

# Supervision of Children



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## What is it?

### **Family specific**

Survivor parents/legal guardians may need additional support in assessing the needs of their children and with parenting needs during their stay in shelter.

## Why is it important?

### **Recognize different approaches**

Recognizing that there may be differences in parenting styles and cultural differences concerning family dynamics, domestic violence advocates can work with the parent to support the needs of their children.

## Is this required?

### **Yes**

At all times, but especially in a shelter setting, children are provided a safe and supervised environment.

## How do we make it happen?

### **Setting parents up for success**

Agency provides transparent guidance and language concerning supervision of children, with emphasis on non-violence policy at shelter. Parent survivors have voice and choice in how support can be provided concerning parenting within shelter. Survivor parents are validated about the challenges of parenting and healing their families in shelter/post-DV.