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Addressing Polyvictimization in Family Justice Centers

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Learning Objectives:

The participant will be able to:

* Define polyvictimization, identify related events and symptoms associated with victim impact.
* Describe a screening process for polyvictimization and the approach used in the Family Safety Center-Tulsa.
* Analyze implications for clinical practice, and integration of the concept into adult and child programs (Examples: Camp Hope-Oklahoma, trauma-informed care)

Presentation Summary:

Polyvictimization describes the collective impact of multiple victimizations over a lifetime. Polyvictimization may include sexual harassment, gender bias, racial discrimination, domestic violence, child abuse, and a wide range of other traumas. Often the clinician and community address each violent episode as unique rather than recognizing the cumulative impact of violence on the victim’s response and ability to plan for the future. Findings from a three-year demonstration initiative that was funded by the U.S. Department of Justice - Office for Victims of Crime, will be presented. Discussion will include polyvictimization concepts, screening and assessment techniques, and implications for clinical practice.

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