

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Jackson County Safe Family Coalition (SFC) – Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP)
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<b>TIMELINE:</b>	2008-2011
<b>CONTENT AREA:</b>	Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect, Family Violence, Co-occurrence, System Reform, Coordination
<b>FUNDER:</b>	Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
<b>CLIENT:</b>	Jackson County Safe Family Coalition
<b>AUDIENCE:</b>	Frontline Staff, Agency Staff, Board of Directors, Jackson County Safe Family Coalition Members, Law Enforcement and Command Staff, Special Victims Unit, Local Media Outlets
<b>METHODOLOGY:</b>	Coordination, Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis
<b>OVERVIEW:</b>	<p>The Jackson County Safe Family Coalition is a multi-disciplinary group of public and private agencies committed to changing the way member systems work with families experiencing the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse. Success is measured not only in the system change that occurs, but also in the collaborative processes developed.</p> <p>The Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) is a two-pronged intervention process that features a research-based lethality screening tool and an accompanying protocol referral that provides direction for officers to initiate appropriate action based on the results of the screening process. The process begins when an officer arrives at the scene of a domestic violence call. The officer will assess the situation. When the standards that indicate danger are met, the officer will ask the victim to answer a series of eleven questions from the “Lethality Screen for First Responders.” If the victim’s response to the questions indicates an increased risk for homicide, the officer initiates a protocol referral by privately telling the victim she/he is in danger and that in situations similar to the victim’s, people have been killed. The officer makes a phone call to a domestic violence hotline and proceeds with one of two responses to address the immediate safety of the victim.</p> <p>RDI coordinators aided in the selection of the appropriate first responder tool (LAP), facilitated community meetings, and coordinated training for participating agencies. RDI coordinators wrote and distributed training bulletins to encourage accurate completion of the protocol and evaluators developed reporting format and schedules. Reporting included collections of impactful personal stories of women aided by the program (thus giving a face to the program), a front line worker survey, a pilot report, analyzing data and producing quarterly fact sheets, and an annual report with trend analysis.</p>
<b>LINKS:</b>	<a href="http://jcsafefamily.org/">http://jcsafefamily.org/</a>