

Intimate Partner Violence and Mental Health across the Reproductive Life Cycle

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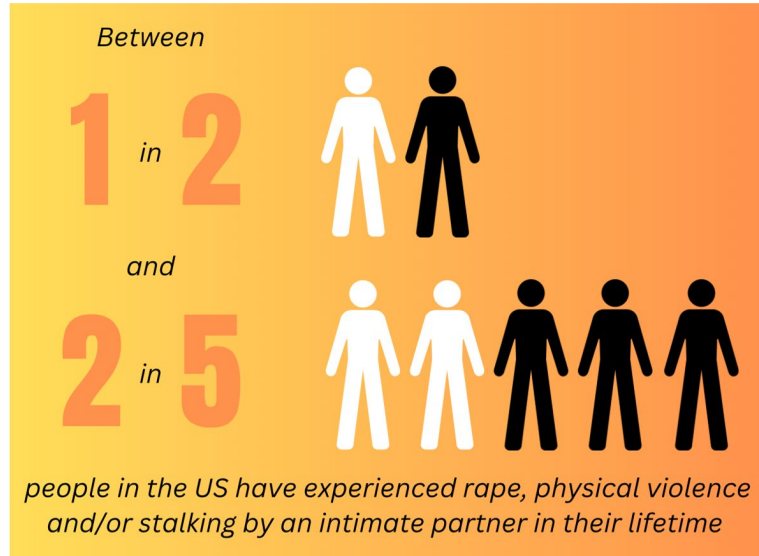
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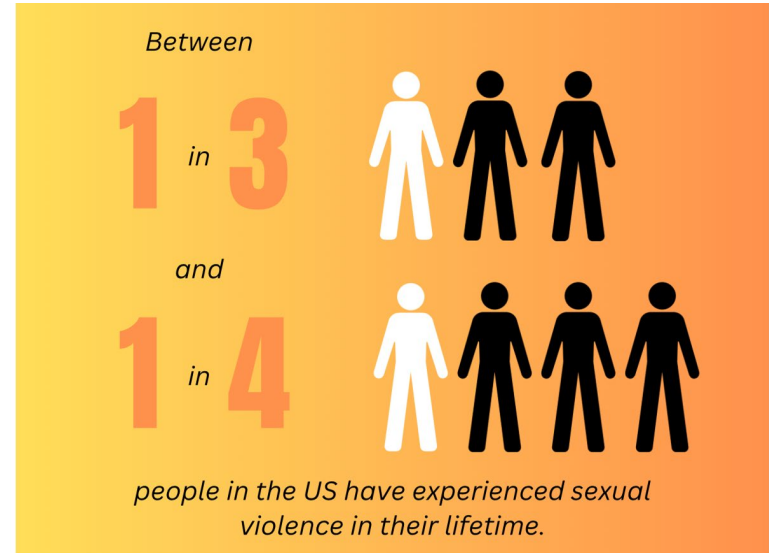
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Prevalence

Intimate Partner Violence



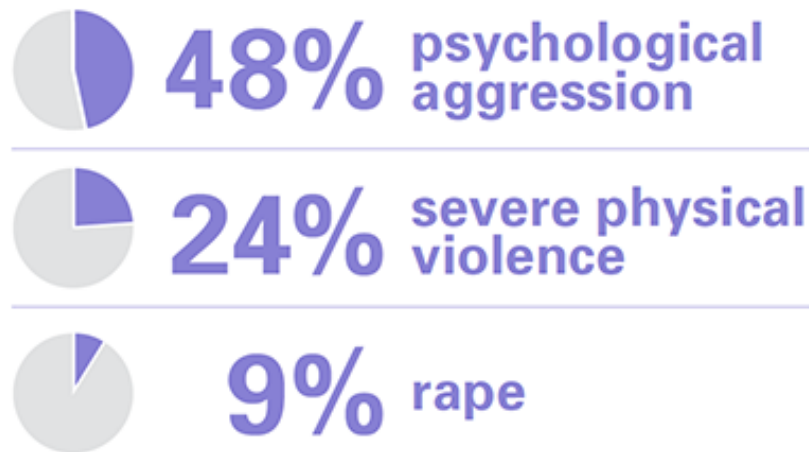
Sexual Violence



Because of intersecting forms of sexism, racism, trans/homophobia, and other forms of oppression, marginalized and historically exploited peoples experience higher rates.

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a sexual and reproductive health and rights issue

Many U.S. women have experienced some form of IPV...



...and IPV directly impacts their sexual and reproductive health and autonomy.

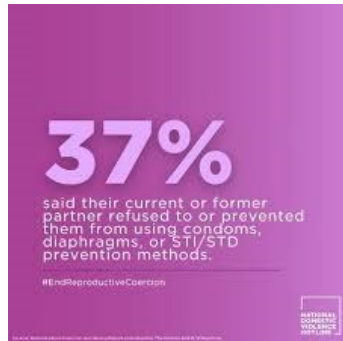


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

www.guttmacher.org

Reproductive Coercion is common

- Birth control sabotage
- Condom manipulation (stealthing)
- Forcing partner to get an abortion, or preventing them from getting one
- Withholding finances needed to purchase birth control (economic abuse)
- Threatening the pregnant person if they don't follow their wishes to either end or continue a pregnancy (partner and family pressure).



Reproductive Coercion and Abuse Report

A survey to learn more about survivor experiences with reproductive coercion and abuse.

Report in collaboration with If/When/How

thehotline.org

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

Mental health coercion is common

Domestic violence commonly targets mental health

In a survey of 2,546 callers to the National Domestic Violence Hotline:



had experienced at least one type of mental health coercion, including:



4 in 5

said their partner accused them of being “crazy”



3 in 4

said their partner deliberately did things to make them feel like they were losing their mind



1 in 2

said their partner threatened to report they were “crazy” to keep them from getting things they wanted or needed (e.g. protection order or child custody)



1 in 2

sought help due to feeling depressed or upset. Of those, half said their partner tried to prevent or discourage them from getting help or taking prescribed medications

Mental Health and Substance Use Coercion Surveys Report from the National Domestic Violence Hotline and



Substance Use Coercion is Common

Domestic violence often includes substance use coercion

Substance use coercion refers to coercive tactics focused on substance use, as part of a broader pattern of abuse and control



A survey of 3,056 callers to the National Domestic Violence Hotline found:

of callers had experienced at least one form of substance use coercion



over
1 in 4

had used substances to reduce the pain of domestic violence



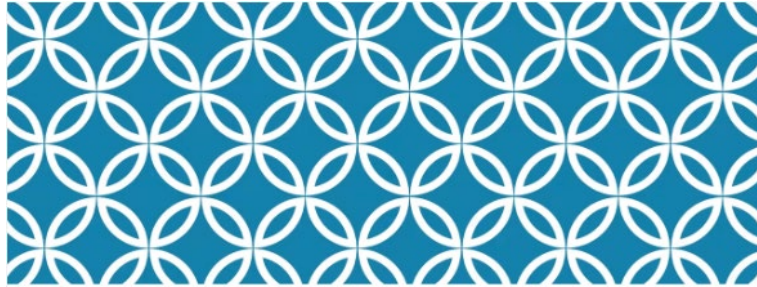
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1 in 4

had been pressured or forced to use substances or made to use more than they wanted



IPV increases during public health emergencies

- Recognize intersections of systemic and structural inequities that increase vulnerability to IPV and poor health outcomes
- Involve survivors, advocates, and practitioners in emergency preparedness planning
- Promote cross-sector collaborations

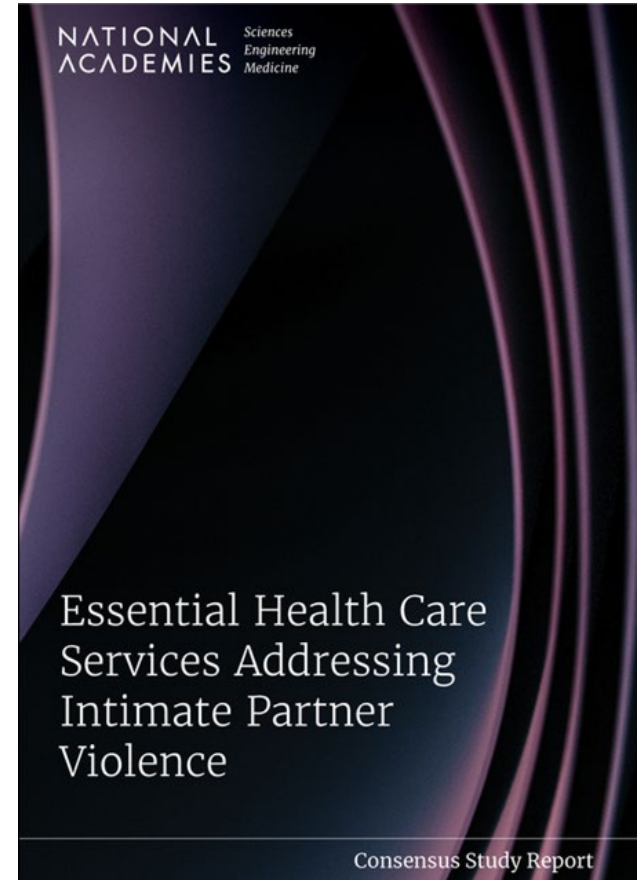


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SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN DURING
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IPV and Maternal Mortality

- In the US, nearly half of all female and one-tenth of male homicide victims are killed by intimate partners
- Homicide during pregnancy or within 2 months of giving birth exceeds all the leading causes of maternal mortality by more than **twofold**.
- Pregnancy is associated with a significantly higher homicide risk in the Black population, and among girls and younger women (10-24)

***We can't reduce maternal mortality
without addressing intimate
partner violence***

Address systemic
racism

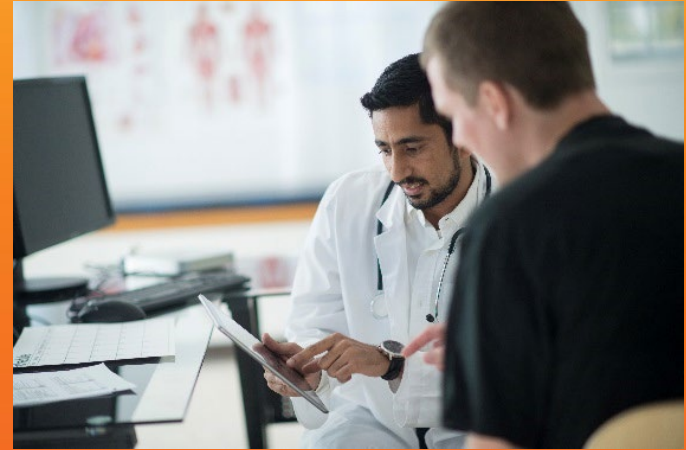
Create healing-
centered systems



Uplift and
center
communities
and individuals

Universal Education

Provides an opportunity for clients to make the connection between violence, health problems, and risk behaviors.



** If you currently have IPV/HT screening as part of your health center requirements: we strongly recommend first doing universal education.*

CUES: An Evidence-based Intervention

Confidentiality
Universal Education
Empowerment
Support



(Above: four images of safety card tools)

Building and Sustaining Effective Partnerships

Partnerships help promote bi-directional warm referrals for clients/patients and increase staff engagement and support.



Download a sample MOU: <https://healthpartnersipve.org/resources/sample-memorandum-of-understanding/>

Find your State and Tribal DV Coalitions:

<https://nnedv.org/content/state-u-s-territory-coalitions/>

<https://www.niwr.org/tribal-coalitions>

Find a health center near you: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

Strategies for Building Partnerships

- Learn about your local resources
- Identify champions
- Set clear goals for collaboration
- Establish an MOU
- Meet and talk regularly
- Engage in cross training
- Build a system for warm handoffs
- Use a “backdoor” number for immediate advocate support
- Consider co-locating an advocate

See DV survivor health center enrollment tools: <https://healthpartnersipve.org/futures-resources/increasing-health-care-enrollment-for-survivors-of-domestic-violence/>

Learn more about partnerships: <https://healthpartnersipve.org/resources/partnerships-between-hcs-and-dv-and-sv-advocacy-programs-bi-directional-infographic/>



COMMITTED TO SAFETY FOR ALL SURVIVORS:

*GUIDANCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS
ON SUPPORTING SURVIVORS WHO USE SUBSTANCES*

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**UNDERSTANDING
SUBSTANCE USE COERCION
IN THE CONTEXT OF
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE:
IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICY
AND PRACTICE**

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

**Coercion Related to Mental Health and Substance Use
in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence:**

*A Toolkit for Screening, Assessment, and Brief Counseling
in Primary Care and Behavioral Health Settings*

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- Pregnant or parenting teens
- Primary Care
- Reproductive Health Settings
- Transgender/Gender Non-conforming
- Muslim Youth



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www.IPVHealth.org: online toolkit
for building health and advocacy
partnerships
