Collaborative Practice with Vulnerable Children and Their Families

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Collaborative Practice with Vulnerable Children and Their Families focuses on the knowledge and skills needed by professionals who work across disciplines to meet the needs of parents and children experiencing complex difficulties. It establishes the importance of both interprofessional and interagency collaboration.

After detailing the characteristics of parents and children who may be in need of specialized services, the authors describe different approaches to service delivery in theory and practice, provide case examples and exercises, and address the developments in interprofessional education for those currently working in the field. They present evidence supporting collaborative practice as a means of achieving better outcomes for vulnerable children and their families, and explore the difficulties in working successfully across agencies and disciplines.

A provocative examination focused on the wellbeing of families in crisis and the care they receive, this book:

- Introduces terms that are used in collaborative practice
- Details the legal mandate for working with families experiencing complex problems
- Provides legal definitions of ‘children in need’ and with a right to receive “targeted” services
- Outlines the circumstances that require court action (family law and criminal law) to protect children from “significant harm”