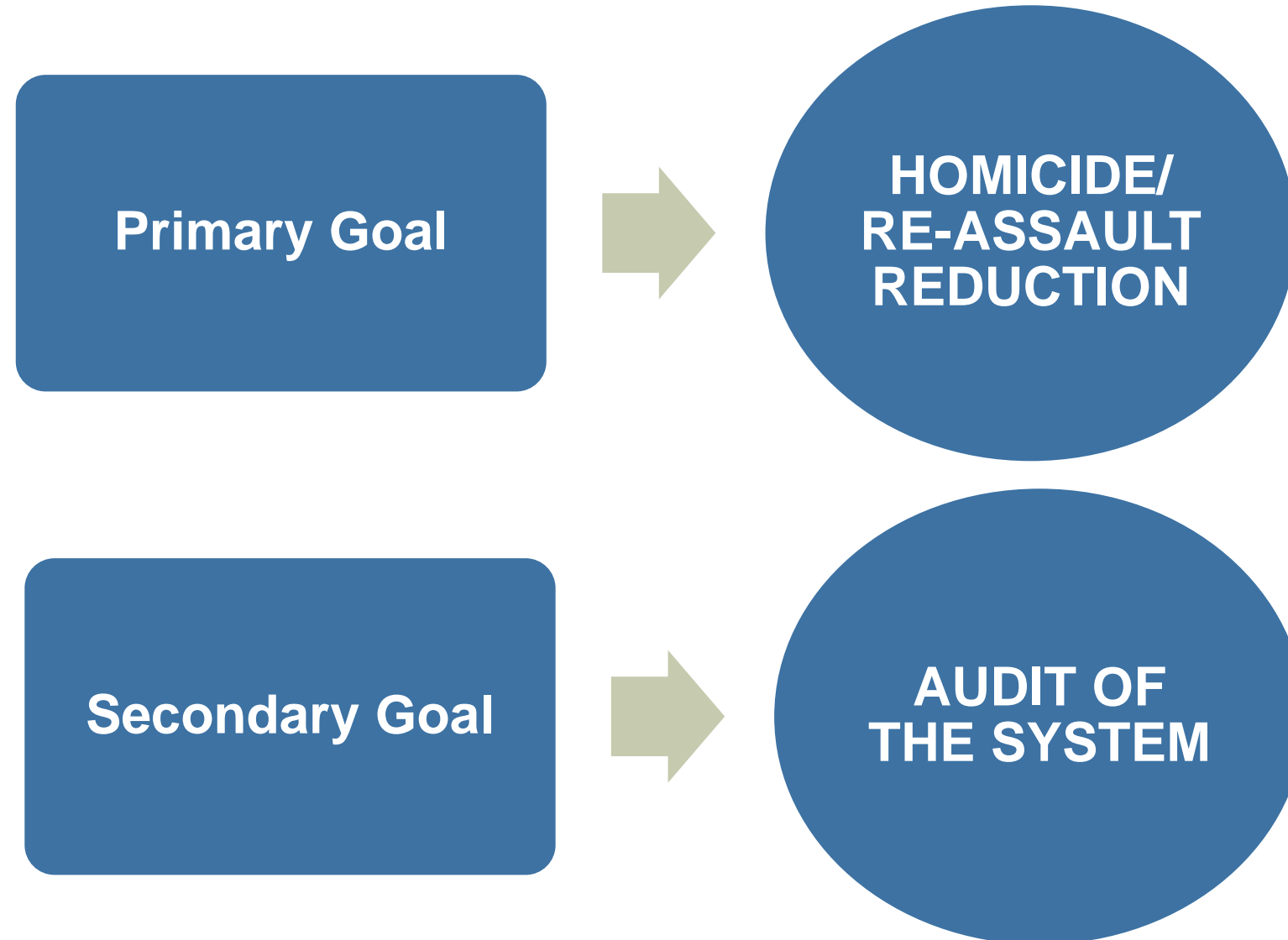
Member:	Intervention:
 Domestic Violence Agency Lead or Co- Lead	Administer the Danger Assessment Address immediate safety concerns of victim Provide comprehensive community based services
 Law Enforcement	On scene risk assessment, appropriate charges, 911, removal of firearms, follow- up investigation, safety checks
 Corrections Department	Monitor changes in offender security levels in jail Provide updated information on release dates
 Prosecutor's Office	Pretrial conditions of release and appropriate bail Electronic or GPS monitoring Monitor court dates
 Probation/Parole Department	Enhanced supervision Immediate sanctions for violations

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM

What the DVHRT does:

- ✓ **Establish a process for accepting cases during meetings and between meetings when necessary.**
- ✓ **Hold regularly scheduled meetings at least monthly and take minutes.**
- ✓ **Review cases on a regular basis during meetings and provide ongoing case updates between meetings.**
- ✓ **Develop case-specific, individualized intervention plans.**
- ✓ **Collect and evaluate data.**

DVHRT GOALS



DOES IT WORK?

WHAT DO WE HAVE NOW THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE THEN?

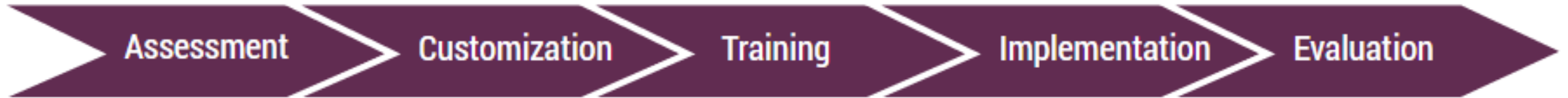
Before	After
Fractured response system	Coordinated response system
Hunch	Uniform risk assessments
OK police reports	Reports with more evidence incorporated
Unclear information to victims	Victim more fully informed
Reactive to dangerous offenders	Proactive approach
Inconsistent outcomes	Stronger offender containment
Territorial	Mutual Respect

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM

DVHRT Requirements:

- ✓ **The DVHRT is led or co-led by a non-governmental domestic violence agency that employs a DVHRT Coordinator.**
- ✓ **Core Team membership includes a non-governmental domestic violence agency, law enforcement, prosecution, probation, a pretrial assessment agency (where applicable), parole, and corrections.**
- ✓ **Additional Team partner organizations reflect community demographics and needs.**

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS



IS YOUR COMMUNITY READY?

DVHRT MODEL OPTIMAL CONDITIONS

What is the quality of your current response to domestic violence?

DVHRT MODEL OPTIMAL CONDITIONS

Bail Laws – conditions of release

Strangulation statute

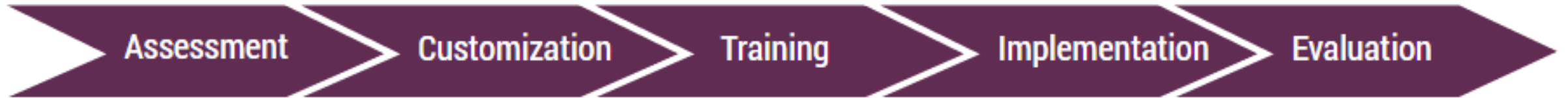
Privilege & confidentiality

Firearms

Court administered risk tools

Criminal justice reform efforts

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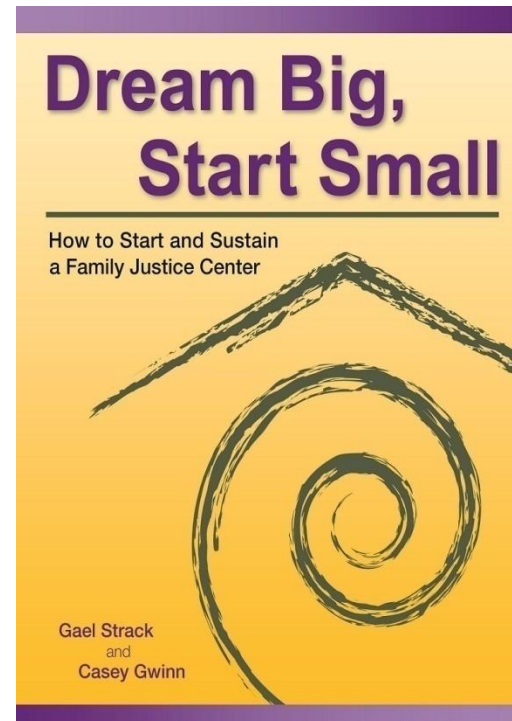
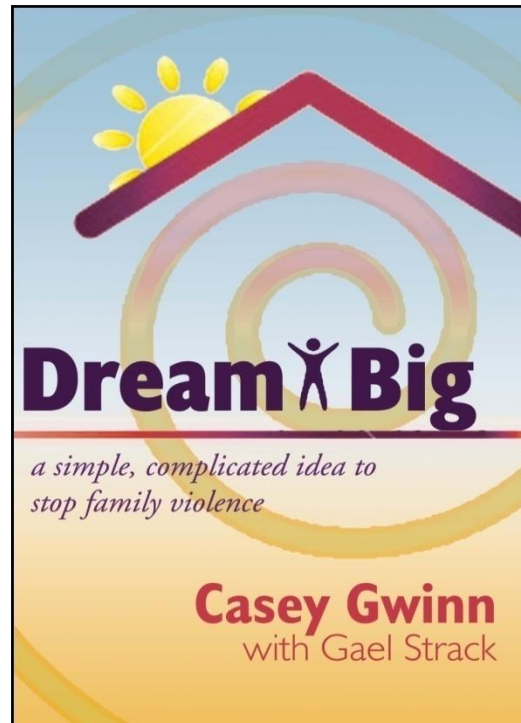


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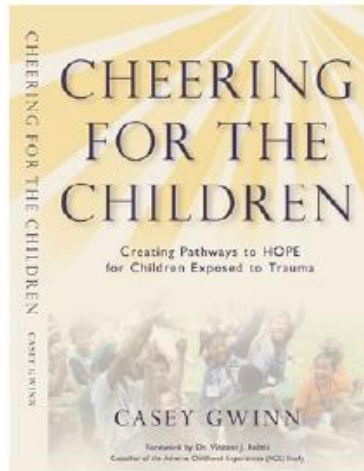
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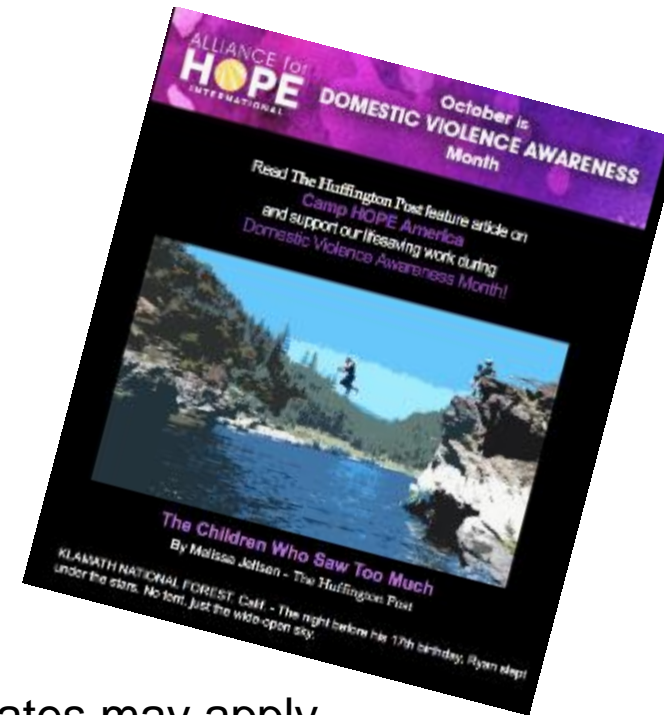
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