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Elementary School Curriculum Project

Presented by
The Dallas Police Department
Family Violence Unit



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Scope of the Problem



National studies suggest:

- Family violence has a negative effect on all family members, especially children.
- A child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.
- Child abuse occurs in 30-60% of family violence cases that involve families with children.



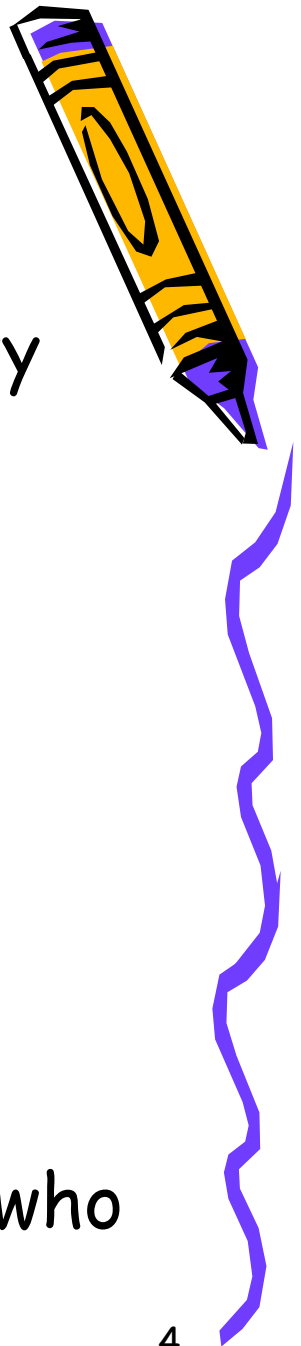
Scope of the Problem

- Between 3.3 million and 10 million children in the United States are exposed to domestic violence annually.
- Slightly more than half of female victims of intimate violence live in households with children under age 12.



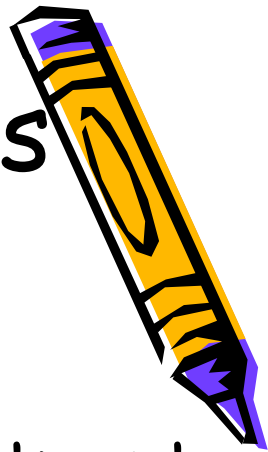
GOALS

- Provide information about personal safety within the family to children on the elementary level
- Teach safety skills
- Reduce injuries to children
- Disrupts the Cycle of Violence
(i.e. children growing to adulthood who become batterers)



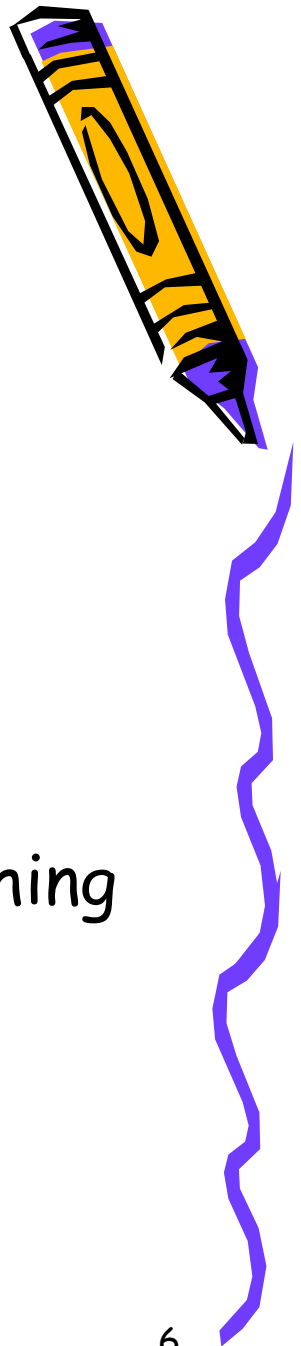
Dallas Family Violence Offenses with Children Present

- In 2005, the Dallas Police Department investigated 13,758 family violence offenses with 3,671 children present. Of the 3,671 children present, 3,424 were under the age of 13.
- In 2006, the Police Department investigated 14,857 family violence offenses with 3,908 children present. Of the 3,908 children present, 3,532 were under the age of 13.



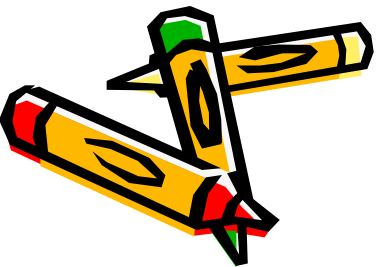
Curriculum Description

- Fourth Grade Elementary Students
- Uses easy to understand language
- Hands-on written exercises
- Patterned after the Law Enforcement Teaching Students (L.E.T.S.) Program
- Presented in about 45 minutes



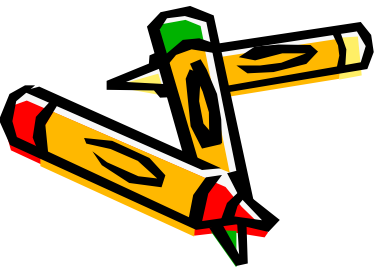
Program Dynamics

- Taught by current Dallas Police employees who are thoroughly trained on the presentation
- DISD personnel will monitor the classes and have counseling available for children and families



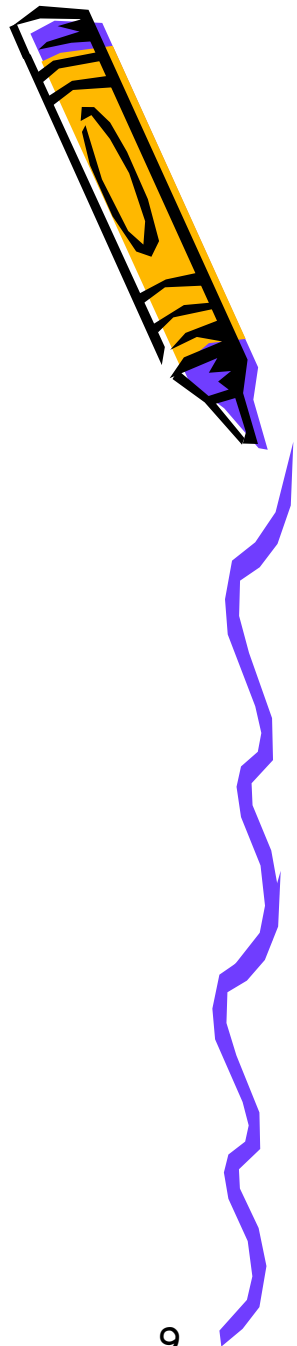
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- Evaluation periods at 3-6-9 month intervals. (Updates, changes, and modifications, will be made to program if needed.)
- Planned Implementation for school year 2007-08



Program Development

This program is a collaborative effort between the Dallas Police Department's Family Violence Unit and the Dallas Independent School District's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence



QUESTIONS?

