



Best or Promising Practices for Family Violence: Reference List

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This list of publications has been compiled to provide resources on best or promising practices for the topic of family violence and the following subtopics: domestic violence courts, coordinated community response, law enforcement response, orders of protection, elder abuse, domestic violence prevention, workplace domestic violence, and resources for judges. This list is not to be interpreted as an endorsement of any particular program or practice by NCSC, but rather as a resource for the readers to examine and determine its usefulness for their own purposes.

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Domestic and Family Violence: Highlighted Programs from the State Annual Reports. Washington, DC: Justice Research and Statistics Association, 1994. (KF 9322 D66)

McHardy, Lois W. **Family Violence: State-of-the-Art Court Programs.** Reno, NV: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 1992. (HQ 809.3 U54 N16 1992)

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[“Domestic Violence Courts: Policies and Procedures Manual.”](#) 26th Judicial District, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Domestic Violence Task Force (October 1997).

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Witwer, Martha B., and Cheryl A. Crawford. [A Coordinated Approach to Reducing Family Violence: Conference Highlights.](#) NIJ Research Report (October 1995).

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[“Best Practices—Law Enforcement Response to Family Violence.”](#) Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Family Violence Task Force.

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[Elder Justice Center](#). Administrative Office of the Courts, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Florida.

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Stiegel, Lori A. [Recommended Guidelines for State Courts Handling Cases Involving Elder Abuse](#). Washington, DC: ABA, State Justice Institute, 1995. (KF 8736 S86 1995)

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Domestic Violence Procedures Manual. Supreme Court of New Jersey and the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey (1998).

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