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Children bereaved by parental intimate partner homicide:

Factors associated with visiting the incarcerated perpetrator

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Fatal domestic violence on the political agenda



And so...

Expert panel

Operation protocol

Legislation limited visitation rights

Demand for research



From practice

Professionals with little experience
Far-reaching consequences of decisions

What to do?

- Placement arrangements?
- Contact with the perpetrator?
- Custody



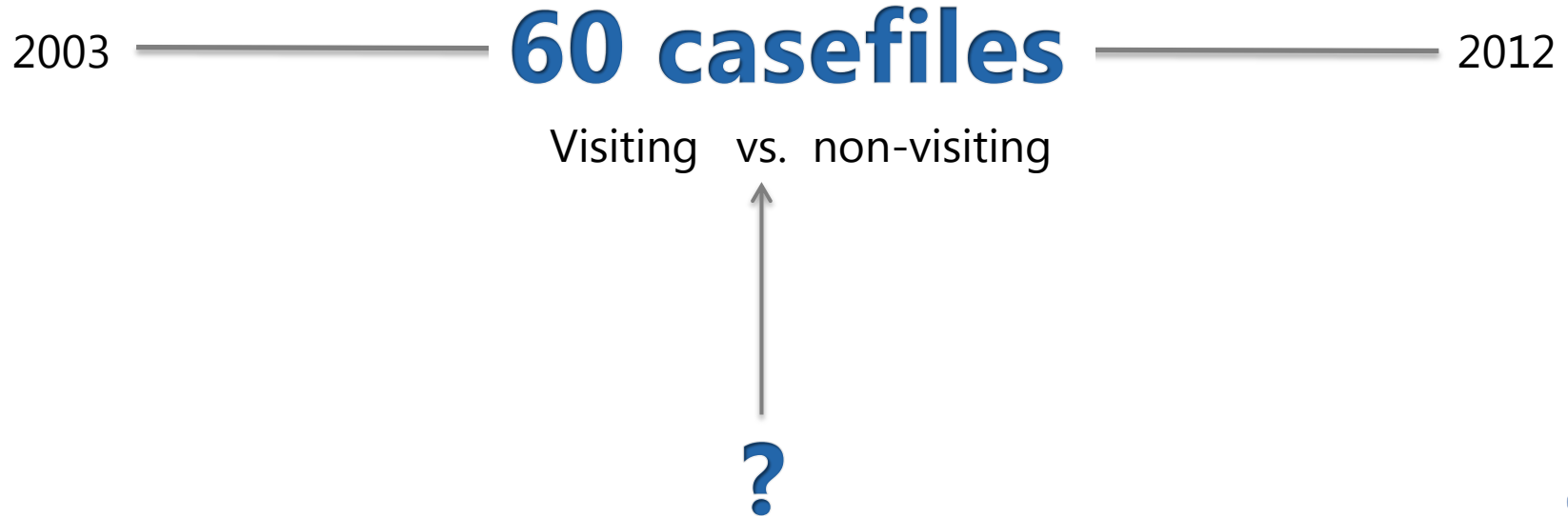
Visitation rights with the perpetrator parent in prison

Very little empirical data

No evidence based guidelines



Visitation rights: what did we do?



Visitation rights: what did we find?

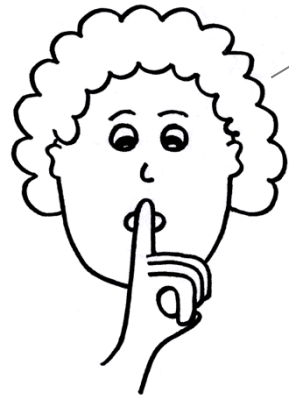
48% visited



Visitation rights: what did we find?



Visiting



Visitation rights: perpetrator mothers

All children visited

Placement: more often neutral caregivers

All cases a history of domestic violence



Visitation rights: what does it tell us?

Almost half visited the perpetrator parent in prison

Wishes of the child mostly followed (CCAIPH)

Not in line with forcing visits, but.....



Visitation rights: what does it tell us?

Child should be able to develop their own view

Sometimes pressure on the child



Future research:

How do caregivers influence the child's own wish regarding visiting?



Visitation rights: what does it tell us?

Other factors related to (not) visiting?

Perpetrator mother: violence assessed differently?

Can this study help child protection services and youth agencies ?





Importance each child can develop their own view and opinion



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