The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages child and adolescent health care providers to be aware of and understand the importance of recognizing intimate partner violence (IPV) and its effects on child health and development. Early and repeated assessment for IPV in pediatric settings is recommended. Identifying IPV may be one of the most effective means of preventing child abuse.

**BARRIERS TO ADDRESS IPV IN PEDIATRIC SETTINGS**

- Documentation
- Policies and Procedures
- Physical Environment
- Screening and Safety Assessments
- Cultural Environment

**OBJECTIVES**

- To raise awareness among pediatric providers about IPV and its effects on children’s health and well-being
- To formalize the IPV screening and referral process at our institution
- To strengthen the collaboration with Lutheran Settlement House, as it continues to provide management and resources for families experiencing IPV

**METHODS**

- Delphi assessment was performed in our hospital’s emergency department (ED)
- IPV Task Force created and quality improvement project initiated to monitor progress, data gathering and analysis
- Multidisciplinary collaborative model was established to implement screening and referral process in the ED
- Partnerships with other clinical departments have been established for program expansion

**RESULTS**

**DOCUMENTATION**

- **Screening**
  - Ask Direct Questions on the Screening Card
  - Look for red flags

- **EDR Cap**
  - Allowing for referral
  - IPV specialist

- **EMR Documentation**
  - Allows for data gathering for future analysis

**REFERRAL**

- Contact IPV specialist
- Prevent no show and medical neglect
- Prevent child abuse
- Prevent violence against child

**PROGRESS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**SCREENING**

- **Contexting behavior and body language**
  - Nonverbal communication
  - Relational transition

- **Ask Direct Questions**
  - Look for red flags

**REDCap Documentation**

- **EMR Documentation**
  - Allows for data gathering for future analysis

**REFERENCE**


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