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SUMMARY

This study gathered data on policies and procedures for identifying domestic violence issues among divorcing couples and examined divorce mediation practices and policies in cases with allegations of spousal violence. Mediators and court administrators provided information on: (1) whether and how they attempted to gauge the level of domestic abuse and the capacity of divorcing parties to mediate, and (2) common adjustments to the mediation process made to enhance safety in divorce cases where domestic abuse is present. Data collection involved a collaboration with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) in the administration and analysis of this survey. Court programs providing divorce mediation and/or custody evaluations in 1993 were targeted. The questionnaire was mailed in late 1993 to 200 institutional members of the AFCC and active providers of family and divorce services in the National Center for State Courts database. A total of 149 public-sector divorce mediation and custody/visitation counseling providers responded. Variables include information on the rules, statutes, or guidelines under which the program operates, case handling procedures prior to mediation or custody/visitation evaluations, and procedures used when clients come to mediation. Information is also provided on the number of paid professional staff, number of custody/visitation mediations and evaluations completed, population of the jurisdiction, the program's relationship to the court, types of orientation programs for parents provided by the court, if the community had any supervised visitation services, and the city and state in which the program is located.

GENERAL STUDY OVERVIEW

STUDY IDENTIFICATION

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KEY WORDS

Counseling, courts, domestic assault, policies and procedures

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

As mediation becomes more common in the court system, and as the widespread nature of domestic violence becomes more apparent, the appropriateness of divorce mediation in domestic abuse cases has become an issue of increasing national importance. While the strongest criticisms have been directed toward the practice of mandating abused women to participate in divorce mediation, some battered women's advocates object to the use of divorce mediation when there has been any domestic assault. Concerns about divorce mediation in cases where there has been domestic abuse include the following: (1) Mediation decriminalizes domestic abuse and encourages a conciliatory approach that does not hold the abuser accountable for his behavior, and the abuser may learn there are no adverse consequences to violence. (2) Victims might be made to feel partially to blame for the abuse. (3) Ensuring the safety of the victim during a process that allows the abuser to know the time and place his or her partner will be present for mediation becomes an important issue. (4) Power imbalances introduced by domestic violence may render mediation inherently unfair. (5) The conjoint and compromising nature of mediation may discourage abused victims from expressing their anger and deny them the benefits that expressed anger can bring. (6) Joint custody arrangements favored by mediators may run counter to what is best for the victim and their children. (7) Mediation may erode the victim's financial status and deprive him or her of the economic advantages they may have won through divorce litigation. (8) Questions arise regarding the caliber of court-based and community-based divorce mediation programs and the ability of staff to properly screen and handle cases with domestic abuse. However, most mediators and their supporters believe that mechanisms such as screening, individual caucusing, and the use of advocates in mediation sessions can help mitigate safety and fairness concerns in domestic violence cases. This study provides information on mediators' and court administrators'

handling of these situations by focusing on: (1) whether and how mediators and court staff attempt to gauge the level of domestic abuse and the capacity of divorcing parties to mediate, and (2) common adjustments to the divorce mediation process made to enhance safety in cases with domestic abuse.

METHODS

STUDY DESIGN

Data collection involved a collaboration with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) in the administration and analysis of this survey. Court programs providing divorce mediation and/or custody evaluations in 1993 were targeted. The questionnaire was mailed in late 1993 to 200 institutional members of the AFCC and active providers of family and divorce services in the National Center for State Courts database. A total of 149 public-sector divorce mediation and custody/visitation counseling providers responded with information on their official policies and procedures for identifying domestic violence among the population served, and divorce mediation practices and policies in cases with allegations of spousal violence.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Data were collected from a survey mailed to administrators of court-based programs for divorcing families.

SAMPLE

Recipients of the questionnaire included institutional members of the AFCC, an interdisciplinary professional organization primarily comprised of those who work in public sector programs for the divorcing population. The AFCC mailing was supplemented with a list of active providers of family and divorce services from a database maintained by the National Center for State Courts. Information on divorce mediation practices was supplied by respondents who represented 136 programs offering mediation services in courts located in 31 states. Information on custody evaluation practices was supplied by respondents from 103 programs, 90 of which provide both mediation and custody evaluations. However, approximately 20 percent of the respondents (N = 29) were from California. The only other states with a significant number of multiple respondents were: Michigan (N = 10), Virginia (N = 8), and Florida and Kansas (N = 7 in each state).

RESPONSE RATES

A total of 149 questionnaires were returned, which comprised a response rate of 75 percent.

DATE(S) OF DATA COLLECTION

1993

SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

DESCRIPTION OF VARIABLES

Variables examining mediation include whether participation in divorce mediation is at the request of one or both parties, recommended by some or all judges, or mandated by court rule, practice, or state statute; how decisions are made to exclude cases from divorce mediation due to domestic violence; how decisions are made about special approaches to use in cases of domestic violence; the percentage of cases eliminated from divorce mediation due to concerns of domestic violence; procedures the program uses to determine if a referral is appropriate for divorce mediation; the number and type of questions asked of clients to screen for domestic abuse; who reviews the screening questionnaire and conducts the screening interview; opportunities either party had to obtain information or approach program staff about concerns regarding the appropriateness of divorce mediation; steps taken when the program determines that domestic violence has occurred; who has the authority to decide if divorce mediation will take place; types of follow-up questions asked of the victim and the abuser when domestic abuse is reported; issues not negotiable in divorce mediation when domestic abuse has been identified; and the type and number of hours of domestic abuse training received by the program's mediators. Custody/visitation evaluation variables include how custody/visitation evaluations are initiated; if and how the statute or local court rule makes special provisions for custody evaluation in cases involving domestic abuse; procedures the program uses to gather information about parents in custody/visitation evaluations; number and type of questions asked of clients to screen for domestic abuse; who reviews the screening questionnaire and conducts the screening interview; how often various techniques in conducting sessions are used by counselors when domestic abuse is reported; percentage of custody/visitation evaluations conducted as separate, individual sessions only, a mix of joint and separate sessions, or joint sessions only; and the type and number of hours of domestic abuse training received by the program's counselors. Variables providing general information include number of paid professional staff, number of custody/visitation mediations and custody/visitation evaluations completed in the previous year, population of the jurisdiction, the program's relationship to the court, types of orientation programs for parents provided by the court, if the community has any supervised visitation services, and the city and state in which the program is located.

PRESENCE OF COMMON SCALES

None.

UNIT OF OBSERVATION

Individual court program.

EXTENT OF PROCESSING

Missing data codes were standardized by the data producer. ICPSR performed checks for undocumented codes, converted hardcopy documentation to machine-readable form and reformatted it, produced a codebook, and generated SAS and SPSS data definition statements for this collection.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION

This data collection contains one data file, a user guide, codebook, and data collection instrument in one PDF file, and SAS and SPSS data definition statements.

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

(1) Consistency adjustments were not made by ICPSR. (2) The user guide, codebook, and data collection instrument are provided as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided through the ICPSR Website on the Internet.

FILE SPECIFICATIONS

PART NUMBER: 1
FILE STRUCTURE: rectangular
CASE COUNT: 149
VARIABLE COUNT: 161
RECORD LENGTH: 215
RECORDS PER CASE: 1

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Pearson, Jessica. "Divorce Mediation and Domestic Violence" (Final Report). Washington, DC: United States Department of Justice. National Institute of Justice, 1997.

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FINAL REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) was established in 1972 by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), of the U.S. Department of Justice, to provide research findings to criminal justice professionals and researchers. NCJRS operates specialized clearinghouses that are staffed by information specialists who supply a range of reference, referral, and distribution services. Final reports and other publications describing research conducted on a variety of criminal justice topics are available. Publications can be obtained from NCJRS at NIJ/NCJRS, Box 6000, Rockville, MD, 20850, 800-851-3420 or 301-251-5500. The URL for the NCJRS homepage is:

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DATA COMPLETENESS REPORT

This report corresponds to the data file: DA2561.P1

Table 1: Distribution of Variables by Percentage of Missing Values*

Variable Name and Label (Total cases=149)	Percent of Cases with Missing Values		
	MD-Skip	MD-Total	

1.2% (2 of 161 variables) have 0% Missing Values			
0.0% (0 of 161 variables) have > 0% - 1% Missing Values			
0.0% (0 of 161 variables) have > 1% - 3% Missing Values			
2.5% (4 of 161 variables) have > 3% - 5% Missing Values			
10.6% (17 of 161 variables) have > 5% - 10% Missing Values			
SUPERVIS	COMMUNITY HAVE SUPERVISD VISITATION SVC	0.0%	7.4%
POP	POPULATION OF JURISDICTION	0.0%	8.7%
UNMARRY	SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR UNMARRIED PARENTS	0.0%	8.7%
CITY	MAILING ADDRESS: CITY	0.0%	8.7%
STATE	MAILING ADDRESS: STATE	0.0%	8.7%
PARTIC1	PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-1	8.7%	9.4%
QUEST	EACH PARTY FILLS OUT A QUESTIONNAIRE	0.0%	9.4%
PHONE	SEPARATE TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS W/EACH	0.0%	9.4%
SEPFACE	SEPARATE FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS W/EACH	0.0%	9.4%
JTFACE	FACE-TO-FACE INTRVWS AT JOINT SESSION	0.0%	9.4%
INTAKE	INTAKE INTERVIEWS-BOTH PARTIES PRESENT	0.0%	9.4%
CTFILE	PGM STAFF REVIEW FAMILY COURT FILE	0.0%	9.4%
CRIMINAL	COMPUTER SEARCH FOR CRIM RECORDS/R.O.	0.0%	9.4%
VICADVOC	STAFF CONTACT LOCAL VTM ADVOCACY PGM	0.0%	9.4%
DA	STAFF CONTACT DISTRICT ATTY'S OFFICE	0.0%	9.4%
RAGEMAN	STAFF CONTACT BATTERER TX/ANGER MGMT PGM	0.0%	9.4%
NOSCREEN	PGM NOT SCREEN CASES BEFORE MEDIATION	0.0%	9.4%
6.2% (10 of 161 variables) have > 10% - 20% Missing Values			
EXCLUDE1	DECISIONS MADE TO EXCLUDE CASES-1	8.7%	10.1%
MEDTRHRS	# HRS DOMESTIC ABUSE TRAINING-MEDIATORS	0.0%	10.1%
APROACH1	SPECIAL APPROACHES-DOM VIOL CASES-1	8.7%	10.7%
MEDTRAIN	MEDIATORS REC SPECIFC DOM ABUSE TRAINING	0.0%	10.7%
ELIMIN	CASES ELIMINATED DUE TO CONCERNS OF DV	0.0%	11.4%
FOLLOW	FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ASKED OF VICTIM	0.0%	15.4%
NONNEG	ISSUES NOT NEGOT IN MEDIATION WHEN DV ID	0.0%	15.4%
ORIENALL	ALL DIVORCING PARENTS W/MINOR CHILDREN	0.0%	15.4%
AUTHOR1	AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-1	0.0%	16.1%
DVFOLLOW	FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ASKED OF ABUSER	0.0%	16.8%
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Table 1 (continued)

Variable Name and Label	Percent of Cases with Missing Values	
	MD-Skip	MD-Total
44.7% (72 of 161 variables) have > 20% - 40% Missing Values		
BACKCT INELIG PARTIES REFERRED BACK TO CRT SYS	0.0%	21.5%
ORIENMED ALL CASES SET FOR MEDIATION	0.0%	21.5%
MORESCR ADD'L SCREEN-DECIDE MEDIATN APPROPRIATE	0.0%	23.5%
ORIENDIS ALL DIVORCING PARENTS W/DISPUTES	0.0%	24.8%
STOP VTM OFFERED CHOICE-WITHDRAW/PARTICIPATE	0.0%	25.5%
CAUCUS MEDIATORS DO PRIV CAUCUSES DUR JNT SESSN	0.0%	26.8%
EVALST1 HOW CUSTODY/VISITATION EVALS INITIATED-1	26.8%	27.5%
SUPPORT OFFER OPTION-SUPPORT PRESENT DUR MEDIATN	0.0%	28.2%
ORIENPRO ALL PRO SE PARENTS	0.0%	28.2%
PVTSESS MEDIATION USE SEPARATE, PRIVATE SESSION	0.0%	28.9%
QUEST2 C/V:FILLS OUT Q BEFORE JOINT SESSIONS	28.9%	28.9%
QUESTAF2 C/V:FILLS OUT Q AFTER INITIAL SESSION	28.9%	28.9%
PHONE2 C/V:SEPARATE PHONE INTRVW BEF JNT SESSN	28.9%	28.9%
ONLYSEP2 C/V:SEPARATE SESSION ONLY DUR C/V EVALS	28.9%	28.9%
ONLYJT2 C/V:PRIV F-TO-F INTERVWS BEF JNT SESSION	28.9%	28.9%
JTFACE2 C/V:PRIV F-TO-F INTERVWS AT JNT SESSION	28.9%	28.9%
JTIN2 C/V:JOINT INTAKE SESSION BEF A SESSION	28.9%	28.9%
CTFILE2 C/V:PGM STAFF REVIEW COURT FILE	28.9%	28.9%
CRIMIN2 C/V:COMPUTER SEARCH FOR CRIMINAL INFO	28.9%	28.9%
VICADV2 C/V:PGM STAFF CONTACT VTM ADVOCACY PGM	28.9%	28.9%
DA2 C/V:PGM STAFF CONTACT DA OFFICE	28.9%	28.9%
RAGE2 C/V:BATTERER TX/ANGER MGMT PGM CONTACTED	28.9%	28.9%
SHUTTLE MEDIATORS CONDUCT SHUTTLE MEDIATION	0.0%	29.5%
QSAFE QUES - VTM'S PERCEPTION OF SAFETY	0.0%	29.5%
CTRULE SPEC PROVISION-CUSTODY EVALS FOR DV CASE	27.5%	29.5%
NQUES2 C/V:NMBR QUESTIONS SCREEN FOR DOM ABUSE	30.2%	30.2%
MEDJT MEDIATION USING ONLY JOINT SESSIONS	0.0%	30.9%
PHONEMED MEDIATION IS DONE BY TELEPHONE	0.0%	30.9%
QFUTURE QUES - VTM'S FEAR OF FUTURE ABUSE	0.0%	30.9%
QCOERCE QUES - V FEAR BEING COERCD INTO AGREEMNT	0.0%	30.9%
SEPSESS W/O CHILDREN-SEPARATE, INDIV SESSIONS	30.9%	30.9%
MIXSESS W/O CHILDREN-MIX JNT/SEPARATE SESSIONS	30.9%	30.9%
JTSESS W/O CHILDREN-JOINT SESSIONS ONLY	30.9%	30.9%
EVALTRHR # HRS DOMESTIC ABUSE TRAINING-COUNSELOR	30.9%	30.9%
QSTAND QUES - VTM ABILITY STAND UP TO ABUSER	0.0%	31.5%
QSUPSER QUES - VTM RETAINED SUPPORT SERVICES	0.0%	31.5%
ASUSUAL MEDIATION IS CONDUCTED AS USUAL	0.0%	32.2%
QKIDS QUES - VTM'S FEAR OF HARM TO CHILDREN	0.0%	32.2%
EVALTRN COUNSELORS REC SPEC DOM ABUSE TRAINING	30.9%	32.2%
PARTIC2 PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-2	8.7%	32.9%
CDPROB2 C/V:QUES-CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROBLEMS	30.2%	33.6%
POLICE2 C/V:QUES-PREV ARRESTS/POLICE INVOLVEMENT	30.2%	33.6%
CONFLIC2 C/V:QUES-MAKE DECISIONS/HANDLE CONFLICT	30.2%	33.6%

Table 1 (continued)

Variable Name and Label		Percent of Cases with Missing Values	
		MD-Skip	MD-Total
DV2	C/V:QUES-IF DOMESTIC ABUSE EXISTS	30.2%	33.6%
DISAGRE2	C/V:QUES-CAN DISAGREE W/OTHER W/O FEAR	30.2%	33.6%
CHAB2	C/V:QUES-CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT	30.2%	33.6%
GENQUES2	C/V:QUES-GENERAL CONCERNS	30.2%	33.6%
SAFE2	C/V:QUES-EACH FEEL SAFE IN JOINT SESSION	30.2%	33.6%
BEHAVE2	C/V:QUES-ID SPEC BEH ASSOC SPOUSE ABUSE	30.2%	33.6%
RESTRAI2	C/V:EXISTENCE OF R.O./NO CONTACT ORDER	30.2%	33.6%
QADR	QUES - VTM UNDERSTAND ADR PROCESSES	0.0%	34.2%
COMED	CO-MEDIATION IS USED	0.0%	34.9%
REVQUES4	C/V:REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES-1	30.2%	35.6%
DOSCR4	C/V:WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-1	30.2%	36.2%
PVTSESS2	EVAL CONDUCTED W/SEPARATE SESSIONS ONLY	30.2%	36.9%
NQUES	# SCREENING QUESTIONS TO SCREEN FOR DV	0.0%	37.6%
REVQUES1	WHO REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE-1	37.6%	38.3%
DOSCR1	WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-1	0.0%	38.3%
QNEEDSUP	QUES - ABUSER RETAINED SUPPORT SERVICES	0.0%	38.3%
QADMIT	QUES - ABUSER ACKNOWLEDGE ABUSE	0.0%	38.9%
QNONE	QUES - COMMITMENT TO NO FUTURE ABUSE	0.0%	38.9%
GENQUEST	ASK ABOUT GENERAL CONCERNS	38.3%	39.6%
CDPROB	ASK ABOUT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROBLEMS	38.3%	39.6%
POLICE	ASK-PREVIOUS ARRESTS/POLICE INVOLVEMENT	38.3%	39.6%
CONFLICT	ASK-HOW MAKE DECISIONS/HANDLE CONFLICT	38.3%	39.6%
DV	ASK IF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXISTS	38.3%	39.6%
DRUGTRT	ASK-PREVIOUS TX FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	38.3%	39.6%
DISAGREE	ASK-EACH CAN DISAGREE W/OTH W/O FEAR	38.3%	39.6%
CHILDAB	ASK ABOUT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT	38.3%	39.6%
SAFE	ASK-EACH FEEL SAFE IN JOINT MEDIATION	38.3%	39.6%
BEHAVE	ID SPEC BEHAVIOR ASSOC W/SPOUSE ABUSE	38.3%	39.6%
RESTRAIN	ASK-EXISTENCE OF R.O./NO CONTACT ORDER	38.3%	39.6%

34.8% (56 of 161 variables) have > 40% - 100% Missing Values

QRESP	QUES - ABUSER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY	0.0%	40.3%
CHOICE2	PERSON REPORTED ABUSE OFFERED CHOICE	30.2%	45.6%
ASUSUAL2	EVALUATION IS CONDUCTED AS USUAL	30.2%	45.6%
SUPPORT2	PARTIES-OPTION TO HAVE SUPPORT PERSON	30.2%	47.7%
QINDIV	QUES-ABUSER NOT ROUTINELY ASKD SPEC QUES	0.0%	49.7%
QNONE	QUES - VTM NOT ROUTINELY ASKED SPEC QUES	0.0%	51.0%
APROACH2	SPECIAL APPROACHES-DOM VIOL CASES-2	8.7%	52.3%
EXCLUDE2	DECISIONS MADE TO EXCLUDE CASES-2	8.7%	57.0%
UNIT	DOM ABUSE TRAINING FOR MEDIATORS - UNIT	0.0%	60.4%
INFO1	OTH OPPORTUNITY-GET INFO/TELL CONCERN-1	0.0%	62.4%
AUTHOR2	AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-2	0.0%	63.8%
PARTIC3	PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-3	8.7%	65.1%
EVALST2	HOW CUSTODY/VISITATION EVALS INITIATED-2	26.8%	67.8%
TYPTRN1	TYPE OF DOM ABUSE TRAINING FOR MEDIATOR	0.0%	68.5%

Table 1 (continued)

Variable Name and Label	Percent of Cases with Missing Values	
	MD-Skip	MD-Total
OTHSCR3 C/V:OTHER PROCEDURES-1	28.9%	74.5%
TYPTRN3 TYPE DOM ABUSE TRAINING FOR COUNSELORS	30.9%	75.8%
APROACH3 SPECIAL APPROACHES-DOM VIOL CASES-3	8.7%	77.2%
OTHSCR1 OTHER SCREENING PROCEDURES-1	9.4%	77.2%
AUTHOR3 AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-3	0.0%	78.5%
WHATNON WHAT NOT NEGOT IN MEDIATION WHEN DV ID'D	0.0%	78.5%
AUTHOR6 AUTHORITY-OTHERS WHO DECIDE	0.0%	81.9%
PARTIC4 PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-4	8.7%	84.6%
REVQUES2 WHO REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE-2	37.6%	85.9%
DOSCR2 WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-2	0.0%	85.9%
REVQUES5 C/V:REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES-2	30.2%	85.9%
EVALST3 HOW CUSTODY/VISITATION EVALS INITIATED-3	27.5%	88.6%
OTHSCR4 C/V:OTHER PROCEDURES-2	28.9%	88.6%
RULE1 STATUTE/LOCAL COURT RULE - 1	27.5%	89.3%
INFO2 OTH OPPORTUNITY-GET INFO/TELL CONCERN-2	0.0%	90.6%
AUTHOR4 AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-4	0.0%	90.6%
APROACH4 SPECIAL APPROACHES-DOM VIOL CASES-4	8.7%	91.3%
WHATUNMA TYPE OF SPECIAL PROGRAM	0.0%	91.3%
PARTIC5 PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-5	8.7%	91.9%
EXCLUDE3 DECISIONS MADE TO EXCLUDE CASES-3	8.7%	91.9%
DOSCR5 C/V:WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-2	30.2%	91.9%
OTHST OTHER WAYS C/V EVALS INITIATED	27.5%	93.3%
CONCERN3 C/V:OTHER SCREENING QUESTIONS	30.2%	93.3%
ELSEREV2 C/V:OTHER REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONS	30.2%	93.3%
CONCERN1 OTHER TYPES OF QUESTIONS-1	38.3%	94.0%
REVQUES3 WHO REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE-3	37.6%	94.0%
WHOSCR2 C/V:OTHER CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW	30.2%	94.6%
OTHSCR2 OTHER SCREENING PROCEDURES-2	9.4%	95.3%
QADDTL QUES - OTHER QUESTIONS ASKED OF ABUSER	0.0%	95.3%
REVQUES6 C/V:REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES-3	30.2%	95.3%
OTHSTEP OTHER STEPS-DESCRIBE	0.0%	96.0%
AUTHOR5 AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-5	0.0%	96.0%
OTHSTEP2 OTHER STEPS-DESCRIBE	30.2%	96.0%
DOSCR3 WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-3	0.0%	96.6%
RULE2 STATUTE/LOCAL COURT RULE - 2	27.5%	96.6%
DOSCR6 C/V:WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-3	30.2%	97.3%
EXCLUDE4 DECISIONS MADE TO EXCLUDE CASES-4	8.7%	98.7%
WHOSCREN POSITION OF OTHER WHO CONDUCTS INTRVW	0.0%	98.7%
OTHQ QUES - OTHER QUESTIONS ASKED OF VICTIM	0.0%	98.7%
CONCERN2 OTHER TYPES OF QUESTIONS-2	38.3%	99.3%
ELSEREV POSITION OF OTHER WHO REVIEWS	0.0%	99.3%
INFO3 OTH OPPORTUNITY-GET INFO/TELL CONCERN-3	0.0%	99.3%

*Variables individually listed only if greater than 5% missing values.

For some variables, the not applicable cases are combined with the same code used for the general missing cases.

CODEBOOK FOR ICPSR 2561

DIVORCE MEDIATION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES, 1993

PLEASE NOTE: The "M" between the code and the code label indicates the code has been designated as a missing value.

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
ID	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	1	3	F3
MEDEVAL	SERVICES PROVIDED	4	4	F1
	1 Mediation, no custody/visitation evaluations			
	2 Custody/visitation evaluations, no mediation			
	3 Both mediation and custody/visitation evaluations			
	4 Neither mediation nor custody/visitation evaluations			
PARTIC1	PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-1	5	5	F1
	1 Request of one or both parties			
	2 Recommended by all judges			
	3 Recommended by some judges			
	4 Mandated by local court rule			
	5 Mandated by local court practice			
	6 Mandated by state statute			
	7 Other			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M Mediation not offered			
PARTIC2	PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-2	6	6	F1
	1 Request of one or both parties			
	2 Recommended by all judges			
	3 Recommended by some judges			
	4 Mandated by local court rule			
	5 Mandated by local court practice			
	6 Mandated by state statute			
	7 Other			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M Mediation not offered			
PARTIC3	PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-3	7	7	F1
	1 Request of one or both parties			
	2 Recommended by all judges			
	3 Recommended by some judges			
	4 Mandated by local court rule			
	5 Mandated by local court practice			

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PARTIC3 (cont.)				
	6 Mandated by state statute			
	7 Other			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M Mediation not offered			
PARTIC4	PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-4	8	8	F1
	1 Request of one or both parties			
	2 Recommended by all judges			
	3 Recommended by some judges			
	4 Mandated by local court rule			
	5 Mandated by local court practice			
	6 Mandated by state statute			
	7 Other			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M Mediation not offered			
PARTIC5	PARTICIPATION MEDIATION:YOUR PGM-5	9	9	F1
	1 Request of one or both parties			
	2 Recommended by all judges			
	3 Recommended by some judges			
	4 Mandated by local court rule			
	5 Mandated by local court practice			
	6 Mandated by state statute			
	7 Other			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M Mediation not offered			
EXCLUDE1	DECISIONS MADE TO EXCLUDE CASES-1	10	10	F1
	1 Exclusions set by legislation			
	2 Exclusions set by court rule			
	3 Decisions made by judges/commissioners			
	4 Individual mediators decide			
	5 No exclusions allowed			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
EXCLUDE2	DECISIONS MADE TO EXCLUDE CASES-2	11	11	F1
	1 Exclusions set by legislation			
	2 Exclusions set by court rule			
	3 Decisions made by judges/commissioners			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
EXCLUDE2 (cont.)				
	4 Individual mediators decide			
	5 No exclusions allowed			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
EXCLUDE3	DECISIONS MADE TO EXCLUDE CASES-3	12	12	F1
	1 Exclusions set by legislation			
	2 Exclusions set by court rule			
	3 Decisions made by judges/commissioners			
	4 Individual mediators decide			
	5 No exclusions allowed			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
EXCLUDE4	DECISIONS MADE TO EXCLUDE CASES-4	13	13	F1
	1 Exclusions set by legislation			
	2 Exclusions set by court rule			
	3 Decisions made by judges/commissioners			
	4 Individual mediators decide			
	5 No exclusions allowed			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
APROACH1	SPECIAL APPROACHES-DOM VIOL CASES-1	14	14	F1
	1 Special approaches set by legislation			
	2 Special approaches set by court rule			
	3 Decisions to use special approaches made by judge/commissioners			
	4 Special approaches set by program policy			
	5 Individual mediators decide			
	6 No special approaches are employed			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
APROACH2	SPECIAL APPROACHES-DOM VIOL CASES-2	15	15	F1
	1 Special approaches set by legislation			
	2 Special approaches set by court rule			
	3 Decisions to use special approaches made by judge/commissioners			
	4 Special approaches set by program policy			
	5 Individual mediators decide			
	6 No special approaches are employed			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
APROACH3	SPECIAL APPROACHES-DOM VIOL CASES-3	16	16	F1
	1 Special approaches set by legislation			
	2 Special approaches set by court rule			
	3 Decisions to use special approaches made by judge/commissioners			
	4 Special approaches set by program policy			
	5 Individual mediators decide			
	6 No special approaches are employed			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
APROACH4	SPECIAL APPROACHES-DOM VIOL CASES-4	17	17	F1
	1 Special approaches set by legislation			
	2 Special approaches set by court rule			
	3 Decisions to use special approaches made by judge/commissioners			
	4 Special approaches set by program policy			
	5 Individual mediators decide			
	6 No special approaches are employed			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
ELIMIN	CASES ELIMINATED DUE TO CONCERNS OF DV	18	18	F1
	0 M Missing			
	1 Less than 5%			
	2 Less than 15%			
	3 Less than 25%			
	4 Less then 50%			
	5 50% or more			
QUEST	EACH PARTY FILLS OUT A QUESTIONNAIRE	19	19	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
PHONE	SEPARATE TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS W/EACH	20	20	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
SEPFACE	SEPARATE FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS W/EACH	21	21	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
JTTFACE	FACE-TO-FACE INTRVWS AT JOINT SESSION	22	22	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
INTAKE	INTAKE INTERVIEWS-BOTH PARTIES PRESENT	23	23	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
CTFILE	PGM STAFF REVIEW FAMILY COURT FILE	24	24	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
CRIMINAL	COMPUTER SEARCH FOR CRIM RECORDS/R.O.	25	25	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
VICADVOC	STAFF CONTACT LOCAL VTM ADVOCACY PGM	26	26	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
DA	STAFF CONTACT DISTRICT ATTY'S OFFICE	27	27	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
RAGEMAN	STAFF CONTACT BATTERER TX/ANGER MGMT PGM	28	28	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
NOSCREEN	PGM NOT SCREEN CASES BEFORE MEDIATION	29	29	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA, no mediation			
OTHSCR1	OTHER SCREENING PROCEDURES-1	30	31	F2
	1 Judges/lawyer may give us information			
	2 Person who schedules asks if DV is an issue			
	3 Some basic assessment during orientation			
	4 Judges/masters screen before referring			
	5 Review restraining order/criminal filings			
	6 Check with police			
	7 DV treatment/service providers tell us			
	8 Joint session followed by separate sessions			
	9 Program personnel present at court proceedings			
	10 Parties may request separate sessions			
	0 M Missing			
	99 M NA			
OTHSCR2	OTHER SCREENING PROCEDURES-2	32	33	F2
	1 Judges/lawyer may give us information			
	2 Person who schedules asks if DV is an issue			
	3 Some basic assessment during orientation			
	4 Judges/masters screen before referring			
	5 Review restraining order/criminal filings			
	6 Check with police			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT

OTHSCR2 (cont.)				
	7 DV treatment/service providers tell us			
	8 Joint session followed by separate sessions			
	9 Program personnel present at court proceedings			
	10 Parties may request separate sessions			
	0 M Missing			
	99 M NA			
NQUES	# SCREENING QUESTIONS TO SCREEN FOR DV	34	35	F2
	0 None			
	88 Ask, DK number			
	-1 M Missing/no mediation			
	99 M NA (Q5A-E not checked)			
GENQUEST	ASK ABOUT GENERAL CONCERNS	36	36	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
CDPROB	ASK ABOUT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROBLEMS	37	37	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
POLICE	ASK-PREVIOUS ARRESTS/POLICE INVOLVEMENT	38	38	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
CONFLICT	ASK-HOW MAKE DECISIONS/HANDLE CONFLICT	39	39	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
DV	ASK IF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXISTS	40	40	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
DRUGTRT	ASK-PREVIOUS TX FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	41	41	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
DISAGREE	ASK-EACH CAN DISAGREE W/OTH W/O FEAR	42	42	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
CHILDAB	ASK ABOUT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT	43	43	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
SAFE	ASK-EACH FEEL SAFE IN JOINT MEDIATION	44	44	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
BEHAVE	ID SPEC BEHAVIOR ASSOC W/SPOUSE ABUSE	45	45	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
RESTRAIN	ASK-EXISTENCE OF R.O./NO CONTACT ORDER	46	46	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
CONCERN1	OTHER TYPES OF QUESTIONS-1	47	48	F2
	1 General mental health questions			
	2 Qs about other agency contacts			
	3 Medical questions			
	4 Drug and alcohol questions, see Q.1:37, 1:41			
	5 Qs about threats			
	6 Qs about contact between parties			
	7 Qs about concern for kids			
	8 Qs about belief in mediated agreement			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
CONCERN2	OTHER TYPES OF QUESTIONS-2	49	50	F2
	1 General mental health questions			
	2 Qs about other agency contacts			
	3 Medical questions			
	4 Drug and alcohol questions, see Q.1:37, 1:41			
	5 Qs about threats			
	6 Qs about contact between parties			
	7 Qs about concern for kids			
	8 Qs about belief in mediated agreement			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
REVQUES1	WHO REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE-1	51	51	F1
	1 We do not use a screening questionnaire			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Mediator			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
REVQUES2	WHO REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE-2	52	52	F1
	1 We do not use a screening questionnaire			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Mediator			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
REVQUES3	WHO REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE-3	53	53	F1
	1 We do not use a screening questionnaire			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Mediator			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA			
ELSEREV	POSITION OF OTHER WHO REVIEWS	54	55	F2
	1 Judge			
	0 M Missing			
DOSCR1	WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-1	56	56	F1
	1 We do not conduct screening interviews			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Mediator			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
DOSCR2	WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-2	57	57	F1
	1 We do not conduct screening interviews			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Mediator			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
DOSCR3	WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-3	58	58	F1
	1 We do not conduct screening interviews			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Mediator			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
WHOSCREN	POSITION OF OTHER WHO CONDUCTS INTRVW	59	60	F2
	1 Social worker			
	2 Judge			
	0 M Missing			
INFO1	OTH OPPORTUNITY-GET INFO/TELL CONCERN-1	61	62	F2
	1 During orientation session			
	2 Thru written material			
	3 Attorneys & parties contact program			
	4 Program sends advance letters requesting alerts to DV problems			
	5 Staff person attends court hearing			
	6 DV trt/service people call us			
	7 Available when filing TRD			
	0 M Missing			
INFO2	OTH OPPORTUNITY-GET INFO/TELL CONCERN-2	63	64	F2
	1 During orientation session			
	2 Thru written material			
	3 Attorneys & parties contact program			
	4 Program sends advance letters requesting alerts to DV problems			
	5 Staff person attends court hearing			
	6 DV trt/service people call us			
	7 Available when filing TRD			
	0 M Missing			
INFO3	OTH OPPORTUNITY-GET INFO/TELL CONCERN-3	65	66	F2
	1 During orientation session			
	2 Thru written material			
	3 Attorneys & parties contact program			
	4 Program sends advance letters requesting alerts to DV problems			
	5 Staff person attends court hearing			
	6 DV trt/service people call us			
	7 Available when filing TRD			
	0 M Missing			
BACKCT	INELIG PARTIES REFERRED BACK TO CRT SYS	67	67	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
STOP	VTM OFFERED CHOICE-WITHDRAW/PARTICIPATE	68	68	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
MORESCR	ADD'L SCREEN-DECIDE MEDIATN APPROPRIATE	69	69	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
SUPPORT	OFFER OPTION-SUPPORT PRESENT DUR MEDIATN	70	70	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
MEDJT	MEDIATION USING ONLY JOINT SESSIONS	71	71	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
COMED	CO-MEDIATION IS USED	72	72	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
CAUCUS	MEDIATORS DO PRIV CAUCUSES DUR JNT SESSN	73	73	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
PHONEMED	MEDIATION IS DONE BY TELEPHONE	74	74	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
SHUTTLE	MEDIATORS CONDUCT SHUTTLE MEDIATION	75	75	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
PVTSESS	MEDIATION USE SEPARATE, PRIVATE SESSIONS	76	76	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
ASUSUAL	MEDIATION IS CONDUCTED AS USUAL	77	77	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
OTHSTEP	OTHER STEPS-DESCRIBE	78	79	F2
	1 Parties ineligible if formal complaint/order exists			
	2 Offer escorts following session			
	3 Judge determines suitability of mediation			
	4 Offered at safer location			
	0 M Missing			
AUTHOR1	AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-1	80	80	F1
	1 Program director/administrator			
	2 Supervisor			
	3 Mediator			
	4 Alleged victim			
	5 Alleged abuser			
	6 Mediator, in consultation with supervisory personnel			
	7 Intake or other staff			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
AUTHOR2	AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-2	81	81	F1
	1 Program director/administrator			
	2 Supervisor			
	3 Mediator			
	4 Alleged victim			
	5 Alleged abuser			
	6 Mediator, in consultation with supervisory personnel			
	7 Intake or other staff			
	0 M Missing			
AUTHOR3	AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-3	82	82	F1
	1 Program director/administrator			
	2 Supervisor			
	3 Mediator			
	4 Alleged victim			
	5 Alleged abuser			
	6 Mediator, in consultation with supervisory personnel			
	7 Intake or other staff			
	0 M Missing			
AUTHOR4	AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-4	83	83	F1
	1 Program director/administrator			
	2 Supervisor			
	3 Mediator			
	4 Alleged victim			
	5 Alleged abuser			
	6 Mediator, in consultation with supervisory personnel			
	7 Intake or other staff			
	0 M Missing			
AUTHOR5	AUTHORITY TO DECIDE ON MEDIATION-5	84	84	F1
	1 Program director/administrator			
	2 Supervisor			
	3 Mediator			
	4 Alleged victim			
	5 Alleged abuser			
	6 Mediator, in consultation with supervisory personnel			
	7 Intake or other staff			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
AUTHOR6	AUTHORITY-OTHERS WHO DECIDE	85	85	F1
	1 Judges, masters, commissioners			
	2 No one really screens, all must try			
	3 Parties			
	0 M Missing			
FOLLOW	FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ASKED OF VICTIM	86	86	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
QSAFE	QUES - VTM'S PERCEPTION OF SAFETY	87	87	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QSTAND	QUES - VTM ABILITY STAND UP TO ABUSER	88	88	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QADR	QUES - VTM UNDERSTAND ADR PROCESSES	89	89	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QFUTURE	QUES - VTM'S FEAR OF FUTURE ABUSE	90	90	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
QKIDS	QUES - VTM'S FEAR OF HARM TO CHILDREN	91	91	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QCOERCE	QUES - V FEAR BEING COERCD INTO AGREEMNT	92	92	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QSUPSER	QUES - VTM RETAINED SUPPORT SERVICES	93	93	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QNONE	QUES - VTM NOT ROUTINELY ASKED SPEC QUES	94	94	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
OTHQ	QUES - OTHER QUESTIONS ASKED OF VICTIM	95	95	F1
	1 Qs about threats			
	0 M Missing			
DVFOLLOW	FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ASKED OF ABUSER	96	96	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
QADMIT	QUES - ABUSER ACKNOWLEDGE ABUSE	97	97	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
QRESP	QUES - ABUSER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY	98	98	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QNOMORE	QUES - COMMITMENT TO NO FUTURE ABUSE	99	99	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QNEEDSUP	QUES - ABUSER RETAINED SUPPORT SERVICES	100	100	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QINDIV	QUES-ABUSER NOT ROUTINELY ASKD SPEC QUES	101	101	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
QADDTL	QUES - OTHER QUESTIONS ASKED OF ABUSER	102	103	F2
	0 M Missing			
	1 Ask for each person's side of the situation			
	2 Ask abusers attorney to help control			
	3 Qs about whether children witnessed or were involved with violence			
NONNEG	ISSUES NOT NEGOT IN MEDIATION WHEN DV ID	104	104	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
WHATNON	WHAT NOT NEGOT IN MEDIATION WHEN DV ID'D	105	106	F2
	1 Restraining order conditions			
	2 Contact between abuser/abused			
	3 Money-property			
	4 No issues are negotiable with Domestic Violence			
	5 Violence itself			
	6 Custody			
	7 Counseling			
	8 Safety/risky situations re: Kids			
	9 Contact between parties re: visit exchanges			
	10 Safety concerns re: victim			
	0 M Missing			
MEDTRAIN	MEDIATORS REC SPECIFC DOM ABUSE TRAINING	107	107	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
TYPTRN1	TYPE OF DOM ABUSE TRAINING FOR MEDIATORS	108	109	F2
	1 In house			
	2 State level conferences			
	3 DV community provides			
	4 General national conferences			
	5 University trains			
	0 M Missing			
MEDTRHRS	# HRS DOMESTIC ABUSE TRAINING-MEDIATORS	110	111	F2
	88 No specific amount			
	-1 M NA, no training or no mediation			
UNIT	DOM ABUSE TRAINING FOR MEDIATORS - UNIT	112	112	F1
	1 Annual			
	2 Total not specified			
	0 M Missing			
EVALST1	HOW CUSTODY/VISITATION EVALS INITIATED-1	113	113	F1
	1 Conducted at request of the parties/attorneys			
	2 Ordered by court in all unresolved custody/visitation disputes			
	3 Ordered at discretion of the court			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
EVALST2	HOW CUSTODY/VISITATION EVALS INITIATED-2	114	114	F1
	1 Conducted at request of the parties/attorneys			
	2 Ordered by court in all unresolved custody/visitation disputes			
	3 Ordered at discretion of the court			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
EVALST3	HOW CUSTODY/VISITATION EVALS INITIATED-3	115	115	F1
	1 Conducted at request of the parties/attorneys			
	2 Ordered by court in all unresolved custody/visitation disputes			
	3 Ordered at discretion of the court			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
OTHST	OTHER WAYS C/V EVALS INITIATED	116	117	F2
	1 Recommended by mediators			
	2 Interstate compacts			
	3 Private practice			
	4 History of abuse			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
CTRULE	SPEC PROVISION-CUSTODY EVALS FOR DV CASE	118	118	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
RULE1	STATUTE/LOCAL COURT RULE - 1	119	120	F2
	1 Refer to evaluator w/special skills			
	2 Separate appointments			
	3 Support person			
	4 DV is an issue in determining child's best interests			
	5 Mediation is waived, goes directly to eval			
	6 Appoint managing conservator			
	7 Joint custody is not presumed with Domestic Violence			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
RULE2	STATUTE/LOCAL COURT RULE - 2	121	122	F2
	1 Refer to evaluator w/special skills			
	2 Separate appointments			
	3 Support person			
	4 DV is an issue in determining child's best interests			
	5 Mediation is waived, goes directly to eval			
	6 Appoint managing conservator			
	7 Joint custody is not presumed with Domestic Violence			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
QUEST2	C/V:FILLS OUT Q BEFORE JOINT SESSIONS	123	123	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
QUESTAF2	C/V:FILLS OUT Q AFTER INITIAL SESSION	124	124	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
PHONE2	C/V:SEPARATE PHONE INTRVW BEF JNT SESSN	125	125	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
ONLYSEP2	C/V:SEPARATE SESSION ONLY DUR C/V EVALS	126	126	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
ONLYJT2	C/V:PRIV F-TO-F INTERVWS BEF JNT SESSION	127	127	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
JTFACE2	C/V:PRIV F-TO-F INTERVWS AT JNT SESSION	128	128	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
JTIN2	C/V:JOINT INTAKE SESSION BEF A SESSION	129	129	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
CTFILE2	C/V:PGM STAFF REVIEW COURT FILE	130	130	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
CRIMIN2	C/V:COMPUTER SEARCH FOR CRIMINAL INFO	131	131	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
VICADV2	C/V:PGM STAFF CONTACT VTM ADVOCACY PGM	132	132	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
DA2	C/V:PGM STAFF CONTACT DA OFFICE	133	133	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
RAGE2	C/V:BATTERER TX/ANGER MGMT PGM CONTACTED	134	134	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	9 M NA-no evals			
OTHSCR3	C/V:OTHER PROCEDURES-1	135	136	F2
	1 Contact CPS			
	2 Quest prior to or during 1st session			
	3 Contact medical people/providers			
	4 Contact therapists			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT

OTHSCR3	(cont.)			
	5 Each independent contactor has own procedures			
	6 Review chem dep assess			
	7 Contact agencies parent report using			
	8 Contact school/daycare			
	9 Individual sessions following conjoint sessions			
	10 Separate interviews			
	11 Interview children			
	12 Home visits			
	13 Contact family and friends			
	14 Contact police			
	0 M Missing			
	99 M NA-no evals			
OTHSCR4	C/V:OTHER PROCEDURES-2	137	138	F2
	1 Contact CPS			
	2 Quest prior to or during 1st session			
	3 Contact medical people/providers			
	4 Contact therapists			
	5 Each independent contactor has own procedures			
	6 Review chem dep assess			
	7 Contact agencies parent report using			
	8 Contact school/daycare			
	9 Individual sessions following conjoint sessions			
	10 Separate interviews			
	11 Interview children			
	12 Home visits			
	13 Contact family and friends			
	14 Contact police			
	0 M Missing			
	99 M NA-no evals			
NQUES2	C/V:NMBR QUESTIONS SCREEN FOR DOM ABUSE	139	140	F2
	0 None			
	88 Open, no set number			
	-1 M NA-no evals			
CDPROB2	C/V:QUES-CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROBLEMS	141	141	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
POLICE2	C/V:QUES-PREV ARRESTS/POLICE INVOLVEMENT	142	142	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
CONFLIC2	C/V:QUES-MAKE DECISIONS/HANDLE CONFLICT	143	143	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
DV2	C/V:QUES-IF DOMESTIC ABUSE EXISTS	144	144	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
DISAGRE2	C/V:QUES-CAN DISAGREE W/OTHER W/O FEAR	145	145	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
CHAB2	C/V:QUES-CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT	146	146	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
GENQUES2	C/V:QUES-GENERAL CONCERNS	147	147	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
SAFE2	C/V:QUES-EACH FEEL SAFE IN JOINT SESSION	148	148	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
BEHAVE2	C/V:QUES-ID SPEC BEH ASSOC SPOUSE ABUSE	149	149	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
RESTRAI2	C/V:EXISTENCE OF R.O./NO CONTACT ORDER	150	150	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
CONCERN3	C/V:OTHER SCREENING QUESTIONS	151	152	F2
	1 General mental health screen			
	2 Inquiries about other agency contacts			
	3 Medical questions			
	4 Ask for both sides			
	5 Questions about parenting issues			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
REVQUES4	C/V:REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES-1	153	153	F1
	1 We do not use screening questionnaires			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Counselor			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
REVQUES5	C/V:REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES-2	154	154	F1
	1 We do not use screening questionnaires			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Counselor			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
REVQUES6	C/V:REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES-3	155	155	F1
	1 We do not use screening questionnaires			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Counselor			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
ELSEREV2	C/V:OTHER REVIEWS SCREENING QUESTIONS	156	156	F1
	1 Court services officer			
	2 Investigator			
	3 Psychiatrist			
	4 Social worker			
	5 Evaluator			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
DOSCR4	C/V:WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-1	157	157	F1
	1 We do not conduct screening interviews			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Counselor			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
DOSCR5	C/V:WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-2	158	158	F1
	1 We do not conduct screening interviews			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Counselor			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
DOSCR6	C/V:WHO CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW-3	159	159	F1
	1 We do not conduct screening interviews			
	2 Program director/administrator			
	3 Supervisor			
	4 Counselor			
	5 Intake worker			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
WHOSCR2	C/V:OTHER CONDUCTS SCREENING INTERVIEW	160	160	F1
	1 Investigator			
	2 Social Worker			
	3 Evaluator			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
PVTSESS2	EVAL CONDUCTED W/SEPARATE SESSIONS ONLY	161	161	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
CHOICE2	PERSON REPORTED ABUSE OFFERED CHOICE	162	162	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
ASUSUAL2	EVALUATION IS CONDUCTED AS USUAL	163	163	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
SUPPORT2	PARTIES-OPTION TO HAVE SUPPORT PERSON	164	164	F1
	1 Never			
	2 Sometimes			
	3 Always			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
OTHSTEP2	OTHER STEPS-DESCRIBE	165	166	F2
	1 Indep contractors follow own procedures			
	2 If abuse is ongoing, mediation is terminated			
	3 Option to have security, sheriff, present (other support)			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
SEPSSESS	W/O CHILDREN-SEPARATE, INDIV SESSIONS	167	168	F2
	0 Zero			
	99 99%			
	-1 M NA-no evals			
MIXSESS	W/O CHILDREN-MIX JNT/SEPARATE SESSIONS	169	170	F2
	0 Zero			
	99 99%			
	-1 M NA-no evals			
JTSESS	W/O CHILDREN-JOINT SESSIONS ONLY	171	172	F2
	0 Zero			
	99 99%			
	-1 M NA-no evals			
EVALTRN	COUNSELORS REC SPEC DOM ABUSE TRAINING	173	173	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			
TYPTRN3	TYPE DOM ABUSE TRAINING FOR COUNSELORS	174	175	F2
	1 In house			
	2 State level confs			
	3 DV community			
	4 University			
	0 M Missing			
	9 M NA-no evals			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
EVALTRHR	# HRS DOMESTIC ABUSE TRAINING-COUNSELORS	176	177	F2
	88 No specific			
	-1 M NA-no evals			
PDSTAFF	NUMBER OF PAID PROFESSIONAL STAFF	178	180	F3
	-1 M Missing			
NMEDS	NUMBER OF C/V MEDIATIONS IN 1992	181	184	F4
	-1 M Missing			
NEVALS	NUMBER OF C/V EVALUATIONS IN 1992	185	188	F4
	-1 M Missing			
POP	POPULATION OF JURISDICTION	189	189	F1
	1 Under 50,000			
	2 50,000-99,999			
	3 100,000-249,999			
	4 250,000-499,999			
	5 500,000 and above			
	0 M Missing			
AGENCY	PROGRAM'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE COURT	190	190	F1
	1 Court-connected			
	2 Independent agency receiving court referrals			
	3 Other			
	4 Other public agency receiving court referrals			
	5 Some pd court staff and indep contactors			
	0 M Missing			
ORIENALL	ALL DIVORCING PARENTS W/MINOR CHILDREN	191	191	F1
	1 Voluntarily			
	2 Mandatory			
	3 Not provided			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
ORIENPRO	ALL PRO SE PARENTS	192	192	F1
	1 Voluntarily			
	2 Mandatory			
	3 Not provided			
	0 M Missing			
ORIENDIS	ALL DIVORCING PARENTS W/DISPUTES	193	193	F1
	1 Voluntarily			
	2 Mandatory			
	3 Not provided			
	0 M Missing			
ORIENMED	ALL CASES SET FOR MEDIATION	194	194	F1
	1 Voluntarily			
	2 Mandatory			
	3 Not provided			
	0 M Missing			
SUPERVIS	COMMUNITY HAVE SUPERVISD VISITATION SVCS	195	195	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
UNMARRY	SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR UNMARRIED PARENTS	196	196	F1
	1 No			
	2 Yes			
	0 M Missing			
WHATUNMA	TYPE OF SPECIAL PROGRAM	197	198	F2
	1 Program to help them develop parenting plans			
	2 Pre-marital counseling			
	3 GAL services			
	4 Extension programs			
	5 Visitation program			
	0 M Missing			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
CITY	MAILING ADDRESS: CITY	199	213	A15
STATE	MAILING ADDRESS: STATE	214	215	A2

MEDIATION AND CUSTODY EVALUATION:

A Survey on Policies and Procedures

Before we begin, we would like to know about the services your program provides.

1. Which of the following services does your program provide for the court in custody and/or visitation disputes?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Mediation, but not custody/visitation evaluations -> Please begin with Page 1, Section A1 1:4

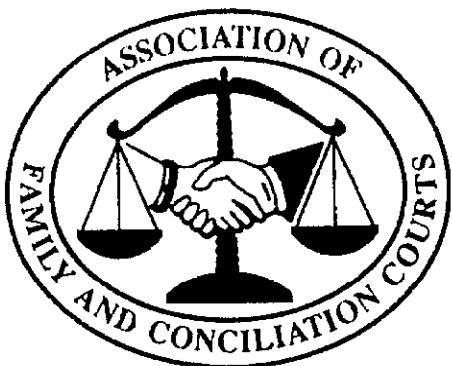
Custody/visitation evaluations, but not mediation -> Please skip to Page 9, Section B2 **MEDEVAL**

Both mediation and custody/visitation evaluations -> Please begin with Page 1, Section A3

Neither mediation nor custody/visitation evaluations -> Please stop and return the questionnaire4
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ID

1:1-3 ID (see right corner of last pg)



A. MEDIATION

In this section we would like to learn about the rules, statutes or guidelines under which your program operates, case handling procedures prior to mediation, and procedures when clients come to mediation.

When we refer to mediation, we mean a process in which a neutral third party assists disputants to define issues, develop options, consider alternatives and make decisions that will accommodate their needs and interests.

1. Is participation in mediation at your program:

CODE 5 1 digit each
(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- PARTIC1** By request of one or both parties1 1:5-9
- PARTIC2** Recommended by all judges2
- PARTIC3** Recommended by some, but not all, judges3 0=min
- PARTIC4** Mandated by local court rule4 BLANK = med not offered
- PARTIC5** Mandated by local court practice5
- Mandated by state statute6
- Other7

2. How are decisions made about whether to exclude cases from mediation due to domestic violence?

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- EXCLUDE1** Exclusions are set by legislation1 Code 4 1 digit
- EXCLUDE2** Exclusions are set by court rule2 1:10-13
- EXCLUDE3** Decisions are made by judges/commissioners3 0=min
- EXCLUDE4** Individual mediators make decisions4 BLANK = NA
- No exclusions are allowed5

3. Which of the following best describes how decisions are made about special approaches to be used in cases with domestic violence (e.g., individual sessions)?

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- APPROACH1** Special approaches are set by legislation1 Code 4
- APPROACH2** Special approaches are set by court rule2
- APPROACH3** Decisions to use special approaches are made by judges/commissioners3 1:14-17
- APPROACH4** Special approaches are set by program policy4 0=min
- Individual mediators make decisions5 BLANK = NA
- No special approaches are employed6

4. Which of the following do you think best describes the percentage of cases your program eliminated from mediation last year due to concerns about domestic violence?

(CIRCLE ONE)

ELIMIN

- Less than 5%1
- Less than 15%2
- Less than 25%3 1:18
- Less than 50%4
- 50% or more5

5. Programs attempt to determine whether a particular case is appropriate for mediation in a variety of ways. Which, if any, of the following procedures does your program routinely use to determine whether or not a referral is appropriate for mediation?

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1:19A. Each party fills out a questionnaire prior to attending a joint session ..1 **QUEST** Code each 1=NO 2=YES
- 1:20B. Program staff conduct separate telephone interviews with each party prior to a joint session2 **PHONE** 0=only BLANK= NA, NO med
- 1:21C. Program staff conduct private, face-to-face interviews with each party at separate times, prior to a joint session ..3 **SEP FACE**
- 1:22D. Program staff conduct private, face-to-face interviews with each party at a joint session while the other party is in the waiting area **OT FACE**
- 1:23E. Program staff conduct an intake interview with both parties present, prior to a mediation session5 **INTAKE**
- 1:24F. Program staff review the family court file6 **CT FILE**
- 1:25G. Program staff conduct a computer search for information such as restraining orders and criminal records7 **CRIMINAL**
- 1:26H. Program staff contact local victim advocacy program **VIC ADVOC** 8
- 1:27I. Program staff contact district attorney's office **DA**9
- 1:28J. Program staff contact batterer treatment or anger management program10 **RAGEMEN**
- 1:29K. Our program does not screen cases before beginning mediation **NO SCREEN**

Any other procedures? -> Please describe them below.

- 01 = judges/lawyer may give us information **OTH SCR 1**
- 02 = person who schedules asks if dv is an issue 1:30-31
- 03 = some basic assessment during orientation 1:32-33 **OTH SCR 2**
- 04 = judges/master's screen before referring
- 05 = Review restraining orders/criminal files

IF YOU SELECTED ONE OR MORE ITEMS MARKED A THROUGH E ON QUESTION 5, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE QUESTION BELOW.

IF YOU SELECTED ONLY ITEMS MARKED F THROUGH K, PLEASE SKIP TO PAGE 5, QUESTION 11.

6. How many questions on your questionnaire and/or on your interview protocol (not including follow-up questions) are designed to screen for domestic abuse?

1NQUES Number of screening questions 1:34-35

88 = ask # of questions
 0 = really none
 99 = NA (A-E on Q5 not checked)
 Blank - missing or no mediation

7. Programs use many different kinds of questions to screen clients for mediation. Below are some types of questions that might be asked. Please identify all types of question(s) that are routinely asked in your questionnaire and/or interview protocol.

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

Question(s) that:

- 1:36 ask about general concerns (e.g., Do you have any concerns about mediation?) **1** **GENQUEST**
- 1:37 ask about chemical dependency problems **2** **CDPROB**
- 1:38 ask about previous arrests or police involvement **3** **POLICE**
- 1:39 ask about how the parties make decisions and handle conflict between them **4** **CONFLICT**
- 1:40 ask if domestic abuse exists (e.g., Have there been any incidents of domestic abuse?) **5** **DV**
- 1:41 ask about previous treatment for drug or alcohol abuse **6** **DRUG/AL**
- 1:42 ask if each party feels he/she can disagree with the other party without fear of repercussion **7** **DISAGREE**
- 1:43 ask about child abuse or neglect **8** **CHILDAB**
- 1:44 ask if each party feels safe participating in joint mediation sessions **9** **SAFE**
- 1:45 identify specific behaviors often associated with spouse abuse (e.g., kicking, shoving, threats, etc.) **10** **BEHAVE**
- 1:46 ask about the existence of a restraining or no-contact order **11** **RESTRAIN**

Are there other types of questions? -> Please tell us.

- 01 = general mental health ques 1:47-48 **CONCERN 1**
- 02 = Q's about other agency contacts 1:49-50 **CONCERN 2**
- 03 = medical questions
- 04 =

8. Who reviews the screening questionnaire?

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- We do not use a screening questionnaire 1:51
- Program director/administrator 2 1:52
- Supervisor 3 1:53
- Mediator 4
- Intake worker 5
- Someone else? -> What is their position? 1:54-55 **else rev**

REVQUES 1
REVQUES 2
REVQUES 3

Code 3
 0 = miss
 Blank = NA

9. Who conducts the screening interview?

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- We do not conduct screening interviews 1:56
- Program director/administrator 2 1:57
- Supervisor 3 1:58
- Mediator 4
- Intake worker 5
- Someone else? -> What is their position? 1:59-60 **WHO SCREEN**

DOSCR 1
DOSCR 2
DOSCR 3

Code 3

10. Please describe any other opportunities for parties to either obtain information or approach program staff about concerns regarding the appropriateness of mediation:

- 01 = during orientation session 1:61-62 **INFO 1**
- 02 = thru written material
- 03 = thru parties contact prog 1:63-64 **INFO 2**
- 04 = prog sends advance letters requesting alerts to DV problems 1:65-66 **INFO 3**
- 05 = staff person attends court hearings
- 06 = DV trt/service people call us

11. Suppose that during either screening or mediation there is a report that domestic abuse has occurred. Which, if any, of the following steps are taken?

(CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE)

	Never	Sometimes	Always
Parties are not eligible for mediation services and are referred back to the court system.....	1	BACKCT 2	3 2:4
The alleged victim is offered the choice to withdraw or participate.....	1	STOP 2	3 2:5
Additional screening is conducted to determine if mediation is appropriate.....	1	MOYESCO 2	3 2:6
Parties are offered the option to have a support person (i.e., an advocate or attorney) present during mediation.....	1	SUPPORT 2	3 2:7
Mediation occurs using only joint sessions.....	1	MEDJG 2	3 2:8
Co-mediation is used.....	1	COMED 2	3 2:9
Mediators do private caucuses during joint sessions.....	1	CAUCUS 2	3 2:10
Mediation is done by telephone.....	1	PHONEMED 2	3 2:11
Mediators conduct shuttle mediation.....	1	SHUTTLE 2	3 2:12
Mediation is conducted using separate, private sessions.....	1	PTSCESS 2	3 2:13
Mediation is conducted as usual.....	1	ASUSUAL 2	3 2:14
Any other steps? -> Please describe.		OTHSTEP	2:15-16

12. Assuming that domestic abuse has been reported during screening or mediation, who has the authority to decide if mediation will take place?

(CIRCLE ONE)

AUTHOR1	Program director/administrator.....	1	
AUTHOR2	Supervisor.....	2	
AUTHOR3	Mediator.....	3	2:17
AUTHOR4	Alleged victim.....	4	2:18
AUTHOR5	Alleged abuser.....	5	2:19
	Mediator, in consultation with supervisory personnel.....	6	2:20
	Intake or other staff.....	7	2:21

code 5

Are there others who decide? -> Please identify them.

01 = judges, masters, commissioners 2:22

13. When domestic abuse is reported, are follow-up questions asked of the alleged victim?

(CIRCLE ONE) **Follow**

No -> please skip to question 14 1
 Yes -> please answer question 13a 2 2:23

13a. How often do mediators in your program use the follow-up questions below?

(CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE)

	Never	Sometimes	Always
Question(s) about the alleged victim's perception of safety.....	1	QSAFE 2	3 2:24
Question(s) about the alleged victim's ability to stand up to the abuser during mediation.....	1	QSTAND 2	3 2:25
Question(s) about the alleged victim's understanding of available alternative dispute resolution processes.....	1	QADR 2	3 2:26
Question(s) about the alleged victim's fear of future abuse.....	1	QFUTURE 2	3 2:27
Question(s) about the alleged victim's fear of harm or abduction of the children.....	1	QKIDS 2	3 2:28
Question(s) about the alleged victim's fear of being coerced or manipulated into an agreement.....	1	QCOERCE 2	3 2:29
Question(s) to determine if support (e.g., counseling, advocacy, legal) services have been retained.....	1	QSUPSER 2	3 2:30
No specific questions are routinely asked; follow-up questions are asked based on individual's statements.....	1	QNONE 2	3 2:31
Any other questions? -> What are they?		OTHQ	2:32

01 = Questions about threats

14. When domestic abuse is reported, are follow-up questions routinely asked of the alleged abuser?

(CIRCLE ONE) **DI FOLLOW**
 No -> please skip to question 151
 Yes -> please answer question 14a2 2:33

14a. How often do mediators in your program use the follow-up questions below?

(CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE)

Never Sometimes Always

Question(s) asking the alleged abuser to acknowledge the abuse... **QADMIT** 1 23 2:34

Question(s) asking the alleged abuser to take responsibility for the abuse... **QRESP** 1 23 2:35

Question(s) about the alleged abuser's commitment to no future abuse... **QNO MORE?** 1 23 2:36

Question(s) to determine if support services (e.g., counseling, legal advice) have been retained... **QNEED SUP** 1 23 2:37

No specific questions are routinely asked; follow-up questions are asked based on individual statements... **QINDIV** 1 23 2:38

Any other questions? -> What are they?

Q1 = Ask for each person's side of the situation 2:39-40
QADDIT1

15. Are there any issues which, by policy, are not negotiable in mediation when domestic abuse has been identified?

(CIRCLE ONE) **NONNEG**
 No1
 Yes -> please identify them below2 2:41

01 = Restraining order conditions 2:42-43
02 = contact between abuser/abused
WHAT NON

16. Do mediators in your program receive specific training on domestic abuse?

(CIRCLE ONE)
 No.....1 **MED TRAIN**
 Yes -> please describe below, (including number of hours).....2 2:44

01 = in house
02 = State level conferences 2:45-46
03 = dv community provides
04 = general national conferences
05 = university trains

MED TR HRS
 Number of hours of domestic abuse training 2:47-48
 Blank = NA, no training or no med.
 88 = no specific amount

01 = annual 2:49
02 = total not specified
UNIT

If your program provides custody evaluations, please answer the questions in the section beginning on the next page. If not, please skip to Section C on page 14.

B. CUSTODY/VISITATION EVALUATIONS

3:1-3 ID
BLANK if NO
EVALS

Note: The term "custody/visitation evaluation" is used here as a generic term for the process in which an independent person (referred to here generically as a "counselor") investigates and may subsequently provide information to the court regarding the family situation, parenting skills and behaviors, best interests of the children, etc., in order to assist the court in its decision in a custody or visitation dispute.

1. How are custody/visitation evaluations initiated?

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)
 EVALST1 EVALST2 EVALST3

- Conducted at the request of the parties/attorneys 2
- Ordered by the court in all unresolved custody/visitation disputes 2
- Ordered at the discretion of the court 3
- Are there other ways in which custody/visitation disputes are initiated? --> Please tell us:

Code 3
3:4
3:5
3:6

O1 = recommended by mediators OTHST 3:78
 O2 = Interstate compacts

2. Does your statute or local court rule make special provisions for custody evaluations in cases involving domestic abuse?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- No 1 3:9 CTRULE
- Yes -> please describe below 2

O1 = referred to evaluator w/ special skills 3:10-11 rule1
 O2 = separate appointments ..
 O3 = support person 3:12-13 rule2
 O4 = dv is an issue in determining child's best interests

3. Programs attempt to determine the nature of a particular case in a variety of ways. Which, if any, of the following procedures does your program routinely use to gather information about parents in custody/visitation evaluations.

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- A. Each party fills out a questionnaire prior to attending a joint session 13 14 QUEST2 1=NO 2=YES
- B. Each party fills out a questionnaire following their initial session 2 3:15 QUESTAFF
- C. Program staff conduct separate telephone interviews with each party prior to a joint session 3 3:16 PHONE2
- D. Program staff conduct separate sessions only during custody/visitation evaluations 4 3:17 ONLYSEP
- E. Program staff conduct private, face-to-face interviews with each party prior to a joint session 5 3:18 ONLYJT
- F. Program staff conduct private, face-to-face interviews with each party at a joint session while the other party is in the waiting area 6 3:19 JT.FACE2
- G. Program staff conduct a joint intake session, prior to a session 7 3:20 DTIN
- H. Program staff review the court file 8 3:21 CTFILE2
- I. Program staff conduct a computer search for information such as restraining orders and criminal records 9 3:22 CRIMIN2
- J. Program staff contact local victim advocacy program 10 3:23 VICADV2
- K. Program staff contact district attorney's office 11 3:24 DA2
- L. Program staff contact batterer treatment or anger management program 12 3:25 RAGE2
- M. Any other procedures? -> Please describe.
 O1 = contact CPS
 O2 = Quest prior to or during last session OTHSCR3 3:26-27
 O3 = contact medical people/providers
 O4 = contact therapists OTHSCR4 3:28-29
 O5 = ea indep contractor has own procedures
 O6 = review Chem dep assess
 O7 = contact agencies parent report using

IF YOU SELECTED ONE OR MORE ITEMS MARKED A THROUGH G ABOVE, PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE NEXT QUESTION.

IF YOU SELECTED ONLY ITEMS MARKED H THROUGH M, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 8, PAGE 12.

4. How many questions on your questionnaire and/or on your interview protocol (not including follow-up questions) are designed to screen for domestic abuse?

1 NQUES2

Number of screening questions. 3:30-31

Blank = NA, no eval
0 = none

88 = open, no set number

5. Programs use different kinds of questions to screen clients. Below are some of the types of questions that may be asked. Please identify all of the following types of question(s) that are routinely asked in your questionnaire and/or interview protocol.

Question(s) that:

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

ask about chemical dependency problems. **CDPROB2** 13:32 ^{1=NO} _{2=yes}

ask about previous arrests or police involvement. **POLICE2** 2 3:33

ask about how the parties make decisions and handle conflict between them. **CONFLICT3** 3:34

ask if domestic abuse exists (e.g., Have there been any incidents of domestic abuse?). **DV2** 4 3:35

ask if each party feels he/she can disagree with the other party without fear of repercussion. **DISAGRE2** 5 3:36

ask about child abuse or neglect. **CHAB2** 6 3:37

ask about general concerns (e.g., Do you have any concerns about the other parent?). **GENQUES2** 7 3:38

ask if each party feels safe participating in joint sessions. **SAFE2** 8 3:39

identify specific behaviors often associated with spouse abuse (e.g., kicking, shoving, threats, slapping, etc.). **BEHAVE2** 9 3:40

ask about the existence of a restraining or no-contact order. **RESTRA2** 10 3:41

Are there other types of screening questions? Please tell us what they are.

01 = general mental health screen

02 = inquiries about other agency contacts **CONCERN3** 3:42-43

03 = medical questions

04 = ask for both sides

6. Who reviews the screening questionnaire?

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY) Code 3

We do not use screening questionnaires 1 3:44 **REVQUES4**
 Program director/administrator 2 3:45 **REVQUES5**
 Supervisor 3 3:46 **REVQUES6**
 Counselor 4
 Intake worker 5

Other -> What is their position? **ELSCREEN2** 3:47

7. Who conducts the screening interview?

(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

We do not conduct screening interviews 1
 Program director/administrator 2 3:48 **DOSCR4**
 Supervisor 3 3:49 **DOSCR5**
 Counselor 4 3:50 **DOSCR6**
 Intake worker 5

Other -> What is their position? **WHOSCR2** 3:51

8. When domestic abuse is reported through screening or during the custody/visitation evaluation, how often are counselors likely to use the following techniques?

(CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE)

Never Sometimes Always

The evaluation is conducted with separate sessions only 1 **DVTSSES2** 2 3 3:52

The person reporting abuse is offered the choice of separate or joint sessions 1 **CHOICE2** 2 3 3:53

The evaluation is conducted as usual 1 **ASUSUAL2** 2 3 3:54

Parties are offered the option to have a support person (i.e., an advocate or attorney) present during the evaluation? **SUPPORT2** 3 3:55

Other steps? -> Please describe:

01 = indep contractors follow own procedure

OTHSTEP2 3:56-57

9. Different programs conduct custody/visitation evaluations in different ways. While counselors in most programs see children, many differ with respect to the way in which they interview parents. Some conduct only sessions where both parents are present; others do not see both parents at the same time. Some programs provide a mix.

Regarding sessions in which the counselors do not see the children, please provide your best estimate of the percentage of your custody/visitation evaluations that are conducted with:

Separate, individual sessions only:
SEPSSESS percent. 3:58-59

99-100=99%
Blank no evals
0=0

A mix of joint and separate sessions:
MIXSESS percent. 3:60-61

Joint sessions only:
JOSESS percent. 3:62-63

10. Do counselors in your program receive specific training on domestic abuse?

No.....**EVALTRN**.....1
Yes -> please describe below, (including number of hours).....2 3:64

01= in house
02= state level conf
03= dv community
04= university

TRYPTRN2 3:65-66

EVALTRHR Number of hours of domestic abuse training 3:67-68

88= no specific

C. GENERAL INFORMATION

This section asks about general program information such as staffing, population served, and caseload. Please use your best estimate to provide answers.

1. How many paid professional staff (mediators, counselors, supervisors, director) members work for your program:

PDSTAFF Paid professional staff 4:4-6

2. How many custody/visitation mediations were completed in 1992?

NMEDS Mediations completed in 1992 4:7-10

3. How many custody/visitation evaluations were completed in 1992?

NEVALS Evaluations completed in 1992 4:11-14

4. What is the population of your jurisdiction:

(CIRCLE ONE) **POP**
Under 50,0001
50,000 to 99,999.....2 4:15
100,000 to 249,999.....3
250,000 to 499,999.....4
500,000 and above.....5

5. What is your program's relationship to the court?

(CIRCLE ONE) **AGENCY**
Court-connected1 4:16
Independent agency receiving court referrals.....2
Other -> please describe below3

04= other public agency receiving court referrals
05= some pd court staff and indep contractors
06=

6 Does your court provide orientation programs for any of the following types of parents?

(CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE)

	Provided Voluntarily	Mandatory	Not Provided	
All divorcing parents with minor children.....	1	2	3	4:17 ORIENTALL
All pro se parents	1	2	3	4:18 ORIENTPRO
All divorcing parents with disputes	1	2	3	4:19 ORIENTDIS
All cases set for mediation	1	2	3	4:20 ORIENTMED

7. Does your community have any supervised visitation services

(CIRCLE ONE)

No1
 Yes2

4:21 **SUPERVIS**

8. Does your court offer any special programs or services for unmarried parents?

(CIRCLE ONE)

No1
 Yes -> please describe below2

4:22 **UNMARRY**

01: prog to help them develop parenting plans 4:23-24

WHATUNMA

Name of Person Completing Survey: _____

PROGRAM

Position or Title: _____ 5:1-50 program title

Your mailing address: _____ 6:1-50 Street address **Address**

_____ 7-1-50 city **CITY**

_____ 8: 1-2 State **STATE**

_____ 8: 4-13 zip **ZIP**

Telephone: () _____ phone 9:1-12

PHONENUM

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.