Connecticut’s Lethality Assessment Program

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CCADV
Data context

- FV 2016 Arrest Report - 12,894 arrests for IPV
- Accounts for approximately one-third of Connecticut’s criminal cases
- 243 # number of IPV fatalities between 2000 / present
- 10-year period prior to LAP - 15 IPV homicides annually
- Between 2013 – 2016 during LAP statewide roll-out, average IPV homicide decreased to 12 per year
CT First State: full law enforcement participation

• 93 municipal police departments

• Ct State Police - - 79 municipalities and jurisdictions

• 9 Universities – University of Connecticut, Yale University, Connecticut State University System (Central, Eastern, Southern, Western) University of New Haven, University of Hartford, University of Saint Joseph

• Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Police and Mohegan Tribal police

• Ct State Environmental Conversation police (ENCON)
CT’s Lap Experience (10/12 – 9/17)

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Between October 2012 and September 2017, with 93% of law enforcement agencies fully utilizing LAP...

- 22,566 Lethality Screens Conducted
- 11,449 Screens Considered “High Danger” (51%)
- 8,392 “High Danger” Victims Spoke with a Counselor (73%)
- 7,444 “High Danger” Victims Who Spoke with a Counselor Followed Up for Services (89%)
Lethality Factors

[ n = 3,247 screens ]

- Weapon use: 33%
- Threats to kill: 50%
- Thinks he might try to kill: 49%
- Gun access: 31%
- Tried to choke: 58%
- Jealousy or control: 76%
- Left/separated: 61%
- Offender unemployed: 43%
- Offender attempted suicide: 27%
- Has child that is not offender’s: 29%
- Spying or threats: 53%
Conclusions

• More effective and timely screenings occurring

• Victims, when most vulnerable, are connected to services sooner thereby enhancing safety

• Greater understanding by law enforcement and victims about level of dangerousness

• Unprecedented coordination and collaborative response between Law enforcement and domestic violence organizations

• Creation of policy between law enforcement and CCADV member organizations speak to viability/credibility of LAP
Next Steps

• Assess potential changes to protocol
• Develop processes to ensure fidelity to protocol
• Establish clear model for implementation and sustainability
• Determine other areas of utility for the First Responder LAP Screen
• Work with stakeholders to ensure uniformed data collection
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