

Contents

<i>List of Contributors</i>	vii
<i>Preface</i>	ix
<i>Introduction: Some Fundamental Issues</i>	xi

PART I. CONCEPTUALIZATION AND EMPIRICAL STUDY

1. Family Violence Research: Some Basic and Applied Questions <i>JoAnn L. Miller</i>	5
2. Physical Violence in American Families: Incidence Rates, Causes, and Trends <i>Murray A. Straus</i>	17
3. Public-Health Conceptions of Family Abuse <i>Jacquelyn C. Campbell</i>	35
4. Variations in Defining Family Mistreatment: A Community Survey <i>Stephen W. Webster</i>	49
5. Criminal-Justice Processing of Violent and Nonviolent Offenders: The Effects of Familial Relationship to the Victim <i>Sharon D. Herzberger and Noreen L. Channels</i>	63

PART II. EFFECTS OF VICTIMIZATION

6. An Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse and Consequent Victimization: Some Implications of Telephone Surveys <i>John E. Murphy</i>	79
7. The Mixed Roles of Social Support and Social Obstruction in Recovery from Child Abuse <i>Diana Gurley</i>	89

8.	The Admissibility of Expert Testimony on the Battered-Woman Syndrome <i>Debra F. Kromsky and Brian L. Cutler</i>	101
PART III. SOCIAL RESPONSES TO FAMILY VIOLENCE: BATTERERS AND THEIR VICTIMS		
9.	The Outcome of Participation in a Shelter-Sponsored Program for Men Who Batter <i>Richard M. Tolman and Gauri Bhosley</i>	113
10.	Removal of the Perpetrator versus Removal of the Victim in Cases of Intrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse <i>Patricia Ryan, Bruce L. Warren, and Peggy Weincek</i>	123
11.	Perceptions of Verbal Aggression in Interspousal Violence <i>Teresa Chandler Sabourin</i>	135
PART IV. LEGAL RESPONSES TO FAMILY VIOLENCE		
12.	Police Classification of Domestic-Violence Calls: An Assessment of Program Impact <i>Richard K. Caputo</i>	147
13.	Legal Responses of Prosecutors to Child Sexual Abuse: A Case Comparison of Two Countries <i>Bruce K. Mac Murray</i>	153
14.	Family Violence and the Courts: Implementing a Comprehensive New Law <i>Eleanor Lyon and Patricia Goth Mace</i>	167
15.	Improving the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Sexual-Abuse Cases: Research Findings, Questions, and Implications for Public Policy <i>Debra Whitcomb</i>	181
16.	Preventing and Provoking Wife Battery through Criminal Sanctions: A Look at the Risks <i>David A. Ford</i>	191
	References	211
	Index	231