

Domestic Violence Prevention + Intervention

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True
or
False?

Men cannot
legitimately be
victims of domestic
violence.

False

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

True

Domestic
Violence is rare in
East Tennessee

False

Gentlemen
never batter or
exploit women.

False

Emotional abuse
has long-term
negative effects.

True

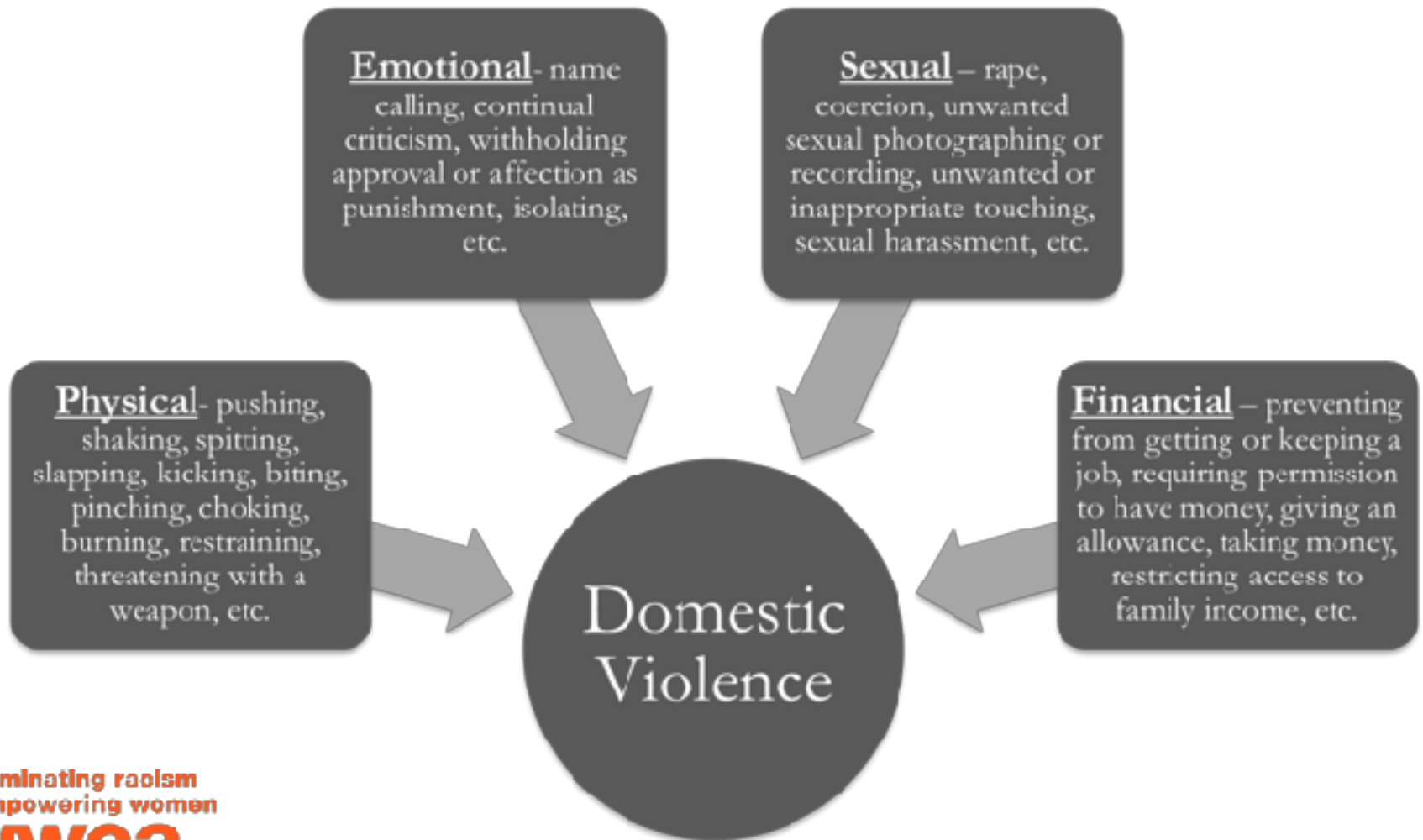
Psychological
abuse alters the
victim's sense of
reality.

True

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



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The Core of Domestic Violence

- Domestic Violence is not...

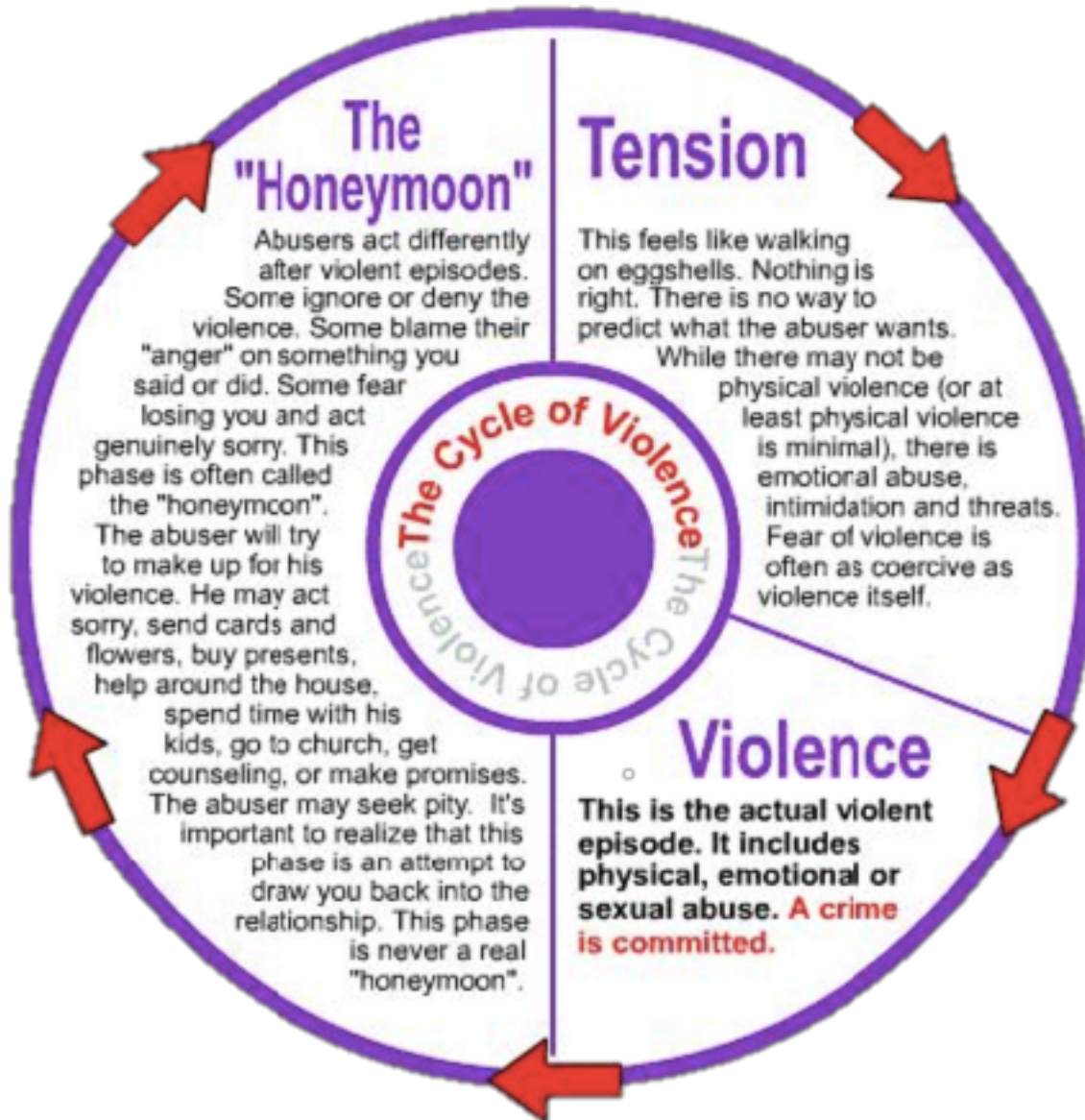
- caused by substance abuse
- caused by mental health issues
- Caused by anger management issues

- Domestic Violence is..

- POWER AND CONTROL
- A DESITION



The Cycle of Violence



- 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
- **680** – The number of domestic violence related calls the Anderson County Sheriff's Office answered in 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**

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

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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



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VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES

Bilingual (English/Spanish),
Multilingual
(English/French/Arabic/Spanish)
advocates. Culturally specific
advocates (immigrants, refugees,
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.



VAP

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



VAP

CLINCH AVE / DOWNTOWN KNOXVILLE

420 W Clinch Ave, 37901

(865) 523-6126

OAK RIDGE / ANDERSON COUNTY

1660 Oak Ridge Tpke, 37830

(865) 556-2148

PHYLLIS WHEATLEY CENTER

124 S Cruze St, 37915

(865) 546-0651

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