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1. Title

Evaluation of Uniting's Practice Framework Implementation

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3. Abstract Text:

a) Background

This paper presents the findings of a formative evaluation of Uniting's practice framework to support families experiencing domestic violence.

In 2012, we presented our work in developing this framework to the AIC in Melbourne. In the four years since, we have implemented this framework in our Brighter Futures and intensive family support programs across New South Wales. We have also worked with the Parenting Research Centre to develop and implement continuous quality improvement for the practice framework.

b) Methods:

In this paper, we discuss the evaluation findings concerning whether the practice framework reaching the intended target population, whether it is being implemented with fidelity to the model, and whether there is any evidence of achieving the immediate outcomes. We also discuss the findings of interviews with staff around the successes, challenges and other aspects of the lived experience of implementation.

c) Conclusions: We conclude with some general observations around implementation, and our plans for ongoing continuous quality improvement.