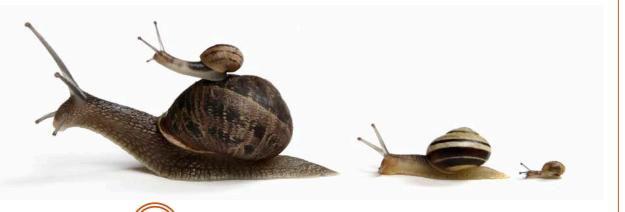
The Family Violence Option



DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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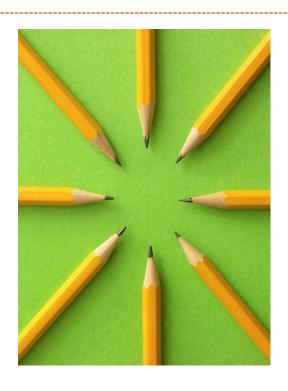
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Agenda

- ✓ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DYNAMICS/WHAT'S MONEY GOT TO DO WITH IT?
- ✓ TANF AND DV
- ✓ THE FAMILY VIOLENCE OPTION
- ✓ SUPPORTING SURVIVORS WITH AND WITHOUT THE FVO



VIOLENCE

POWER

AND

CONTROL

physical

COERCION AND THREATS:

Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to hurt her. Threatening to leave her, cammit sulcide, or report her to welfare. Making her drop charges. Making her do illegal things...

INTIMIDATION:

sexual Making her afraid by using looks, actions, and gestures. Smashing things. Destroying her property. Abusing pets. Displaying weapons.

MALE PRIVILEGE:

Treating her like a servant: making all the big decisions, acting like the "master of the castle," being the one to define men's and women's roles.

ECONOMIC ABUSE:

Preventing her from getting or keeping a Job. Making her ask for money. Giving her an allowance. Taking her money. Not letting her know about or have access to family income.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE:

Putting her down. Making her feel bad about herself. Calling her names. Making her think she's grazy. Playing mind games. Humiliating her. Making her fed guilty.

ISOLATION:

Controlling what she does, who she sees and talks to... what she reads, and where she goes. Limiting her outside involvement. Using Jealousy to justify actions.

USING CHILDREN:

Making her feel guilty about the children. Using the children to relay messages. Using visitation to harass her. Physical Threatening to take the children away.

MINIMIZING, DENYING, AND BLAMING:

Making light of the abuse and not taking her concerns about it seriously. Saying the abuse didn't happen. Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior. Saying she caused it.

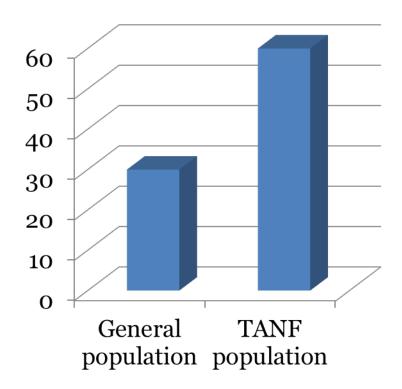
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VIOLENCE

Studies show that 60% of women receiving welfare have been victims of domestic violence

- ✓ 1/3 of women in the general population experience DV in their lifetime
- The prevalence among the TANF population is much higher.

% DV victims



And we know that...

- Native women experience the highest rate of violence of any group in the United States.
 - 61.4% of all American Indian women will be physically assaulted in their lifetime. (USDOJ/CDC 1998)
- Survivors make up a large portion of Tribal TANF participants.

Family Violence Option



Quick Poll – Has your tribe adopted the FVO?



YES

→Hold up your RED card

→Hold up your YELLOW card



NO

Family Violence Option



Screen

 individuals receiving assistance for domestic violence while maintaining their confidentiality

Refer

 such individuals to counseling and supportive services

Waive

 requirements that make it more difficult for individuals to escape DV or unfairly penalize those who are or have been victimized, or individuals who are at risk of further domestic violence.

Flexibility by design

- Gives survivors the chance to recover from violence and the creativity to establish plans that work for them and move them forward.
- Enables support groups and other work on DV issues to be counted as work activities.



How it works



Child support



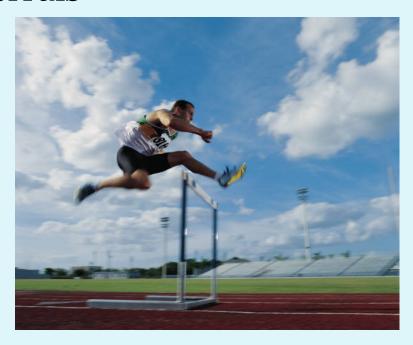
Job Search



Time limits

Barriers/Opportunities

- Screening requirements
- Confidentiality in small/rural/remote communities
- Limited referrals



Let's Dig In!



Screening

How to successfully screen for dv?



Screening?

Don't ask, just tell

- Change perspective
- What would your services look like if no one had to disclose dv but instead we set up the program to allow for folks to get what they needed?
- And, we just told folks about the resources up front without waiting for a yes?

Maintaining confidentiality

- in small/rural/remote communities is hard!
- BUT it's critical.
- So, how?



"Here is Brad Pitt's e-mail address but you did not get it from me."

Strategies to Maintain confidentiality

- Employees get education and sign confidentiality agreement
- Signed client releases
- Determine how communication will be the safest
- Use coding system instead of using clients name
- Determine your program's need for documentation.
 Limit if possible.



Quick Poll – Do you have a DV program or advocate as part of your tribe?



YES

→Hold up your RED card

→Hold up your YELLOW card



NO

Limited referrals

- Who?
- How?
- When?

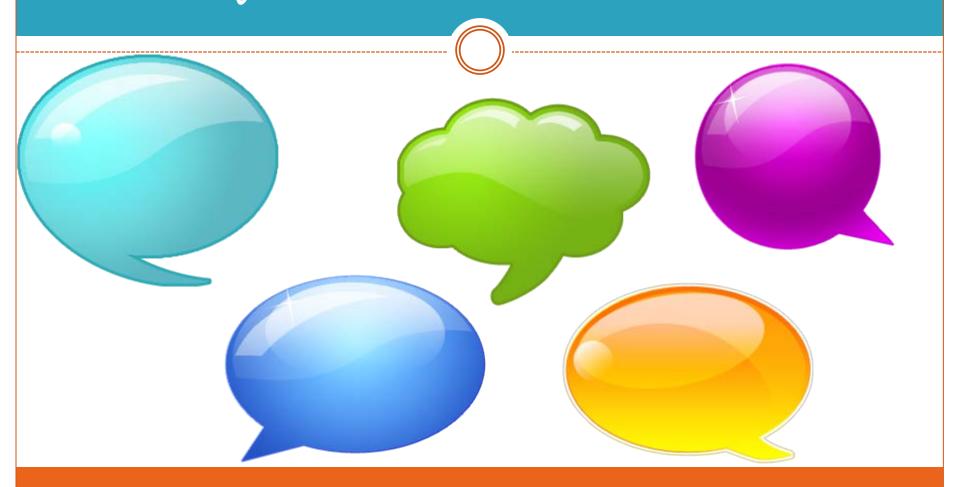


Determining Good Cause

- When?
- Proof?
- Next steps?



Questions/Comments



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