











My Path with services

1. Apply for Legal Aid
2. Found lawyer (no knowledge of DV)
3. Issues, Custody, access, property division, support. (at time of death full financial disclosure not provided)
4. Judge gave access three weeks right after charged
5. Office of the Children :Parenting assessment.- recognized that he should take course for power and control issues how affects children
6. Supervised access Centre exchange
7. Five months before death a family case conference and was told why did I still want the access centre. I advocated for it to stay for fear

1. Police (laid charges common assault then interception of private communication)
2. Victim Services-provided safety plan
3. Courts(reduced charges, against my request)
4. Victims Witness (called to make a victim impact statement, submitted it, but not read by Judge))
5. Probation & Parole (contacted but wrote I was bitter)
6. PARS program (kicked out for lying , being disruptive, and then allowed to take anger management mail ordered tapes

1. Sought medical care for injuries
2. Health kept in accurate notes, and did not follow for DV (minimal supports by physicians)

Legal: Family

Legal: Criminal

Health

Emergency Shelter Counselling & PARS program



1. Told shelter I was afraid and didn't want unsupervised access
2. Shelter runs victim and offender services (signed consent, he gave wrong number, kicked him out of group and told probation)

Program was insufficient, group counselling showing tape of violence. Jared had not witnessed and was only five

Counseling For Jared

Financial Supports

1. Just beginning to work part time at time of assault. Was stay full time up to this point at home mom
2. Went back to school
3. Began to work part time as EA
4. Unable to work because of PSTD

Child Protection

After Brief investigation, only focus on me keeping Jared safe, no interview of Andrew, closed case

After the breach of probation:

1. Police report identified risk and made referral
2. Interviewed Jared once
3. Interviewed me, my family
4. Interviewed Andrew, his family
5. Did not review probation, look into family court matters, review criminal charges
6. Sent me a letter stating that I could be guilty of emotional abuse

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Jared's Path

Custody: Best Interest of child
Nothing in place to ensure violence issues are addressed or assessed.
(case was not settled for 5 years)

Legal: Family

Police: 1. After father breached restraining order, rated high risk
2. Enter the home and found him murdered
3. Then found his wallet and ran his name and found out their was a peace bond for me and they rushed to my house

Legal: Criminal

Health



Counseling

Child Protection

After the breach of probation:

1. Police report identified risk and made referral
2. Interviewed him once
3. Closed case, because I was doing everything right to protect, but didn't ask what his father was doing to change.

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Interviewed at School

Paramedics
Coroner:
Autopsy

Jared's Path

Legal: Family



When walking through

- I didn't think that when I told systems about my concerns that I wouldn't be believed or would be treated with indifference (police, crown, CAS, probation etc)
- I didn't think that I would be criticized for being afraid of him and for my child
- I didn't think that people would see me as the problem and not him
- I didn't think that any system would give an abuser unsupervised access without the person getting help or proving he/she has changed
- I didn't know that family and criminal courts were different
- I didn't know about how to apply for Legal Aid and if you had a house they would place a \$5,000.00 lien on your house
- The list of Legal Aid lawyers I was given wasn't accurate

When Walking through

- I didn't know that the all systems didn't share information or work together (Criminal, family, CAS, Shelter, PARS etc)
- I didn't know that the family court system didn't get the criminal charge or conviction/sentence: was accused by his lawyer of having him falsely arrested and continuously stated that their were allegations even after conviction
- Family Court relied solely on whose lawyer can present the information-he made false claims that he had been the primary caregiver since birth.
- I didn't know that some lawyers and family courts don't understand family violence
- I didn't know how Child Welfare worked or responded to domestic Violence
- I didn't know that systems didn't have any training or use any Risk Assessments that helped identify for lethality
- I didn't know that after a woman leaves if she has custody the CAS wouldn't need to assist with concerns of safety with the non-custodial and abusive parent
- I didn't know that when I was given advise to "write everything done" that when I did they wouldn't listen

Last Words

Neutrality helps the oppressor never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor never the tormented.

Sometimes we must interfere. Elie

Wiesel(holocaust survivor)

“As long as we can continue to say in one sentence “he was an abusive spouse but a good father,’ we’re not going to change anything,” Dr. P. Jaffe



The Hardness: A poem by Jared age 6

There is a hardness in things we can't do,
But at least we have a heart in us that is special
That's what's important about us.....