

Domestic Violence

Education and Empowerment for North
Carolina Victims of Domestic Violence

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Leslie's Story



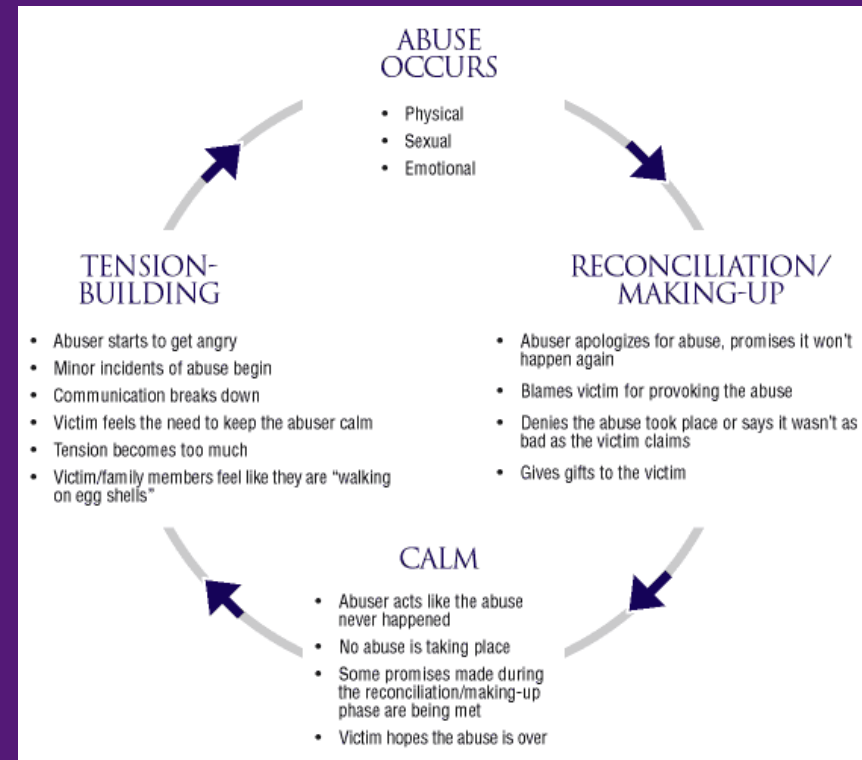
Overview

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What is Domestic Violence?

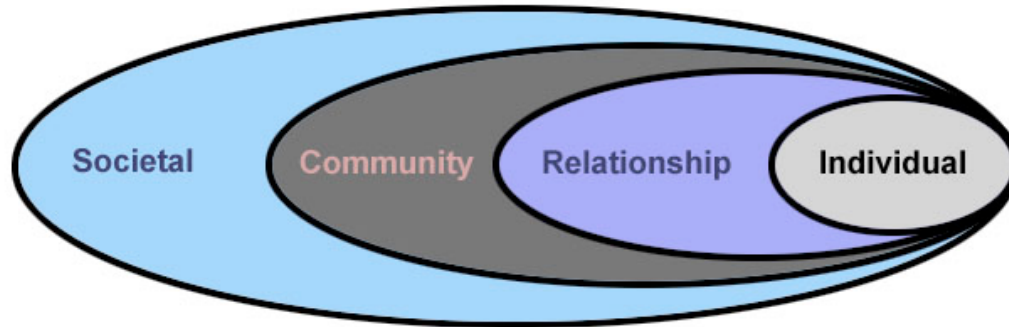
- A pattern of abusive behavior in **any relationship** that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner
- Form of violence most commonly experienced by women
- Physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological
- Affects all races, genders, ages, sexual orientations, socioeconomic classes, religions, and education levels

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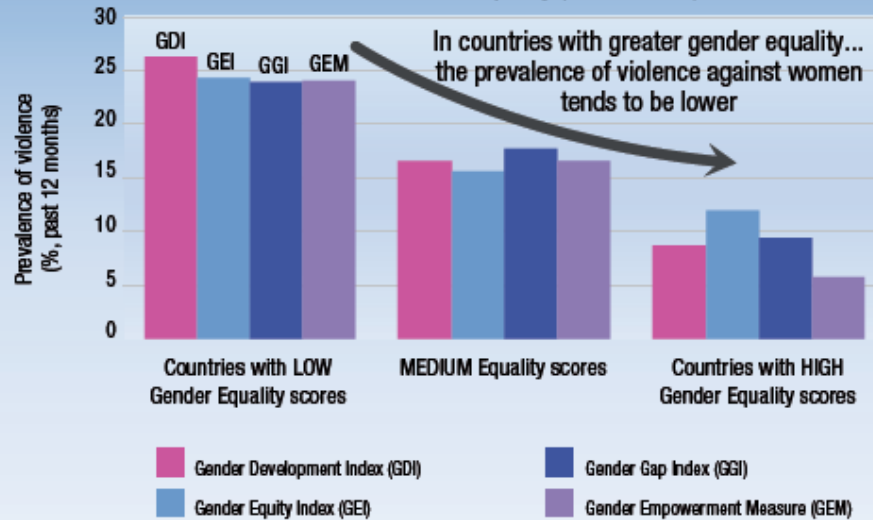


Causes

Ecological model for understanding violence



Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence & Measures of Gender Equality (56 countries)



Economic Impacts

- Cost of domestic violence to the US - \$5.8 billion per year
- Health care cost - \$4.1 billion each year
- One of the top three causes of homelessness
- Victims lose an estimated 8 million paid workdays every year

International

- 70% of women experience violence from men
 - Majority by husbands and intimate partners
- CEDAW
- The Beijing Platform for Action

The United States

- 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime
- One-third of women murdered in the U.S. each year are killed by intimate partners
- 468,000 visits to the Emergency Department are a result of physical abuse or rape by an intimate partner
- CEDAW and VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

- **United States**, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Qatar, Nauru, Paula and Tonga
- Article 2 – eliminate discrimination against women
- Article 16 – eliminate discrimination against women in marriage and family relations
- General Recommendation 12 – legislation and support services to protect domestic violence victims
- General Recommendation 19 – criminal penalties and rehabilitation programs for perpetrators of domestic violence

North Carolina

- 2002 – 2012: 761 domestic violence homicides
- 2002 – 2012: 6,849 near-fatal domestic violence incidents
- 2010: crisis lines received 120,666 calls, shelters served 7,466 adults and 6,047 children, and shelters in 26 counties were filled to capacity for more than 100 days

MOVE: Mothers Overcoming Violence through Education and Empowerment

- InterAct and SAFEchild
- “help mothers minimize the impact of domestic violence on their children. The program builds self-esteem, reduces isolation, and reinforces positive parenting. MOVE enables mothers to feel more competent and confident in their parenting role.”

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1. Safety
2. Healthy Families
3. Support and Friendship
4. Building Self-Esteem
5. Stress and Anger Management
6. Effects on Children
7. Positive Parenting Skills
8. Community Resources

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- “Before I came [to this program]...I felt I was stuck in the middle of a box and walls were surrounding me, and there was no way I could get out. Coming here let me know the resources and the help that I need, and I was able to [get out]”

Conclusion

“We believe that through the power of our shared experiences and collective voice, we can work together to create individual, institutional, and cultural change. We will work intentionally and actively to create safe spaces for survivors of domestic violence. We believe the voice and experience of survivors must be the foundation of our work, and that the domestic violence movement can change society.”

– North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence