

**The Southeast Regional Training Center
of the
National Center for Children Exposed to Violence at Yale University**

History:

The National Center for Children Exposed to Violence (NCCEV) was established in 1999 at the Yale Child Study Center by the U. S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This occurred in response to the pioneering success of the Yale Child Study Center's Child Development-Community Policing program (CD-CP), a community policing model created in 1991 in partnership with the New Haven Department of Police Service. In 1996, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department began this collaborative initiative which makes possible the kind of intervention described above. The goals of the CD-CP program are to increase officer awareness and identification of children at risk and increase clinical assessment and service provision to youth in need. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg CD-CP is a replication of the parent program in New Haven, Connecticut, between the Yale Child Study Center and the New Haven Department of Police Service. The U. S. Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recognizes the program as a successful model for others to follow and has designated Yale as the National Center for Children Exposed to Violence.

Goals:

- To increase the awareness among police officers about the needs of children who have been exposed to violence, abuse, neglect, and other trauma.
- To ensure that traumatized children and families receive developmentally appropriate, timely interventions following exposure to violence and trauma.
- To establish closer working relationships between police officers, mental health clinicians, and child protective service workers.

Program Data (September 2005):

- Over 5,150 cases referred, with an average of 2 children per case. A total of 1,180 families were referred in 2004.
- Approximately 55% of the cases include at least one child 5 years old or younger.
- Over half of all referrals are a result of domestic violence.
- 592 officers trained, including 72 supervisors. 29 clinicians trained; 8 current clinical fellows.
- The CD-CP curriculum is established for credit through the police training academy.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg CD-CP representatives are on the faculty at the National Center for Children Exposed to Violence and provide consultation and technical assistance on program replication. Training has been provided to Pinellas County, Florida, Raleigh, North Carolina, and a delegation from nine South Carolina cities.
- Recipient of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Outstanding County Program Award 2002.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg CD-CP was designated as the Southeast Regional Training Center of the National Center for Children Exposed to Violence at Yale University March 2004.
- Recipient of an Honorable Mention for the Thomas M. Wernert Award for Innovations in Community Behavioral Healthcare June 2004.

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