

Family Court Practices Increase DV Homicides

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Initial DV Movement Saved Lives

Helped victims
escape their abusers

Improved court
practices- saved lives
of women and men


Backlash from Reforms Focused on Family Courts

Abusers developed tactics to regain control:

- Biased and unscientific alienation theories
- Promoting the cottage industry of GALs and Evaluators
- Using superior financial resources
- Shared parenting and high conflict narratives
- Aggressive litigation
- Promoting myths- like mothers frequently make false reports of abuse

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Family Court Failures Undermine DV Prevention

- Failure to update practices with research and experts
 - Misunderstanding the nature of DV cases
 - Allowing unscientific theories
 - Ignoring economic inequality
 - Tolerating gender bias
 - Retaliating against protective mothers
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Unbearable Pain from Custody Court Failures

Increase in DV Homicides linked to family courts

<u>Year</u>	<u>Women Murdered</u>	<u>Men Murdered</u>
1976	1600	1357
2005	1181	329
2021	1690	1078

Unbearable Pain from Custody Court Failures

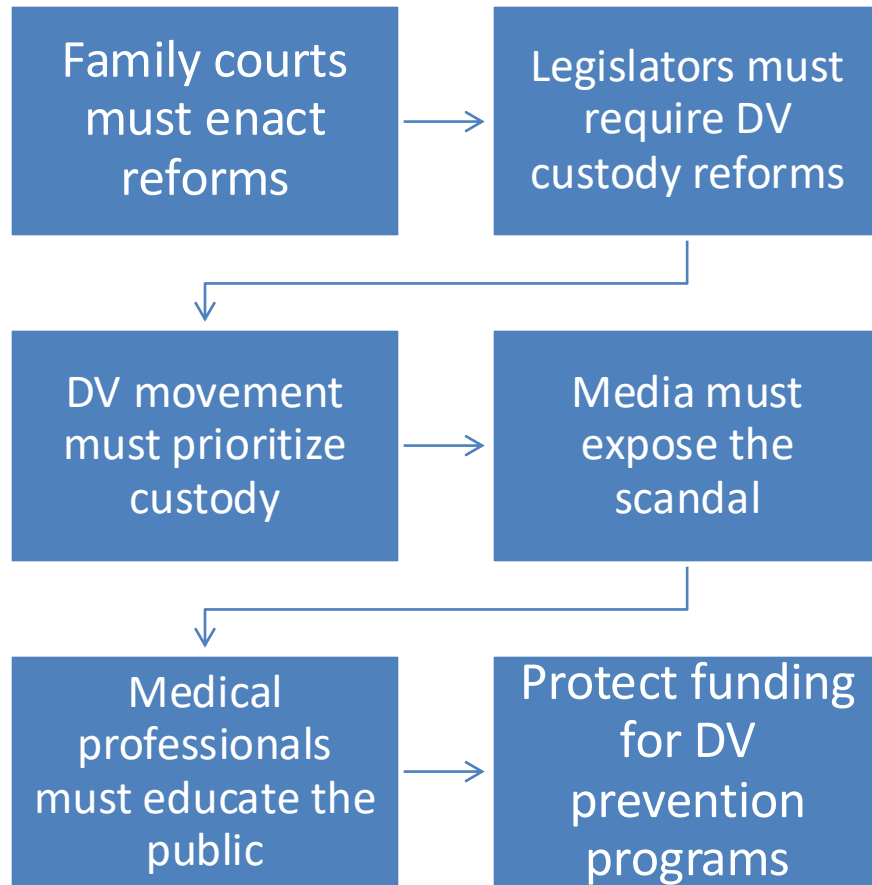
Dutchess County local study =
**No Trust in Family
Courts**

1000+ children
Murdered in custody
cases

58,000 children sent to
Dangerous Abusers
yearly

Severe Consequences:
illness, suicide, trauma, lost
potential

Time for Action



Questions?



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