

# BALTIMORE CITY SAFE START INITIATIVE

**Expectation:** Training on impact of childhood exposure to violence and accessing Safe Start Intervention Services (SSIS) would lead to a high rate of referrals for CEV

**Finding:** 459 community providers trained in CEV during 2003-04: 80% of participants in 2003 and 87% in 2004 reported they **had not** made referrals to Safe Start Services

## **Significant learning:**

- Knowledge acquired from training did not transfer to practice in terms of the number of referrals from the community of child serving agencies that participated in the training
- The evaluation of training outcomes needs to include other measures of community protective behaviors and not the number of referrals as a primary measure of behavior change