

## **HASTINGS COUNTY [Belleville]**

Brief overview and history of Belleville's High risk Action Review Team [HART]

Terms of reference established at DVCAC

Who participates?

- DV Crown / VWAP / Police [DV Coordinator] / Probation
- CAS –where children involved
- PARS when requested by HART team
- Other agencies invited when there is written consent of the victim  
Appendix D- Hart Consent to Release Information Form

HART Coordinator

- VWAP coordinates the case review scheduling and sends out the list one week in advance via email and/or fax
- Scheduled bi-weekly
- Conference call method
- Crown chairs call

Risk Assessment and Referral Process

- DVSR
- High Risk Review Assessment form [based on the Maryland model]
- Other agencies use Appendix D- Hart Consent to Release Information Form
- Charges must be laid and still outstanding before the courts or have been recently completed by the court or the sentence is currently being served or the offender is about to be released from custody and the team receives information that indicates the risk remains high or has become high

HART CALL

Each member must be prepared to discuss:

- Why the case is high risk / police will have file available for review
- What action has been taken by their organization
- Concerns that the team should be aware of
- Recommendations regarding action for follow-up

FUNDS FOR SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

- HART team has a working agreement with an existing local committee to provide funds for safety enhancements to increase the physical security of the victims residence

## GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

The victim is given a checklist that includes

- Call police to schedule home audit [each police force has a contact Officer]
- Audit takes place and recommendations made [Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design]
- Create a safety plan [suggested to be connected to community VAW agency or referral to Supportlink]
- Get estimates and submit their requests for HART team to review at follow-up HART call