

The Family Violence Option



DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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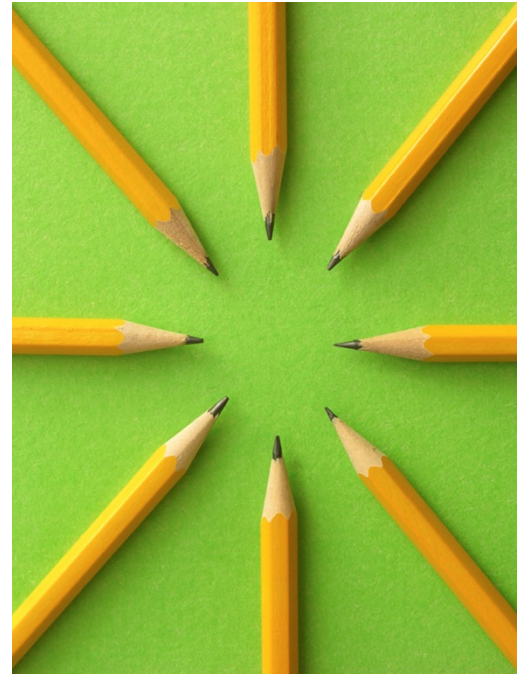
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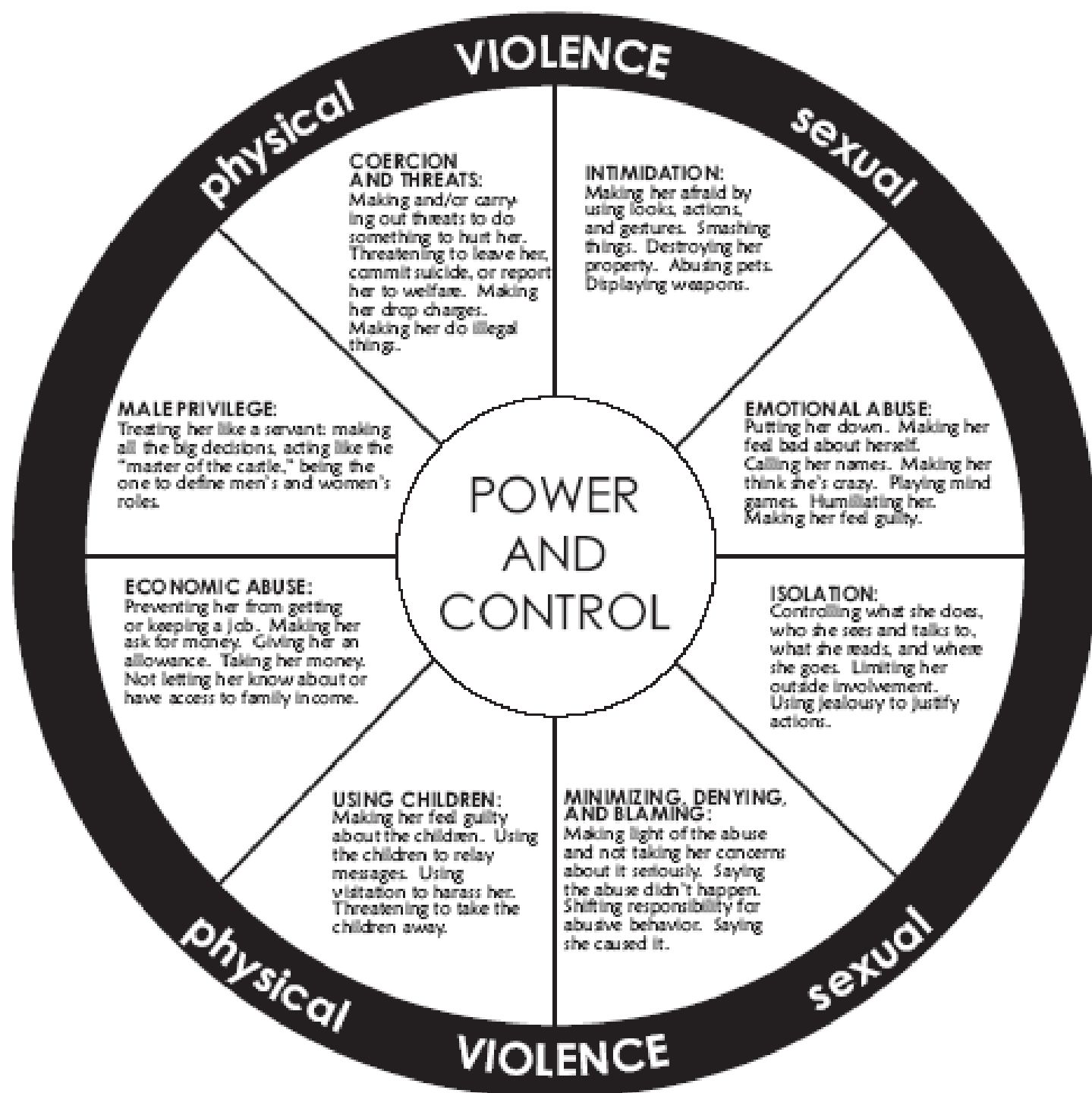
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Agenda

- ✓ **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**



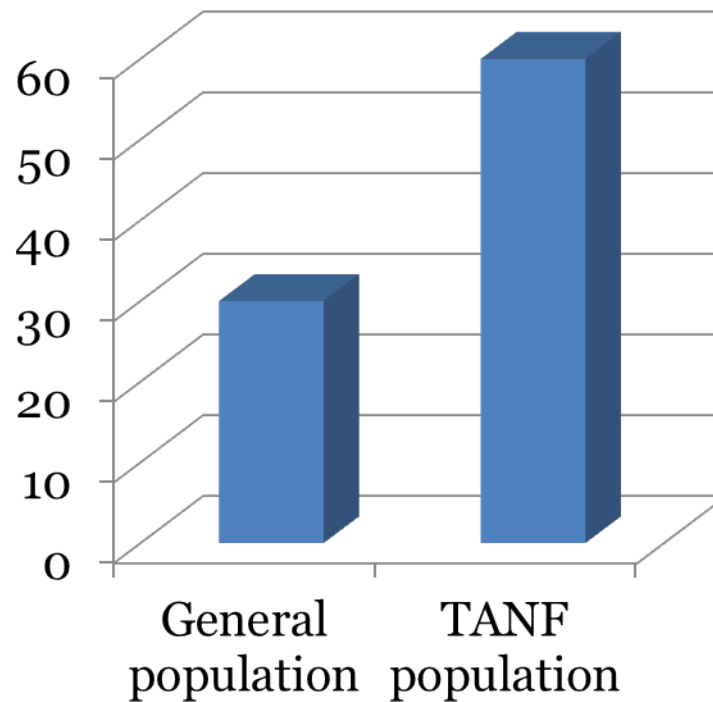




Studies show that 60% of women receiving welfare have been victims of domestic violence

- ✓ 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.

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Quick Poll – Has your tribe adopted the FVO?



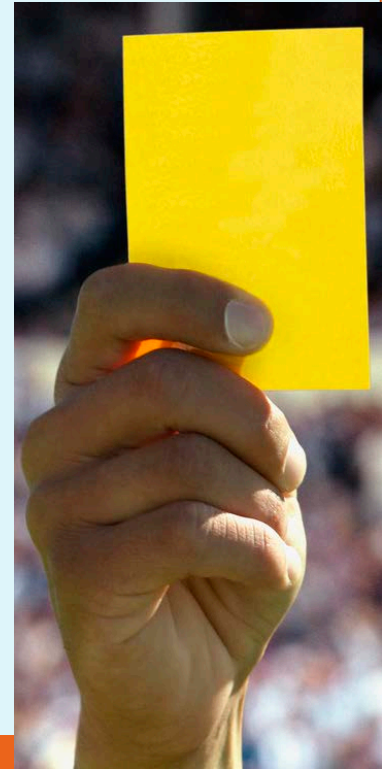
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NO

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If a state/tribe adopts the FVO, they must:

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

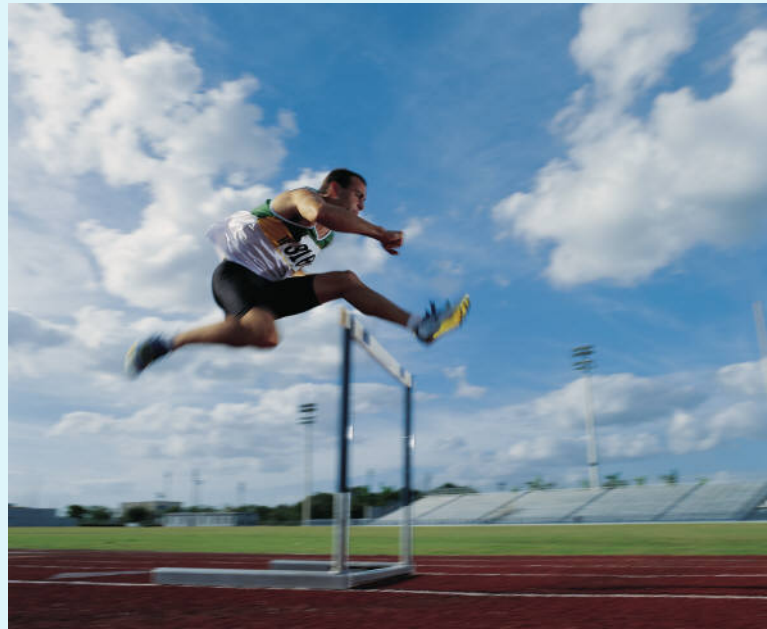


Time limits

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?

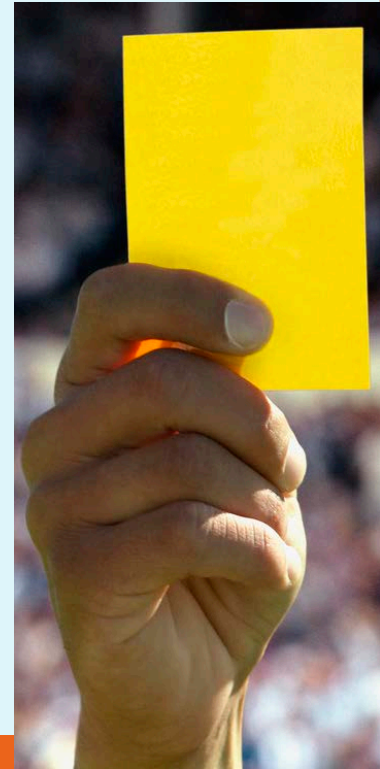


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Limited referrals



- Who?
- How?
- When?



Determining Good Cause



- When?
- Proof?
- Next steps?



Questions/Comments



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