

# WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

IS A DELIBERATE PATTERN

OF ABUSES

TO MAINTAIN POWER

AND CONTROL

OVER A PARTNER



Domestic violence is the leading cause



Of injury to women

Between the ages of 15 and 44

# What are the Signs?

- Domestic violence is not just severe physical violence.
- It includes:
  - slaps,
  - pushes,
  - shoves,
  - threats,
  - emotional and
  - financial abuse,
  - False imprisonment
  - And any other behavior that batterers use to control and coerce the victims.
  - one partner or spouse frequently makes the other ask permission to do things,

# Stats

Georgia Domestic Violence Fatalities

2013

**62 people killed** in domestic violence related incidents.



# HOMICIDE AND INJURY

- Almost **one-third of female homicide victims** that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.



- In 70-80% of intimate partner homicides, no matter which partner was killed, the man physically abused the woman before the murder.

Intimate partner violence  
results in more than **18.5**  
**million mental health**  
**care visits each year.**



**yet**

Less than one-fifth of victims  
reporting an injury from intimate  
partner violence sought medical  
treatment following the injury.

Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.







Boys who witness domestic violence are *twice as likely* to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults. 30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.



**Adult women who had witnessed domestic violence as a child showed greater distress and lower social adjustment**

**Girls who witness violence in their homes are at greater risk for becoming a victim of domestic violence**



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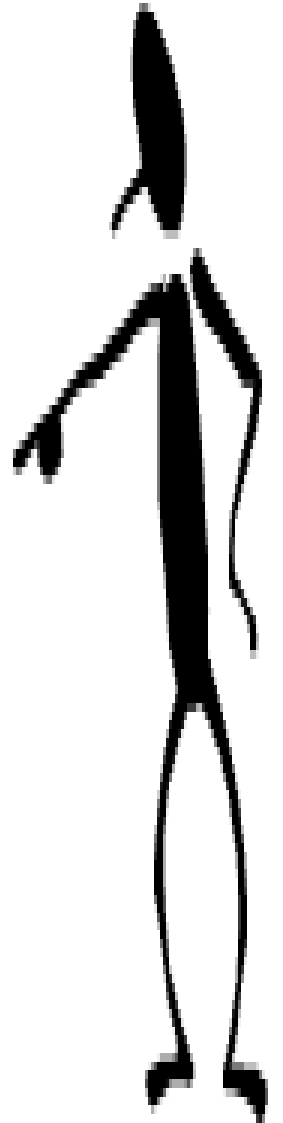
THREATS

ISOLATION

PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE

PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

SEXUAL VIOLENCE



# + IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ECONOMIC  
CONTROL \$

DESTRUCTION  
OF PROPERTY

MANIPULATION  
OF CHILDREN

TORTURE OF  
FAMILY PETS

THREATS  
AGAINST  
CHILDREN

CRUDITY TO  
ANIMALS

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS AGAINST THE LAW



EFFECTS

THE ENTIRE

COMMUNITY

# Effects of domestic violence



ANGRY CHILDREN

LOST WAGES

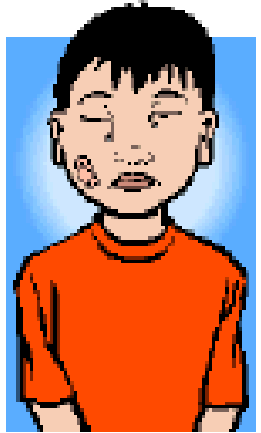


MEDICAL COSTS

\$4.1 BILLION PER YR



RAGEFUL ADULTS



# ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Victims of intimate partner violence *lost almost 8 million days of paid work* because of the violence perpetrated against them by current or former husbands, boyfriends, and dates-equivalent of more than *32,000 full time jobs* and almost *5.6 million days of household productivity* as a result of violence.
- There are 16,800 homicides and \$2.2 million (medically treated) injuries due to intimate partner violence annually, which costs \$37 billion.

# EFFECTS ON VICTIMS

- LOW SELF ESTEEM
- CONDITIONED TO ACCEPT BLAME
- DEPRESSED/ANXIOUS
- ISOLATED
- FILLED WITH GUILT AND SHAME
- MINIMIZES/ DENIES THE ABUSE
- MAY SUFFER FROM PTSD
- MISTRUST MALE AUTHORITY



# Domestic Violence effects on secondary victims



The children



Who **witness** the violence

# PHYSICAL EFFECTS

**Difficulty  
concentration**

**Anxiety**

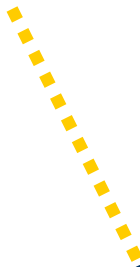
**Head aches  
Stomach  
aches**

**Bed wetting**



**Depression**

**Sleep disorders**



**POOR SELF  
ESTEEM**



**AGGRESSION**

## **EMOTIONAL EFFECTS**

**WITHDRAWAL**



**Difficulty with  
relationships**

**CHILDREN  
WILL ALSO**

**Blame  
themselves  
for the  
battering**

**Run away**

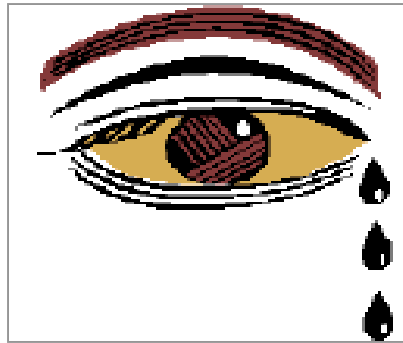


**Mirror the  
batterer**

**Accept  
violence as  
normal**

**46%**

**Of men**



**Who  
abuse  
women**

**Abuse their  
children**

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**Fathers who batter mothers**

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**Are twice as likely to seek sole custody of the children**

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**As non-abusing fathers**

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# FACT

80-90 % OF DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN  
HETEROSEXUAL  
RELATIONSHIPS ARE FEMALE

A HIGH % OF FEMALE VIOLENCE  
IS COMMITTED IN SELF- DEFENSE

Domestic Violence Occurs

Within

Same-sex relationship

At the Same Frequency

as

Heterosexual Relationships





# Men can also be victims

Some studies say:

- at least 835,000 men are battered each year
- That domestic Violence is the most under reported crime to men.

# FACT

## D.V. AFFECTS ALL

AGES

SOCIOECONOMICS  
STATUS

RACES

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

ETHNICITY

MENTAL OR  
PHYSICAL ABILITIES

RELIGION

ONE'S NEED FOR  
CONTROL IS

IS INVERSELY RELATED  
TO SELF-ESTEEM

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HIGH

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS ABOUT

*UN HEALTHY*

THE

NEED FOR CONTROL



This unhealthy need

Is a result of deep seated

Feelings of toxic shame

Fear of intimacy

Faulty belief system

Fear of abandonment

Irrational jealousy



**However**

**Stuffs** ↓

**these** ↓

**feelings** ↓

**The  
batterer**

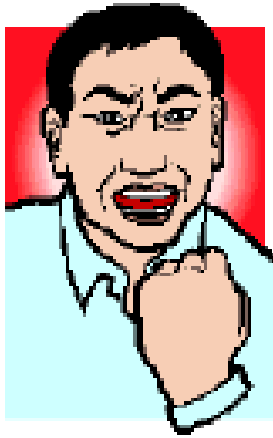
**These stuffed  
feelings**



**Are impossible**

**to contain**

**over time**



RAGE IS THE  
UNHEALTHY  
RELEASE

OF THESE FEELINGS

IT HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH THE  
VICTIMS BEHAVIOR

AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH  
WHAT'S INSIDE THE BATTER



FAMILY  
PRESSURE

DENIAL

SHAME

WHY DOES  
THE VICTIM  
STAY?

FEAR

LOVE

MONEY

CHILDREN

**ACCEPTS  
BLAME**



# Understand

**Batterers are masters of:**

**Minimizing  
and denying  
their  
behaviors**



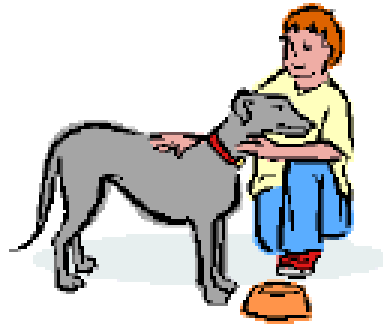
**Shifting the  
blame to their  
victims**

**Presenting as  
the victim**

# Barriers to leaving a violent relationship

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**Lack of  
resources**



**Loss of  
children &  
pets**

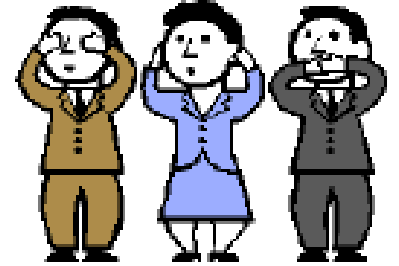
**Lack of  
employment**





**CLERGY**  
**“SAVE THE MARRIAGE”**

**SOCIETY**



## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES



**JUDGES**  
**“Go be a good boy”**



**POLICE “Just a dispute not a crime”**



# What To Do If A Person Is In Domestic Violence

- Some Recommendations:
  - Acknowledge and support her/him for talking to you.
  - Let them know that you consider their feelings reasonable and normal.
  - Let them lead the conversation.
  - If they ask you to do something you can't or don't want to do, say so.

# What To Do If A Person Is In Domestic Violence

- **Talk discreetly**
  - **Be non-judgmental**
  - **Listen and believe them**
  - **Respect their right to refuse help**
  - **Give the National Domestic Violence Hotline number**  
**1-800-799-SAFE and/or**  
**P.R.D.V.S Number 928-645-5300**

# What is the solution?

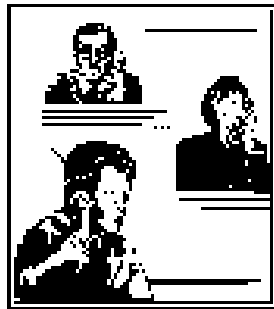


What is the solution ?

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# Coordinated Community Response

Coordinates all the available resources



In response to victim's needs

Judicial

Enforcement

DV Advocates

Offender treatment  
counselors

Probation

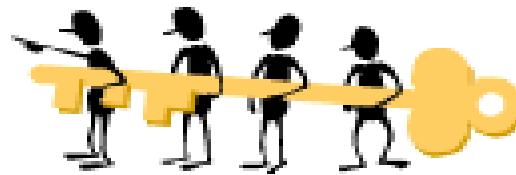


# Key Components

A shared framework about violence against all living things

Victim centered approach to services

Belief all violence against women be taken seriously



Support for advocacy

Belief that offenders must be held accountable

Commitment to joint plan for response to DV

# OUTCOMES

Increased  
victim safety

Increased  
offender  
accountability

Victim's report  
feeling  
supported by  
the community



Increased  
communication  
among agencies

Mutual respect for  
individual's roles  
and  
responsibilities.

Increased community  
awareness & support

TOGETHER WE CAN



End Domestic Violence