

DV Awareness

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Introductions:

1. Name
2. Organization
3. What you're hoping to learn?
4. What's something you're looking forward to in near future?

Definitions

Domestic Violence/ Domestic Abuse:

- Violent or aggressive behavior within the home, typically involving the violent abuse of a spouse or partner.

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

- Domestic violence by a current or former spouse or partner in an intimate relationship against the other spouse or partner. IPV can take a number of forms, including physical, verbal, emotional, economic and sexual abuse.

Relationship Abuse

- when one person uses a pattern of behaviors and tactics to gain and maintain power and control over a current or former intimate partner.

Definitions

Relationships that Qualify Domestic Abuse in MN?

- Spouses and former spouses;
- Parents and children;
- Persons related by blood;
- Persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past;
- Persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time
- A man and woman if the woman is pregnant and the man is alleged to be the father, regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time
- Persons involved in a significant romantic or sexual relationship.

**Domestic violence dangerously impacts our community
24 hours a day and 365 days out of the year**

Each year across the U.S., 1 in 3 women are beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood; Over 12 million people are raped physically assaulted, or stalked by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend, and hundreds of lives are lost due to perpetrators' need to isolate, intimidate and control their victims

Domestic Violence accounts for 20% of all violent crime victims in MN.

Each year the St. Paul Police Department received an estimated 5,000 initial domestic crime 911-calls

On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by a intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more the 10 million women & men.

1 in 4 women & 1 in 9 men
experience severe intimate partner violence
19% of domestic violence involves a weapon.

The cost of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) exceeds \$8.3 Billion a year.

More than 15 million children in the United States live in homes in which domestic violence has happened at least once.

When a victim attempts to leave an abusive situation, they are at a 75% greater risk of being murdered.

During the six months following a violent episode, 32% of female identifying victims are victimized again.

. Victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8.0 million days of paid work each year

Between 21-60% of victims of intimate partner violence lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse

1 in 3 homeless women in Minnesota is homeless because of domestic violence

1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

Power and Control



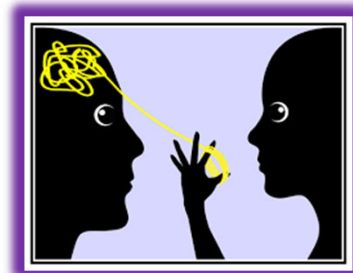
Intimidation

Instilling fear
Making threatening gestures
Displaying weapons



Emotional Abuse

Name calling
Humiliation
Twisting words
Mocking
Yelling, swearing
Abusing trust



Using Isolation

Keeping victims away from support
 Preventing or making it difficult to
 see friends or family
 Monitoring phone calls and texts
 Telling the victim where they can
 and cannot go
 Using jealousy to justify actions



Minimizing Denying and Blaming

Making light of the abusive behavior
 Claiming the abuse did not happen
 Shifting the responsibility for the
 abusive behavior
 Saying the victim caused it
 Work has been extremely stressful
 "If you had just done what I had asked you..."



Using Children

Accusing the victim of bad parenting
Threatening to call Child Protection, to
gain custody, to take the children away,
etc.

Using the children to relay messages

Using parenting time exchange to
harass the victim

Threatening to not watch or provide
childcare for the children



Using Privilege

Claiming to be right

Telling the victim what to do

Making all the big decisions



Using Coercion and Threats

Making or carrying out threats to harm the victim, family, friends, pets, etc.

Threaten to commit suicide

Coercing the victim to not cooperate with the criminal proceedings



Collaboration

Employment Counselor: Focus on the EP and meeting requirements for financial independence.

Domestic Violence Specialist: Focus on safety of the participant and their family while creating an EP with the Employment Counselor. Discussing resources and options to keep the participant safe.

Domestic Violence Advocate: Only with consent from the victim can an advocate give input into this process. Advocates can always provide general guidance and knowledge of systems to the DV Specialist or Employment Counselor

DV/Family Violence Waiver Who Qualifies?

A client who has an act or a combination of acts such as:
physical harm, bodily injury or assault, the infliction of fear of
imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault, terroristic
threats, criminal sexual conduct committed against or
committed by a family or household member.

DV/Family Violence Waiver Family or Household members are:

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Parents and children
People related by blood
People who are residing together or who have resided together
in the past
People who have a child in common
If a woman is pregnant and the man alleged to be the father
People involved in a current or past significant romantic or
sexual relationship

DV/Family Violence Waiver

What does the Waiver do?

Stops the MFIP 60-month time clock

If a client is determined to be eligible they also meet the eligibility criteria for Family Stabilization services

DV/Family Violence Waiver

Job Counselor Responsibility

Once a client reveals to you that they are experiencing DV the counselor must refer client to a person trained in DV if the they are not already working with a DV Advocate.

Counselor **MUST** ensure that client has that access.

The counselor and the DV Specialist must assist client in developing an EP.

Once the plan has been approved the Counselor must inform the Financial Worker.

DV/Family Violence Waiver

The Financial Worker or Job Counselor should advise the client in what documentation they will need for this waiver.

The county must assist the client if they are having difficulty getting these

DO NOT require the client to comply with the regular Employment Services activities or ES sanctions while client is obtaining documentation.

DV/Family Violence Waiver

All are acceptable but the client only needs for verification for the DV Waiver

- Police, government agency, or court records
- Statement from battered women's shelter staff person or a sexual assault or domestic violence advocate with knowledge of the circumstances
- Statement from a professional from whom the client has sought assistance about the abuse
- Sworn statement from the participant
- Sworn statement from any other person with knowledge of the circumstances

DV/Family Violence Waiver

The Process:

The participant shares with their Employment Counselor that they are a victim of domestic violence.

The Employment Counselor fills out the Family Violence Referral.

The Domestic Violence Specialist helps with the Waiver and coming up with an employment plan that is focused on safety.

The Family Safety Employment Plan is filled out.

Through a referral from the DV Specialist, the victim/participant is connected with a Domestic Violence Advocate.

Provides confidential service and support to the victim.

Why Advocates?

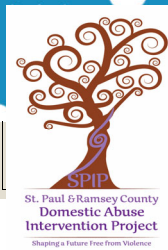




The St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (SPIP) logo is positioned at the top center of a white rectangular box. The box is set against a blue background with a repeating pattern of white leaves and swirls. Below the logo, the text 'Since 1984, SPIP has:' is followed by a list of four bullet points, each preceded by a diamond symbol.

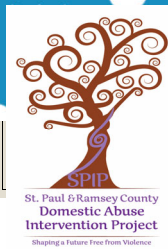
Since 1984, SPIP has:

- ❖ Provided culturally and linguistically appropriate advocacy, crisis intervention and support to victims of domestic abuse;
- ❖ Facilitated the systems' response to domestic violence;
- ❖ Provided education, prevention and outreach to victims of domestic abuse and the community at large, and
- ❖ Cultivated a community-wide response to end domestic violence.

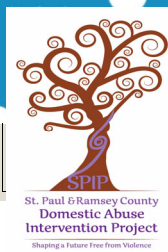


24-Hour Crisis Line

Twenty-four hour crisis support to an estimated 9,000 victims each year.



SPIP works to ensure victims and their children can remain safe in their homes, schools, places of employment, and that the violent behaviors of the perpetrators is stopped before the same or new victim is again assaulted.



Acute Intervention Services are at the heart of our agency. That first contact with victims sets the foundation for an ongoing relationship of advocacy and support, which will encompass the entire legal process, their and their family's crisis needs, ongoing safety planning, and a range of critical transitional services.

A.I.R. Advocate Initiated Response

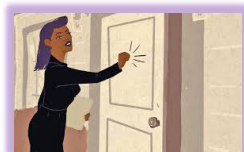


When any police involved DV crime occurs, SPIP is immediately contacted

24 hrs/ 7 days a week

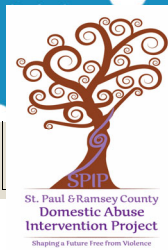


Upon notification, SPIP advocate initiates contact with the victim



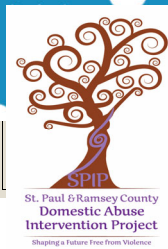
During initial contact

- Discuss immediate safety needs
- Make Safety Plan
- Explain resources and legal processes of multiple systems (civil, and criminal)



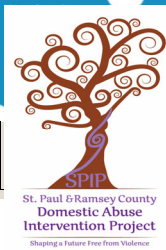
Partnership for Domestic Abuse Services' "Bridges to Safety"

Lead partner and administer of community and government full-collaborative "**Victim Service Center**"; serving over 1,200 victims each year. Services provided at **Bridges to Safety** include crisis intervention and personal advocacy; legal advocacy; legal consultation and representation; law enforcement investigation and assistance; Order for Protection writing/filing; supervised play for children; access to safe child visitation services; and referral to shelter, permanent and transitional housing, employment, personal counseling, and other community partners.



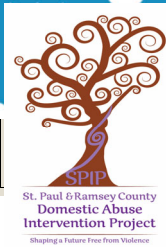
Children, Youth & Adolescent Services

Provides legal/general advocacy annually to over 1,200 children of the victims we serve and over 300 female adolescents who are primary victims.



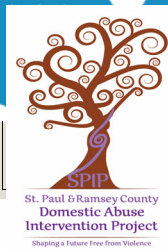
Community Outreach Programming

Provides over 50 education/outreach programs and 200 networking sessions in the community, focusing on communities/persons with increased barriers to accessing help, to ensure programs are available to all women and children.



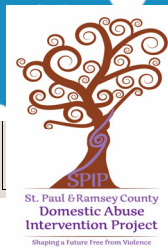
Family Transitional Services

Family Transitional Services addresses the multiple effects of domestic violence in meeting the critical long- and short-term needs of battered women and their children.



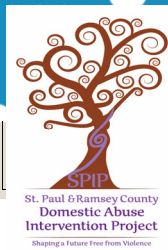
Hospital/Clinic Advocacy Program

Works in partnership with the medical community in educating health care staff and ensuring that over 600 patients yearly who are deliberately abused can receive intervention, services and protection.



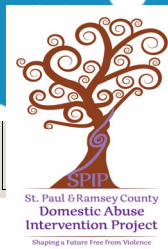
Civil Legal Attorney Program

Ensures victims and their children have critical legal representation and access to critical legal advice, annually serving 648 victims.



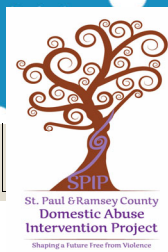
Latino Immigrant & Refugee Family Violence Program

Annually provides over 618 Latina and immigrant victims' legal & general advocacy, and statewide culturally appropriate outreach and education.



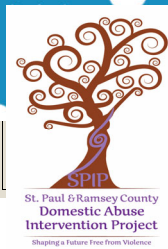
Muslim Battered Women's Outreach Program

Ensures Muslim women who are victims of domestic abuse have access to the help, advocacy and services they need, serving over 200 Muslim victims each year.



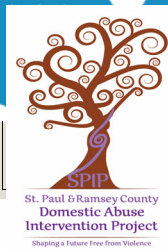
Older Battered Women's Program

General and legal advocacy services to over 350 older battered women annually, meeting their unique safety, emotional and transitional needs.



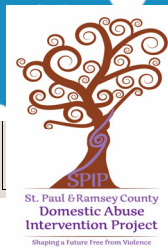
Southeast Asian Services

Establishes a link with, and provides 24-hour culturally/linguistically appropriate legal and general advocacy to 582 SE Asian victims (and their children) each year.



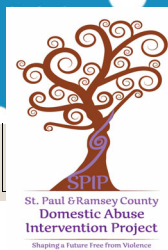
System Advocacy Program

Works effectively with the criminal justice and government systems to improve responses to domestic violence; promote policies to protect the victims and their families, and increase the number of assailants held legally responsible for their violence. The creation and ongoing implementation of the **“Blueprint for Safety”** (a national guide for the criminal justice system’s response to domestic violence from 911 to case disposition) is one example of this collaborative work.



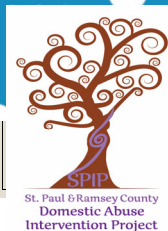
Transitional Services

Critical short and long-term services to 5,200 victims and their children; including ongoing safety planning, obtaining orders for protection, securing shelter, medical care, transportation, housing, basic needs, employment, and financial aid.



Weekly Support/Education Groups

Multiple-weekly **Support/Education Groups** in English & Spanish. Services include the **General Support Group**, designed for all victims; **Latina Support Group**; **Older Batter Women's Groups**; and **Groups for Women who are Incarcerated**. Our groups assist victims in breaking their isolation, becoming knowledgeable of beneficial opportunities and resources, and creating a network of support.



Our Staff

Multiple-weekly Support/Education Groups in English & Spanish. SPIP strives to ensure that diverse, multi-lingual, and culturally based programming is delivered by staff who intimately understand the culture, lifestyles, and realities of the people we intend to serve.

Staff is comprised of African, Latinix, European and Asian -Pacific Islander ethnic backgrounds, as well as elders, people with different abilities, sexual orientations/identities, new immigrants and domestic abuse survivors; in which English, Spanish, Hmong, Karen, Burmese, Somali and basic sign languages are spoken.



Call SPIP anytime for brochures & cards

Advocates are always available to discuss difficult situations and provide knowledge and insight.

651-645-2824

If you live in Minnesota, but outside of Ramsey County, please call the **Day One Minnesota Domestic Violence Crisis Line** 24 hours a day at **1-866-223-1111**.

Questions??



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END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TOGETHER