

# FAMILY VIOLENCE & COMMUNICATION

How to Prevent family Violence & Tragedy Through Dialogues & Interaction

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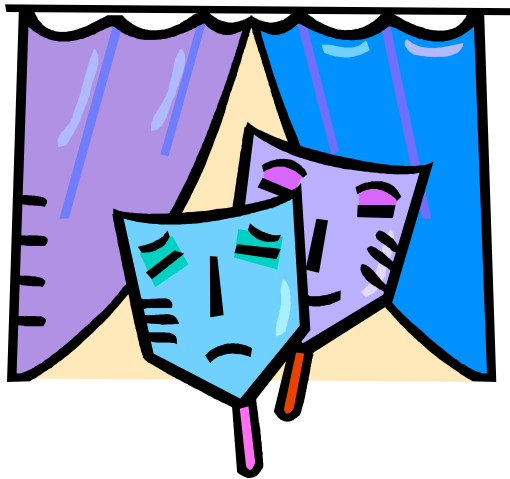
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# Family Tragedy – Case 1



- A 17 year old Chinese - American excellent high school female murdered her parents with the help of her unemployed 21 year old African-American boyfriend in November of 2000
- Both parents were against their relations
- The case is presently on trial after two years
- The tragedy occurred in 11/00, published by mainstream newspapers

# Family Tragedy – Case 2

- A divorced Chinese-American postman shot his adult sons, 24 and 26 with his licensed gun.
- Both brothers failed to returned \$2000 borrowed from their father on time.
- The sons claimed that they helped feed their father's dog as the father moved out and lived alone after the divorce, but the dog still stayed
- During the trial at criminal court, both sons were reluctant to testify against their father

# Family Tragedy – Case 3

- A step-father was shot dead by policeman as he refused to let his 8 year old step-daughter taken away by child care workers due to suspicious sexual abuse
- In the previous night, the father applied medical cream for her infected vagina
- Next day, it happened that during a sex education class, the girl concurrently revealed what happened to her done by her father
- The teacher called the child care workers after the class
- When the child care workers visited the home, the father refused to let them take his daughter away and threatened them with his licensed gun.
- The child care workers left and asked the police for back up
- As the police arrived, there was a gun battle. A policeman was shot on his leg, but the father was shot dead on the spot
- The mother, Ph.D in chemistry, was accused for child abuse. Mother was employed while father is unemployed, only two year in this country
- Mother was arrested and the daughter and her 2 sisters were placed with their aunt.
- The were home together again after two weeks. A trial was pending

# Family Tragedy – Case 4

- A 30 year old Taiwan-born Chinese was arrested in Virginia for allegedly killing his parents and old brother in 1995 because they objected to his marrying a divorced White Caucasian woman with a daughter
- He was forced to return to Taiwan for psychiatric treatment
- When he returned to the U.S., he murdered his parents and elder brother and dumped their bodies in the Chesapeake Bay , which were never recovered.
- Meanwhile, He forged his signatures on the deeds of 5 houses owned by his parents and brother.
- Case was reported by his ex-wife in 3/02 who were fearful of his retaliation.
- He claimed that his family folks returned to Taiwan with a fabricated story to his friends and neighbors.
- According to the World Journal, 12/10/02, a verdict was made that he will be incarcerated for 27 years and one month. His confession and admission helped him avoid death penalty.
- It is a rare case that conviction was made without the evidence of the bodies

# The Roots of the Problems

- Both parents work long hours, 6 or 7 days a week with 10-12 hours a day
- No family dialogue in building a new intimacy within new interactional structure
- Lack of supervision
- Parental divorce
- Parents are strict in letting children have friends of different sex
- Parents resist growing and Learning together with their children
- Family is overly preoccupied with money
- Consider recreation or family dialogue as wasting time
- Deny feeling and self-revealing
- Mostly, father is emotionally isolated with other family members due to long hour work
- Family is isolated by not going to PTA or community meetings
- Most family communication is one way only.

# Preventive Measures

- Plan family dialogue at certain time of the day, weekly and daily, even 5 minutes
- Dialogues has to be two way track. Help kids to learn to talk about what happens the day after school; parent also can learn and grow with them.
- Family should participate in community activities for recreation, information, education and family activities for healing
- If contacts are maintained between family and school, the teacher will call parents first instead of child care worker or police if anything suspicious
- When police or child care workers visits, parents should remain calm by calling a neighbor, lawyer or social worker
- Maintenance of communication between family and school can help children's learning and social relations
- Professionals should give community meeting monthly concerning school or any other matters
- Participate in PTA meetings about children's learning and school activities
- Register to vote is the best way to avoid discrimination and harassment for you and your children in the long run
- Doing volunteering work in community or school can be healing individually as well as healathy to the family