

Spokane

Five Key Clinical Lessons

- Safety first- negotiating the conditions for safe engagement and action
- Defining the value of engagement- what Safe Start has to offer
 - Focus on the child
 - How to benefit the child
 - Brokering and continuing negotiation of relationship in support of change
- Challenging the substance abuse/chemical dependency
 - Commitment of victim to the continued intimate relationship
 - Contact with the assailant-division of roles
- Extending the referral base to influence key systems
 - CPS and DV Advocacy relationship development
- Addressing the broad effects of trauma- rarely a single event but rather a recurrent and varied set of events
 - Need to stabilize and reduce the unpredictability, isolation, and chaos as the condition for treatment and healing