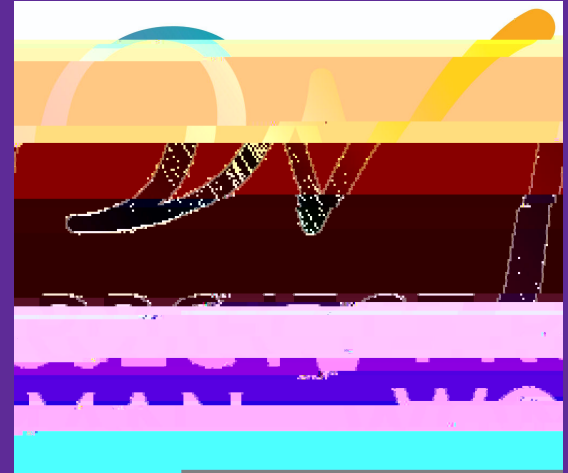


Domestic Violence Awareness

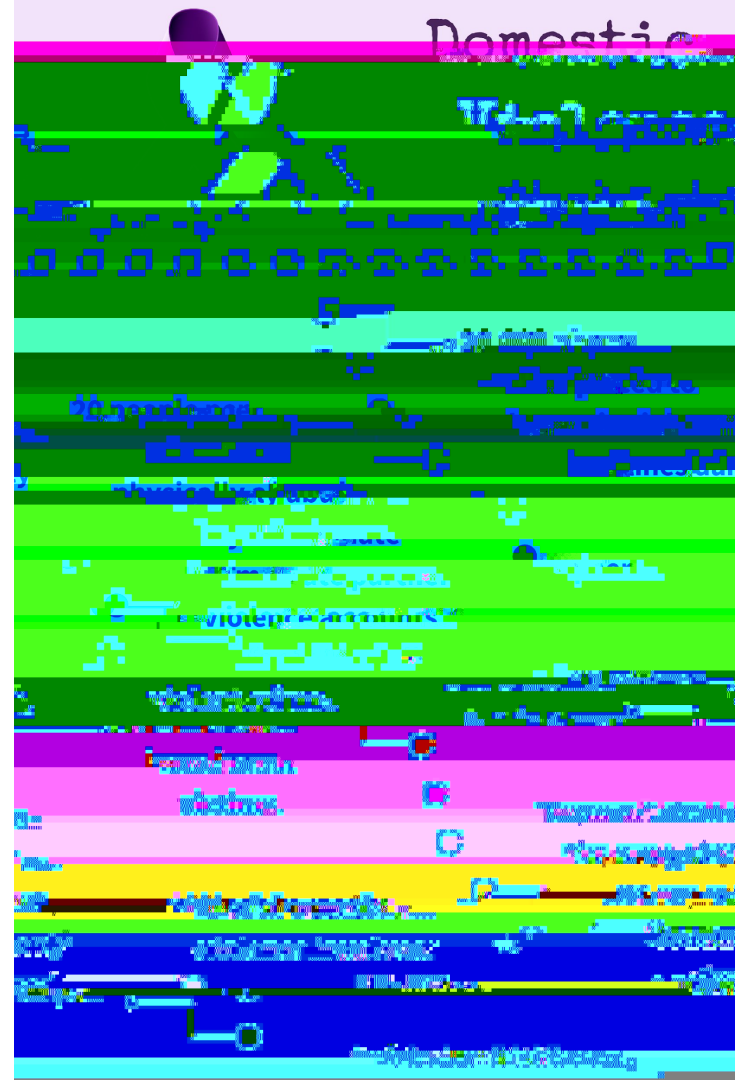
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What is Domestic Violence?

Physical, emotional, mental, verbal, or sexual abuse by a current or former intimate partner or household family member (parents, children, etc).



Physical violence

Physical violence is the use of force with the potential for injury, harm, or death.

Examples include:

Hitting

Slapping

Pushing

Kicking

Punching

Use of weapons or other sharp objects

Strangulation/Choking

Emotional / Mental / Verbal Abuse

Sexual violence

Sexual violence includes the use of force (physical or coercive) for the purpose of engaging in non-consensual sexual activity

Examples include:

- Rape

- Pressuring into having sexual activity

- Unwanted sexual touching

- Intentionally give sexually transmitted infection

Financial abuse

Financial abuse is the control over money of everyday expenses and personal finances.

Examples include:

- Preventing the survivor from getting a job or getting to work

- Accruing debt in the survivors name

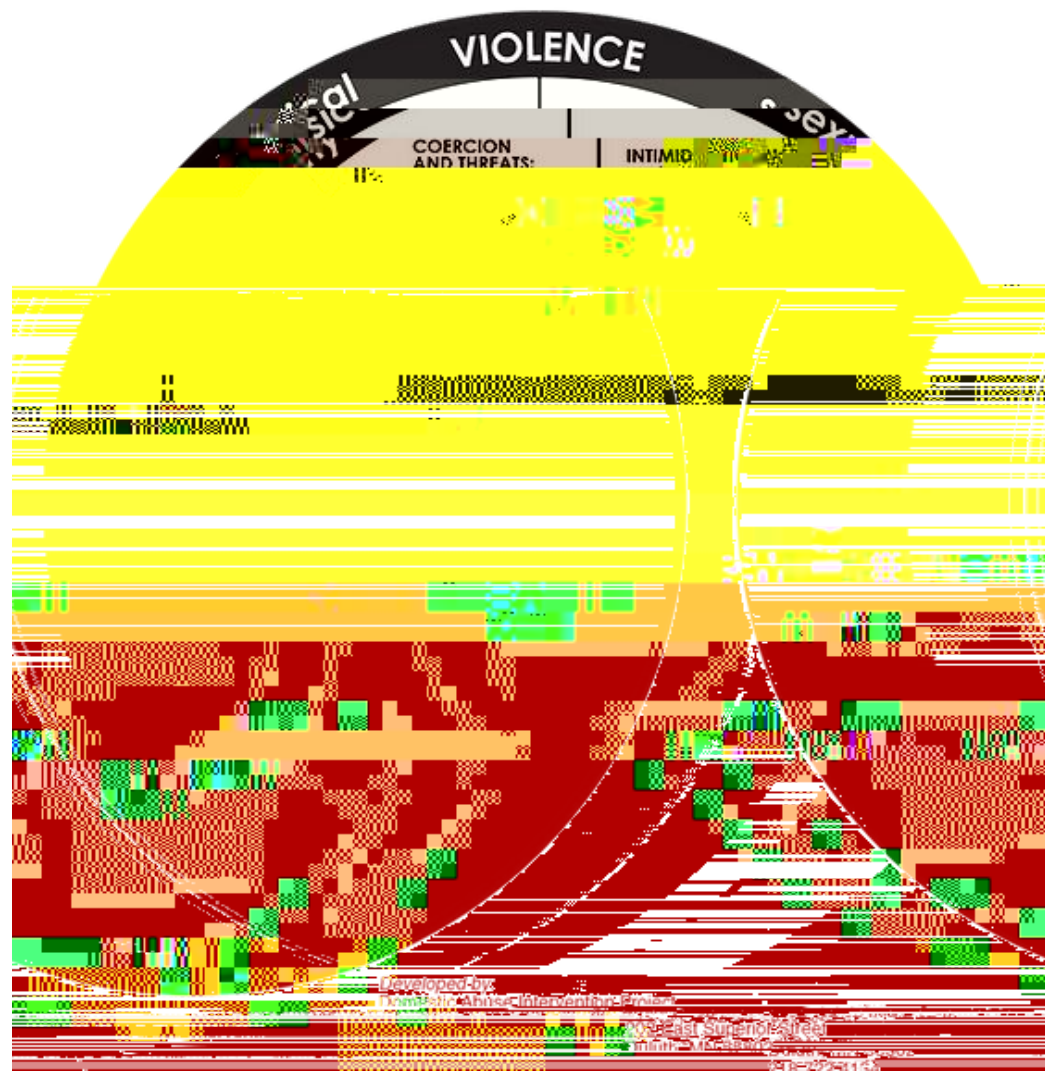
- Controlling access to bank accounts

- Giving the survivor an "allowance" with their own money

- Refusing to contribute to shared expenses

Why do abusers abuse?

Power and Control



Why do survivors stay?

On average it takes 7 attempts to leave an abusive relationship for good

Barriers to leaving an abusive relationship

Childhood victimization and belief that abuse is normal in relationships

Feelings of love for the abuser

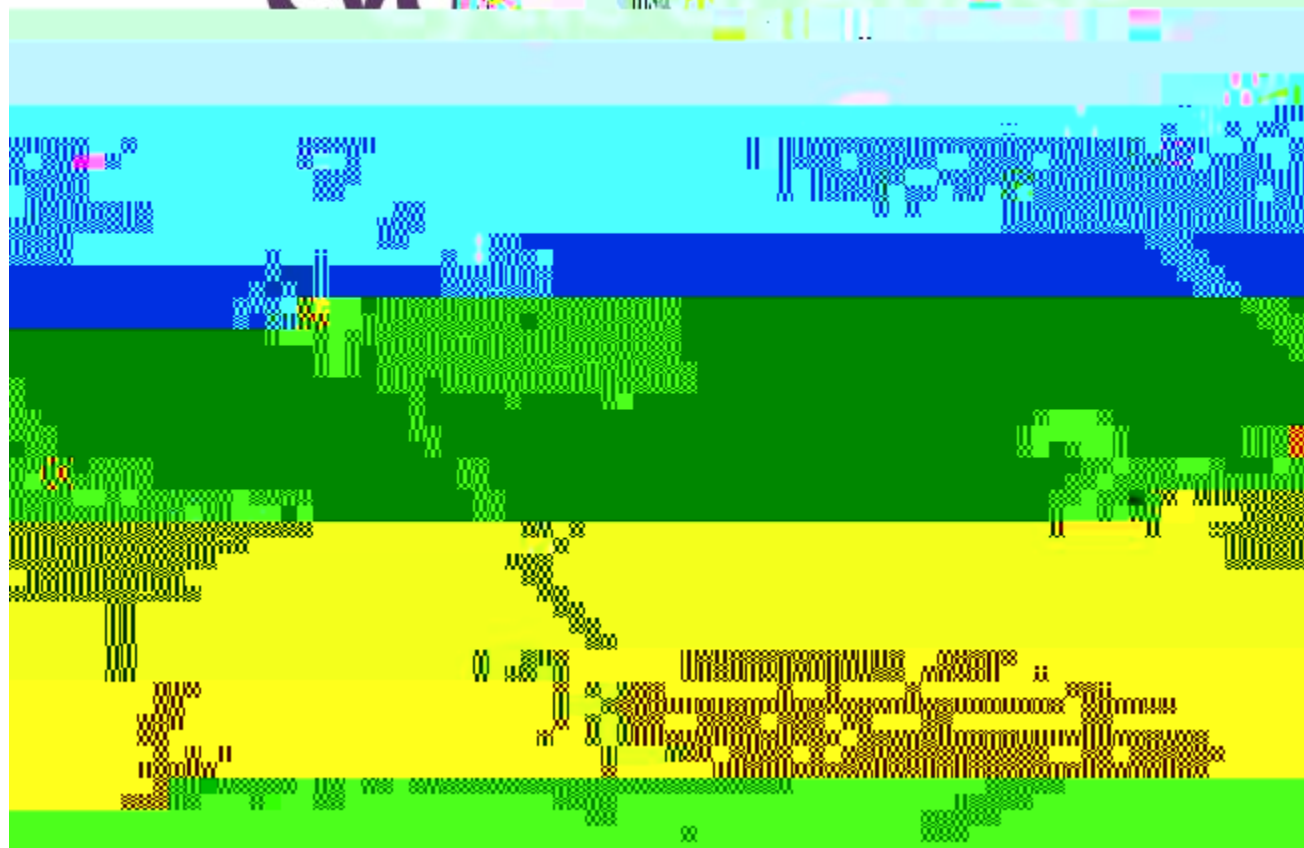
Lack of positive support system

Lack of financial support including transportation and childcare

Fear of becoming homeless or coming to a shelter

Belief or hope that the abuser will change

Cycle of Abuse



How to support survivors

Listen, believe, and know the available resources

Project Woman Services:

Advocacy

Crisis intervention, protection order assistance, legal advocacy, housing advocacy, hospital response, linking

Questions?

Upcoming events for
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month:

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