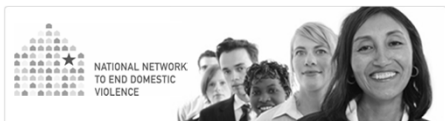


The Intersection of Domestic Violence & HIV/AIDS

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Ice Breaker

At your tables:

- ★ Share two words for sexual body parts or acts

Any that were new to anyone?



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Understanding the Problem


- ★ Women who were beaten by their boyfriends or husbands were 48% more likely to be infected. (Dunkle, Kristin L. et al., 2004)
- ★ 24% of female patients experienced physical abuse after disclosing their HIV status and 45% feared such a reaction. (Rothenberg K.H. et al, 1995)
- ★ Women who have a history of both sexual and physical abuse by intimate partners are 2.7 times more likely to worry about acquiring HIV. (Wingood et al., 2000)
- ★ Over half of women living with HIV had experienced IPV, considerably higher than the national prevalence among women overall (55% vs. 36%). (Machtiger, 2012; Black 2011)



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V Virus



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HIV/AIDS

Acquired A person acquires or gets HIV from another person who is infected with HIV.

Immune The virus attacks and destroys key cells necessary for the immune system's ability to work effectively.

Deficiency The immune system becomes compromised or weakened.


Syndrome A collection of symptoms that indicate a disease.



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Transmission of HIV

- ★ Sharing syringes for drug use, or needles for tattooing or body piercing
- ★ Unprotected receptive anal, vaginal or oral sex with an HIV infected person
- ★ Mother to child transmission
- ★ Breast feeding



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Stages of HIV/AIDS

Primary Infection - Incubation Period

The period when a person is first infected with HIV and when antibodies (proteins made by the immune system in response to infection against the virus) are produced by the body.

No Symptoms

Stage when people infected with HIV continue to look and feel completely well for long periods - often for many years.



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Stages of HIV/AIDS

Symptoms Present - Later Stage of HIV

Symptoms mark the early and medium stages of HIV symptomatic disease.

AIDS

Diagnosis occurs when:

- ★ CD4 count is below 200 cells per cubic millimeter, or
- ★ At least one of about 26 different opportunistic infections - diseases that take advantage of the damaged immune systems



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HIV/AIDS Risk Reduction

- ★ Testing
- ★ Linkage to Care
- ★ Condom Use & Distribution
- ★ Interactive Counseling & Safety Planning



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HIV in the United States

- ★ There are 1.1 million people estimated to be living with HIV; 1 in 5 are unaware of their status.
- ★ 66% have been linked to HIV care.
- ★ 37% are retained in care.
- ★ 33% received anti-retroviral therapies.
- ★ 25% have undetectable viral loads.
- ★ 25% of people living with HIV are women.
- ★ In 2010, of new infections, 64% occurred in Black women, 18% were in white, and 15% were Latinas.

(CDC, 2012.)



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A partner who hits you may insist on having unprotected sex with you. If he has had sex with someone else or if he has shot drugs, he might be putting you at risk for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Get help.
 Call 1-800-942-6906 (English)
 1-800-942-6908 (Spanish)
 24 hours, 7 days a week

New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and New York State Department of Health

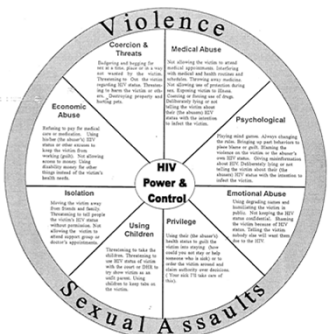
HIV/AIDS Power & Control

- ★ Coercion and threats
- ★ Emotional
- ★ Medical Abuse
- ★ Isolation
- ★ Economic
- ★ Psychological
- ★ Using children
- ★ Sexual/reproductive



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HIV/AIDS Power & Control Wheel



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Assessing for HIV Risk


ASSESSING – for risk of HIV infection in a DV setting



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Disclosure of HIV Risk

DISCLOSURE – when sexual violence or risk of HIV infection is revealed



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Documentation

When documenting information, consider the following:


- ★ If the client saw the content of their file, would they be comfortable with it?
- ★ Only include information that is sufficient for care and treatment
- ★ Liability issues


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Collaboration

Community based collaboration is a process that involves sharing information and resources to accomplish a shared vision.


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Benefits of Collaboration

- ★ Helps build knowledge base
- ★ Results in appropriate referrals
- ★ Is a holistic approach to meeting client needs
- ★ Saves time



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What is Needed for a Successful Collaboration?

- ★ Defining a target community
- ★ Finding a common ground
- ★ Developing a shared vision
- ★ Providing cross-learning opportunities
- ★ Sharing decision making
- ★ Understanding each agency's culture
- ★ Committing to the long run



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What is Needed for a Successful Collaboration?

- ★ Being wiling to ask for information, resources, skills and authority
- ★ Supporting each other and giving each other credit
- ★ Being open to and accepting change and adjustment
- ★ Acknowledging and sharing in risk-taking
- ★ Trusting each other
- ★ Engaging in open, honest, and ethical communication



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Collaboration

- ★ DV & SA advocate serve on state and local Ryan White Planning Councils
- ★ Do a training at each others program - for both staff and clients
- ★ Program Staff could have site visits to gain a better understanding of the services other programs offer so as to give clients more informed referrals
- ★ Share posters and other materials with each other
- ★ Others?



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Action Planning

- ★ Take about 5 minutes and answer the following:
 - The one step towards collaboration that I will take is...
 - Who needs to be involved?
 - What else do I need to know about HIV?



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