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Children and Technology-Facilitated Abuse in Domestic and Family Violence

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As digital media are involved in every aspect of our personal lives, internet-connected technologies are becoming integral to the dynamics of domestic violence. Technologies we use every day, such as mobile phones, computers, devices and applications are misused by domestic violence perpetrators.

In this webinar, Dr Molly Dragiewicz will discuss her recently completed research into the dynamics, and impact on children, of technology-facilitated abuse in the context of domestic and family violence. The research drew on a survey and focus groups of professionals who work with domestic violence cases, interviews with mothers who are survivors of domestic violence, young people impacted by technology-facilitated abuse, and fathers in men's behavioural change programmes. Her findings show that children experience abuse in two key ways:

1. Perpetrators directly abusing children
2. Perpetrators involving children in technology-facilitated abuse directed at their mothers

Dr Molly Dragiewicz is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University, Queensland, Australia. She is an internationally award-winning criminologist who studies violence, gender, technology, and cybercrime. She completed the world-first study of women's experiences of technology-facilitated coercive control and the world-first study on the ways children are involved in technology abuse.