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Domestic Violence, Impacts and Resources

Goals of this presentation

- Why talk about DV?
- What does domestic violence *really* look like?
- What does economic abuse look like?
- Impacts of domestic violence in survivors' lives
- Resources
  - DV Leave Law
  - Community Resources

Terminology

- Domestic Violence v. Intimate Partner Violence
- Gender-Based Violence (GBV)
- Victim v. Survivor

Why talk about DV?

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of *severe* physical violence
- Human Rights Campaign sites that 54% of all trans and non-binary people experience IPV, with black trans women disproportionately impacted
- Cost of IPV *exceeds* $8.3 billion per yr in the US (this was pretty common stat, but also found one study that sited it is now up to 3.6 trillion)
- Survivors lose a total of 8 million days of pd work each yr
- 21-60% of survivors lose their jobs due to DV
- 50% of survivors who are employed report that they have been harassed AT work by their abusive partner

Economic Impact of Domestic Violence - Center for Domestic Peace

Why talk about DV?

- Lifetime average cost for children exposed to DV is estimated to be over $50,000
- If teens experience DV, we see this having long lasting impacts throughout their life
  - Impact of credit
  - Reduced financial opportunities and learning
  - Ongoing obstacles as they move into adult hood (securing loans, stable housing, work history/school)

*These are also things we see impacting survivors of all ages

Resources - Futures Without Violence New

Why talk about DV?

- DV makes up 49.5% of all crimes against persons
- Over 71,000 Reported DV incidents, of those 15,187 were violations of PO/NCO
- In 2024 Pierce County had 10 DV homicides
- Pierce County has the highest rate of DV per capita in WA

2024 Crime in Washington-compressed.pdf
DRAFT fatalities by county through 12-31-2024.xlsx
King County, Washington Population 2025
Pierce County, Washington Population 2025

DV vs DV…

Look below the surface

What others see of the abuse is only the tip of the iceberg. The majority of abuse is strategic behavior on the part of the perpetrator which keeps them in a position of power making it difficult for survivors to leave/seek help.

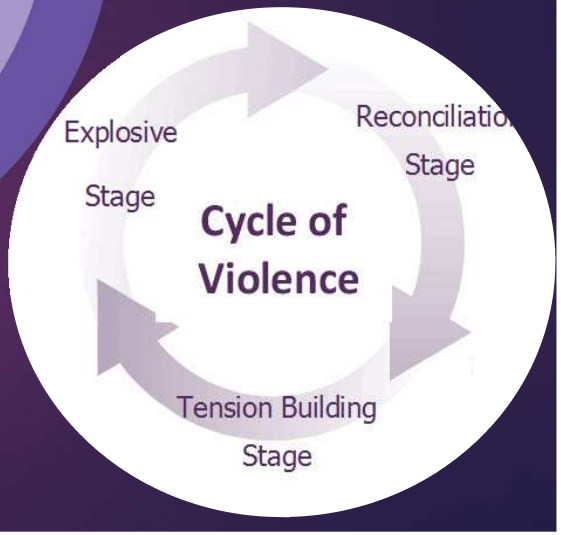


The majority of abuse is behavior which is not against the law; rather it systematically breaks down the survivor's control over their daily life, often making them increasingly reliant on the perpetrator.

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Cycle of Violence





Economic abuse

- Destroying or not allowing survivors to build credit
- Sabotaging ability to pay rent—eviction on record
- Stealing survivors' paychecks
- Controlling all money
- Making survivor be the only one that pays
- Sabotaging transportation and childcare to prevent survivors from going to school/work
- Harassing survivors at work/school

We often see economic abuse continue after survivors have left, or that these things continue to impact survivors.

Impacts of Domestic Violence on the Workplace (2025)

Impacts of surviving DV?

- Credit and rental history
- Medical/mental health needs and impacts of trauma
- Isolation/limited communities
- Financial instability
- Housing instability
- Legal concerns

Trauma impacts how we communicate, engage with those around us and how memories are stored

Trauma responses don't always make sense to those around us

L&I DV Leave Law

Domestic Violence Leave

360-902-5316

Survivors of DV, sexual assault, stalking and their families can take time off to connect to resources:

- Legal (civil or criminal) or law enforcement assistance
- Medical (including mental health)
- Social service programs
- Safety planning
- Relocating

- Can request reasonable safety accommodations

- Can use paid time off, sick leave, leave w/o pay
- Can be used in a block of time or as needed

- Employer CAN request documentation:
  - Police report or court document
  - Employee's written statement
  - Statement from provider, advocate, attorney or clergy
  - Do NOT have to discuss anything beyond this documentation
- Must maintain confidentiality

Resources

- Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, 253-798-4166
- Our Sisters' House, 253-383-4275
- YWCA, 253-383-2593
- Rebuilding Hope-Sexual Assault Center, 800-756-7273
- Korean Woman's Association, 253-359-0470
- JBLM Family Advocacy Center, 253-966-7233
- Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program Puyallup Tribe, 253-680-5499
- Mi Centro, 253-572-7717
- Family Renewal Shelter, 253-475-9010
- National DV Hotline, 800-799-7233

Resources

Futures without Violence
Obstacles-and-Opportunities-Report-FINAL.pdf
Resources - Futures Without Violence New

SAW – KEY INSIGHTS – FreeFrom

Economic Impact of Domestic Violence - Center for Domestic Peace

Domestic Violence Fatalities and Homicide Rates in Washington State – Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV)

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National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health
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