# Domestic Violence Prevention + Intervention



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# True Or False?



Men cannot legitimately be victims of domestic violence.





80% of rape victims are raped by someone they know or are in a relationship with.





Domestic
Violence is rare in
East Tennessee

# False



Gentlemen never batter or exploit women.





# Emotional abuse has long-term negative effects.





Psychological abuse alters the victim's sense of reality.





# **Domestic Violence Defined**

- Domestic Violence (DV) or Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is
  - the pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion, that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partners.
- IPV can occur in any relationship,
  - adult or adolescent; gay, lesbian, or heterosexual; dating, cohabiting, or married; current or past relationships.





# Forms of Abuse

Emotional - name calling, continual criticism, withholding approval or affection as punishment, isolating, etc.

<u>Sexual</u> – rape, coercion, unwanted sexual photographing or recording, unwanted or inappropriate touching, sexual harassment, etc.

Physical pushing, shaking, spitting, slapping, kicking, biting, pinching, choking, burning, restraining, threatening with a weapon, etc.

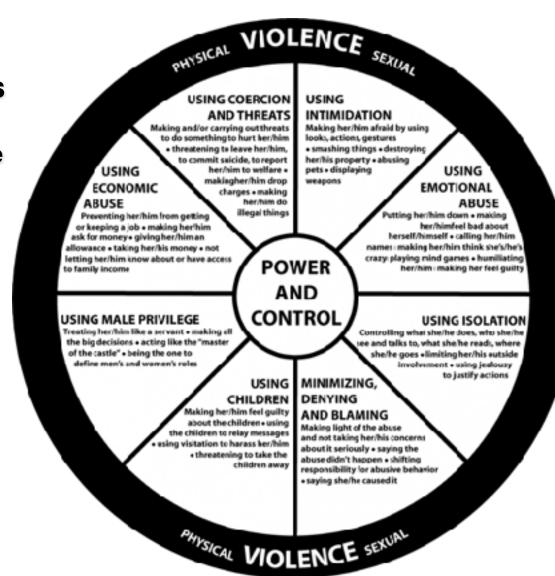
Domestic Violence Financial – preventing from getting or keeping a job, requiring permission to have money, giving an allowance, taking money, restricting access to family income, etc.



# The Core of Domestic Violence

- Domestic Violence is not...
  - caused by substance abuse
  - caused by mental health issues
  - Caused by anger managment issues
- Domestic Violence is..
  - > POWER AND CONTROL
  - > A DESITION





# The Cycle of Violence

## The "Honeymoon"

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Abusers act differently after violent episodes. Some ignore or deny the violence. Some blame their "anger" on something you said or did. Some fear losing you and act

genuinely sorry. This phase is often called the "honeymcon". The abuser will try to make up for his violence. He may act sorry, send cards and flowers, buy presents, help around the house.

6/1 to 9/5/5 spend time with his kids, go to church, get counseling, or make promises. The abuser may seek pity. It's important to realize that this phase is an attempt to draw you back into the relationship. This phase is never a real "honeymoon".

# **Tension**

This feels like walking on eggshells. Nothing is right. There is no way to predict what the abuser wants. While there may not be

Cycle of Violence en inti physical violence (or at least physical violence is minimal), there is emotional abuse. intimidation and threats. Fear of violence is often as coercive as violence itself.

## **Violence**

This is the actual violent episode. It includes physical, emotional or sexual abuse, A crime is committed.

- > The more times the cycle is completed, the less time it takes to complete.
- > As the cycle is repeated, the violence usually increases in frequency and severity.



# A Nationwide Problem

- In 2015, 1,686 women in the United States were murdered by men
  - ➤ 93% were murdered by someone they knew
  - ➤ 64% were married or intimate partners with their killer





# Tennessee by the numbers

- > 4th Tennessee's rank nationally for the rate of women murdered by men (2015)
  - > 71 reported homicides in 2015
- ➤ 77,846 The number of domestic violence offenses reported to Tennessee law enforcement in 2017
  - Many unreported cases
- ➤ 19,129 The number of domestic violence related calls the Knoxville Police Department and Knox County Sheriff's Office answered in 2017
- → The number of domestic violence related calls

  680 Anderson County Sheriff's Office answered in

  climinating rapism 2017

# Why Stay? • Conflicting Emotions

- - Fear
  - Love
  - Low self-esteem
  - Normalization
  - Embarrassment
  - Self-blame
  - Fear of being outed
- Pressure from friends or family
- Children or pets
- Lack of resources
  - Financial abuse
  - Immigration issues
  - Disability
  - Distrust of law enforcement or the system



These are the same reasons the victims so often do not report the abuse to the authorities

A woman is 70 times more likely to be killed in the two weeks after leaving an abusive partner than at any other time in the relationship

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# Why Leave?

- Help is offered
- Realizing the degree of personal threat
- Fear of harm to children or pets
- Reached a breaking point
- Hope

### No one can

change another person.

All we can do is change our attitudes, our expectations, and the quality of our choices.



# Victim Advocacy Program (VAP)

- Provides lifesaving services for victims of domestic violence through:
  - Advocacy assistance at the Family Justice Center, in court and in the community in Knox Co., Anderson; Loudon and Roane Counties.
  - Counseling support
     groups in both English &
     Spanish
  - Safety planning, risk assessment, future planning













#### COURT

Accompaniment to the victim to court and other bodies of the legal system.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

in English, Spanish, and Arabic to women who have experienced domestic violence and female family members.

#### REFERRALS

Guide the victim to access services in the community











#### VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES

Bilingual (English Spanish), Multilingual (English/French/Arabic/Spanish) advocates. Culturally specific advocates (immigrants, refugies, african-american, latina population)

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Advocates and highly trained volunteers are available to conduct community education workshops at businesses, organizations, places of worship, schools, and other locations throughout the region.

#### LATINO/HISPANIC COMMUNITY

Service provided in Loudon, Roane, Anderson and Knox County for the Latino / Hispanic population, without rejecting the request for services from other groups and communities.



All victim advocacy services are offered at no charge and are completely confidential to ensure client safety.



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