PLC Training Module Domestic Violence

Overview/Schedule:

- This module is designed to take 90 minutes.
 - Options for additional and follow-up activities are included.
 - Welcome, Introductions, and Overview:
 - Welcome and Why We're Here (5 minutes)
 - DVD- Primetime example of NY State DV case (25 minutes)
 - Core Concept Power Point Presentation (20 minutes)
 - Practice (screening, questions, family vs. criminal court, resources (5 minutes)
 - DVD- Obtaining an order of protection (10minutes)
 - Closing, Evaluation, and Opportunities (5 minutes)

Materials and Equipment:

- DV Screening card
- DVD's (with player)
- PowerPoint presentation (with computer)

Educational Objectives:

• This module is about domestic violence and addresses several essential learning objectives of this rotation. The specific learning objectives of the module include:

Advocacy & Role As A Consultant

- Understand your role as an advocate for victims of DV
- Build skills/demonstrate how to incorporate advocacy into day to day health care
 practice to effect change in the health outcomes of your families who may be affected
 by DV
- Understand and identify areas where you can utilize your role as consultant or advocate for families of DV and the local community

Community & Public Health

- Identify how DV exposure can affect the health of children and families in your community
- Identify and learn how to mobilize resources in your community that affect the health outcomes of families with DV
- Understand & identify where there are gaps or where improved coordination with CBO's/ services would positively impact the health of children and families living with DV

Medical Home

- Understand why DV is a pediatric issue
- Importance of screening for DV rout inely
- Understand health care utilization amongst victims of DV

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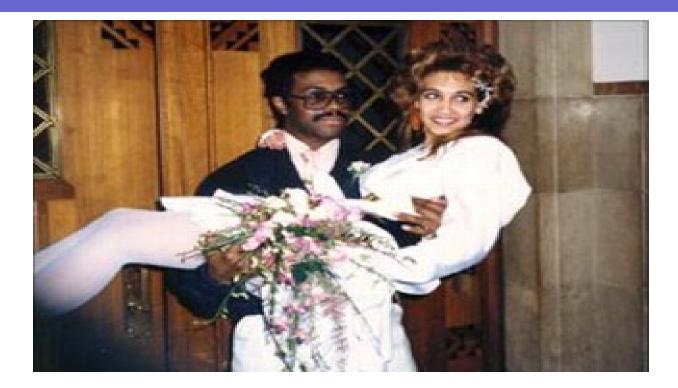
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Screening tools available

Primetime special



In a tree-lined neighborhood in upstate New York, Susan, 47, a mother of three, never imagined her life would spin out of control.

The day her husband Ulner instructed their <u>13-year-old son</u> to videotape the verbal

and physical assault upon her.

Primetime special

- The horrifying tape lasts 51 minutes as the rants get louder and more violent.
 - "You don't even look at me with that stupid look on your face. Don't you get tired of that [expletive]," Ulner yells.
 - "Zoom in on that heifer," Ulner directs his son. "Zoom in. Do you see a tear?"
 - He continues to yell, "You don't know what to do. Look at your stupid [expletive]. Look at the way you look!"
- Ulner makes his son videotape what he considers to be his justifiable anger at his wife, and at the end of the tape -- after what seems like endless verbal abuse
 Ulner slaps, beats and strangles his wife With their younger children as witnesses.

Primetime Special -Important take home points from video

- The <u>controlling</u> was absolutely there from the beginning & "Without me recognizing it," Susan said.
 - (important especailly in teenagers who are in relationshipstext messaging, meeting by locker, changing friends)

 The <u>physical abuse started more than</u> <u>10 years into the marriage</u>, when, according to Susan, she forgot an item at a nearby grocery store.

(Susan did not get punched in the eye on her first date)

Primetime Special -Important take home points from video

 Susan said that Ulner cut her off from her father and her family for many years,
 <u>leaving her isolated</u> with no one to talk to, and completely under his control.

(isolation- key to controling behavior)

Primetime Special -Important take home points from video

- Later that night, Ulner played the tape for his family as an instructional video to <u>teach his wife and children</u> <u>a lesson about the flaws of their mother.</u>
 - (Children live in fear at home and present this in school-silent witnessess to violence)
- "The whole family had to sit and watch that night," said Lisa Bloch Rodwin, an assistant district attorney for Erie County, N.Y. "And then dad would stop it, pause it, and say, 'Do you see what she did wrong? Do you see how she made me do this to her?""
 - (Vicitim blames self)



What If I Can't Fix It?

- Our job is not to "FIX" domestic violence or to tell victims what to do
- We can help victims by UNDERSTANDING their situation and RECOGNIZING how abuse can impact health and risk behaviors

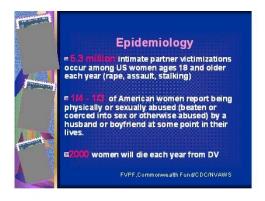
- Basics of screening
- Why is it important especially in a pediatric setting

What Is Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is defined as any physical, sexual, economic, verbal, or emotional maltreatment between members of a common household, or experienced in an intimate relationship. It is a system of behaviors used by one person to control another person's actions and feelings.

Define DV

 Relate to video-how she did not even realize for years.



Where Do Victims Present?

- Primary Care-1 in 7 women have been abused in past 12 months
- ED-37% of women in ED for a violent injury are DV victims
- Psychiatry-1 in 3 women treated is a DV victim

- Epidemiology
 - Prevenlence
 - Where we might see vicitims



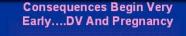
So, Why Don't They Just Leave????

- Fear- Risk of severe abuse escalates 75% if she leaves. Also fear of unknown
- Economics-Many women lack the means to survive especially with their children.
 50% of homeless women and children are on the streets because of violence in the home
- Visitation-Unsupervised visitation is likely with children
- Social isolation and love-they often are in love with abuser
- Religious and social pressures
- Promises of change!

 The question everyone wants an answer to !

 DV Victims: Not So Healthy
HP 2010 Indicator Connection to DV
Substance High-risk alcohol abuse
ILEADING cause of injuries and injuries and homicide
□ Mental Health 🖀 Risk of MH problems

Health presentation and outcomes in victims



- Battered women twice # miscarriages
 Often starts in pregnancy-6% of all or 325,000 women/y experience
- Results in late prenatal care, LBW babies, Increase FAS babies, infections, maternal depression, anemia, bleeding
- Adolescents they are at higher risk in first 3 months post partum

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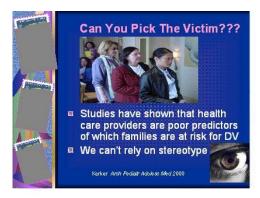
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	cognitive







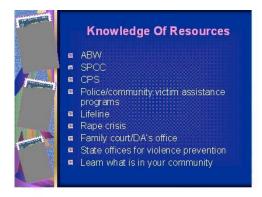
Health presentation and outcomes in children







- Screening
 - Who
 - Why
 - Barriers
 - How



Local resources

What We Can Do Is ASK

Regular screening is effective in identifying women who are victims

 Victims are not offended when asked
 Well accepted by patients-established relationship and multiple visits

82% of mothers FAVORED Pediatric health care providers askin about DV

Additional Reading material

- Random Families by-
- AAP policy on Domestic violence