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# Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security (SAVES)

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Plus guest survivor panelists



# Agenda

- SAVES Grant overview (20)
  - Purpose
  - Timeline
  - Structure
  - Q&A
- Group agreements and taking care of ourselves in this panel (10)
- Survivor Panel (30)
- Survivor Q&A (30)



# SAVES Grant-Big Picture

The overall goal of the SAVES Demonstration is to **increase safe access to child support and related parenting time services for victims/survivors of domestic violence**

A foundational component for the SAVES Demonstration is close collaboration and partnership with community, state, tribal, and national domestic violence experts and engagement of individuals with lived experience of domestic violence to ensure that child support and parenting services **are aligned and coordinated with the broader coordinated response to domestic violence.**

# 5-year grant



Year 1 is Planning Year (Sept 2022 – Aug 2023)

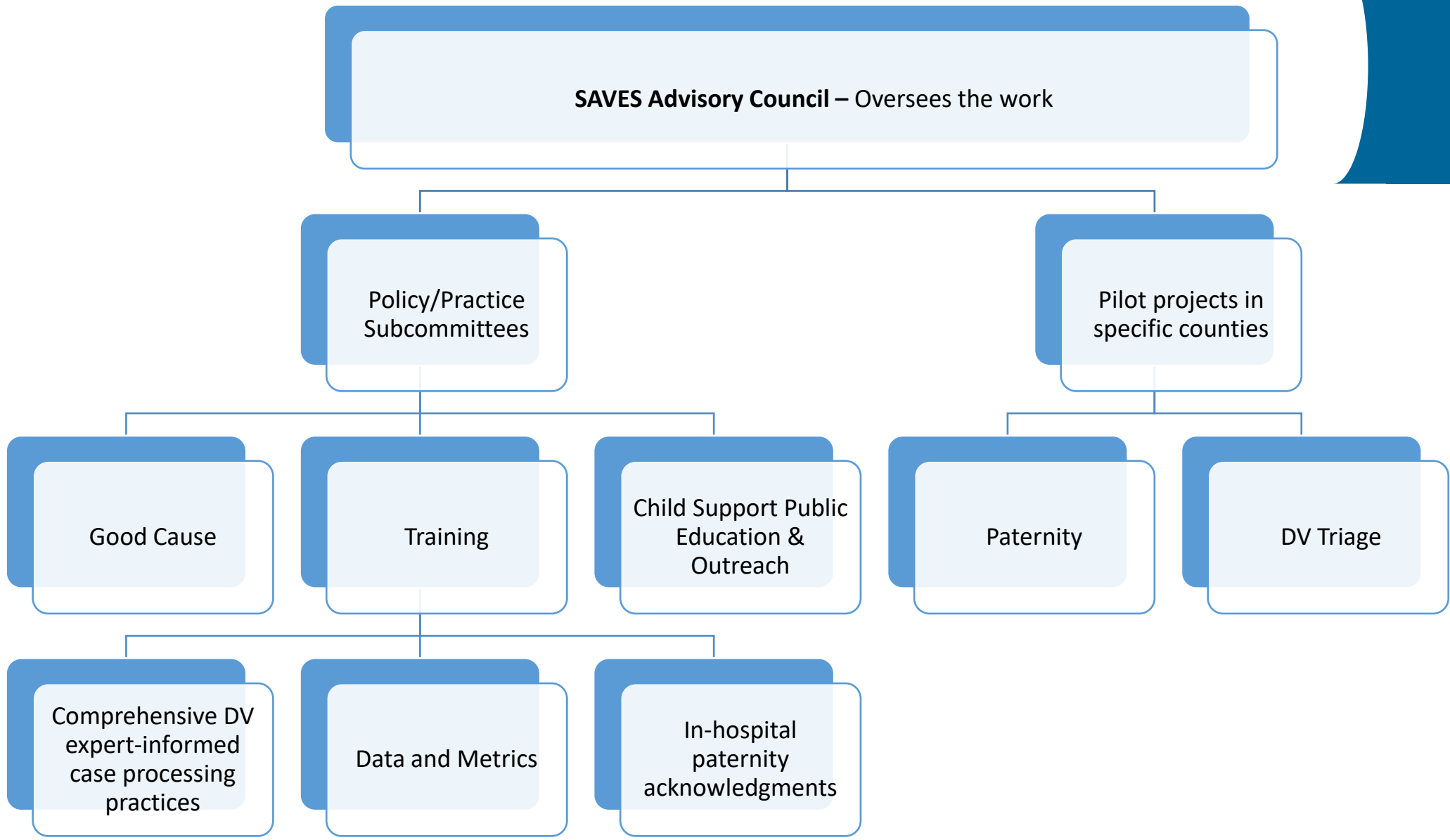
Hiring FT Project Manager, executing contracts with non-profits  
recruiting DV survivors  
Launch the Advisory Council

Years 2 – 4 are Implementation

Starting subcommittees and pilot projects  
Advisory Council creates an Equity Plan for SAVES grant

Years 4 and 5 – Ensure CSD program-wide changes

Year 5 – Plan for ongoing sustainability and collaboration





# Systemic Change

Systemic change: **When change reaches all or most parts of a system, thus affecting the general behavior of the entire system.**

How?

- Build Capacity: Training for staff to better serve DV survivors
- Improve Systems: Policy changes (clearly identify safety options), practice changes (implement DV screening)
- Strengthen Connections to Services: Better serve survivors by connecting with existing services and exploring new service delivery models (pilot projects)



# Group Agreements

- Take care of yourself
- Be curious with yourself and others
- Be present with yourself and others
- Confidential space - Learning can leave, stories stay. No recording.
- Embrace collective expertise – no one person knows everything, but together we know a lot
- Be generous with yourself and others; we cannot be articulate all of the time
- One person, one mic or spotlight
- We are moving at the speed of trust
- There is more than one way of knowing; there is more than one way of being an expert.



# Care Plan



# Survivor Panel

Safe Access for Victim's Economic Security - SAVES session and survivor panel.





# Thank you!

Please submit any thank-yous or  
gratitude to our panelists



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