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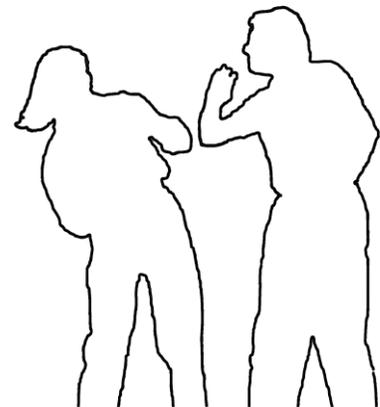
Personal Leadership Development & Partner Abuse Intervention

Partner Abuse Intervention

In as domestic partnership, violence can be defined as “Any attempt I make to force my will on you.” The purpose of a Partner Abuse Intervention Program is to promote perpetrator accountability and victim safety. The primary goal is to eliminate male violence against women. Participants are educated about the causes and forms of domestic violence and are taught skills for handling conflict without becoming abusive.

The use of violence in domestic relationships is a learned behavior. We’ve all been socialized in a culture that values the use of power and control. This cultural acceptance of dominance is rooted in the assumption that, based on differences, some people have the legitimate right to master others. Male Privilege, White Privilege, Class Privilege and so forth are all provide examples of this that we see every day.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior rather than an isolated incident. The table at the left gives some examples of abusive behaviors to look for in such a pattern. All of us have engaged in at least some of the same tactics batterers use to exert power and control over their partners. Such learned behaviors can be unlearned and can be replaced with non-abusive, respectful behaviors.



Over the course of a PAIP program, each man will have the opportunity to explore the intent and source of his violence and the possibilities for change through seeking a different kind of relationship with women. The table at the right gives some examples to look for in a pattern of respectful, non-violent behavior.

Crossroads Counseling of Chicago provides referrals to services from Illinois Department of Human Services approved providers in the Chicago area.

Typical PAIP Services

- Individual assessments
- Substance abuse screening and referral
- Group intervention program
- Coordination with victim’s services
- Coordination with referring agencies
 - Probation/Parole
 - Social Services
 - Children and Family Services



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The Duluth Model

The standard for treatment of partner abuse is the Duluth Model that was developed in the 1980's. These are the principles of that model:

- Partner abuse is a pattern of actions used to intentionally control or dominate an intimate partner (cycle of violence)
- The victim is not to blame
- Offenders are held accountable
- The voices of the victims take priority
- Intervention programs are offered to offenders
- Treatment comprises an integrated response among legislative, judicial, criminal and civil justice agencies, health care, community members, victims, etc.
- Societal conditions that support men's use of tactics of power and control over women must change

Among the products of the Duluth Model are the **Power and Control Wheel** that sets forth the various means by which one may attempt to control another. Note that as a situation escalates, physical and sexual violence may be resorted to should any of the eight other methods fail to achieve the desired result. Another product is the **Equality Wheel** that sets for ways of relating to a partner as an equal and respecting the partner's right to live as he or she chooses. These Wheels are presented on the pages below.

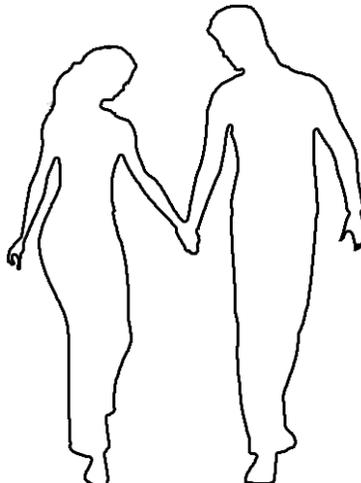
Resources

If you are a **victim of domestic violence** and are in need of emergency help, call the Illinois

Domestic Violence Hotline: (877) TO END DV (877) 863-6338

Consultation

Phone 312-316-3366 for a confidential consultation or to request additional information.





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