

*“How can she love someone who
beats her?”*



“Why doesn’t she just leave?”



“It will never happen to me.”



Domestic Violence

TOGETHER WE CAN



END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!

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Objectives

- 1) Discuss the prevalence of domestic violence amongst the population
- 2) Describe the types of abuse and effects of domestic violence
- 3) Describe the screening process of victims of domestic violence
- 4) List 4 interventions for the victims of domestic violence

What is Domestic Violence?

- Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation.

What does an abuser look like?



What does a victim look like?



Statistics

- Every 5 seconds a woman is physically assaulted
- 1 in 3 women experience physical abuse
- Every year 324,000 pregnant women are battered
- 3 women die every day due to attacks
- 5 Billion dollars are lost in the workplace yearly related to domestic violence





Statistics

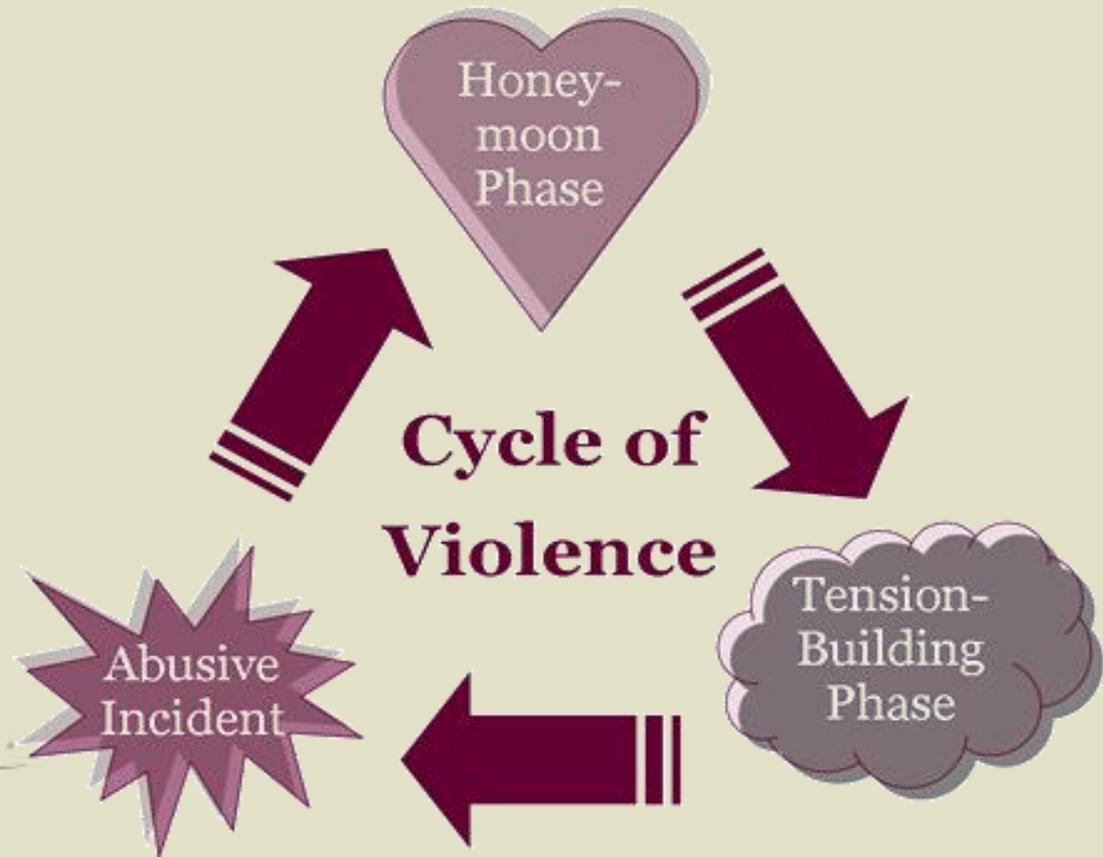
- 80% of children of battered mothers witness the abuse
- 1.5 million high school students report abuse while dating
- 75% of victims are killed while trying to leave their abuser
- The average victim leaves 6 times before staying away

Types of Abuse

- Emotional
- Financial
- Spiritual
- Physical
- Sexual



Stages of Violence



Effect of Domestic Violence on Children



- 90% of children in domestic violence homes are aware that it is going on
- 10 million children will witness domestic violence this year
- 50% of men that abuse their spouse will also abuse their child
- 90% of men in prison grew up in homes with domestic violence



Effects of Abuse Over Time



- Isolation
- Emotional problems
- Low self esteem
- Illnesses
- Depression
- Pain/Injuries
- Alcohol abuse
- Permanent injuries
- Drug abuse
- Death
- Loss of trust
- Crisis of faith

*“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much*

Helen Keller



Emergency Department

- The frontline of victim identification
- 75% of victims reporting to the Emergency Room are never identified.
- Most victims seek ED care on an average of seven times during the period of abuse.
- 80% of victims state that they did not reveal the abuse because, “they were never asked.”



Why we fail to identify

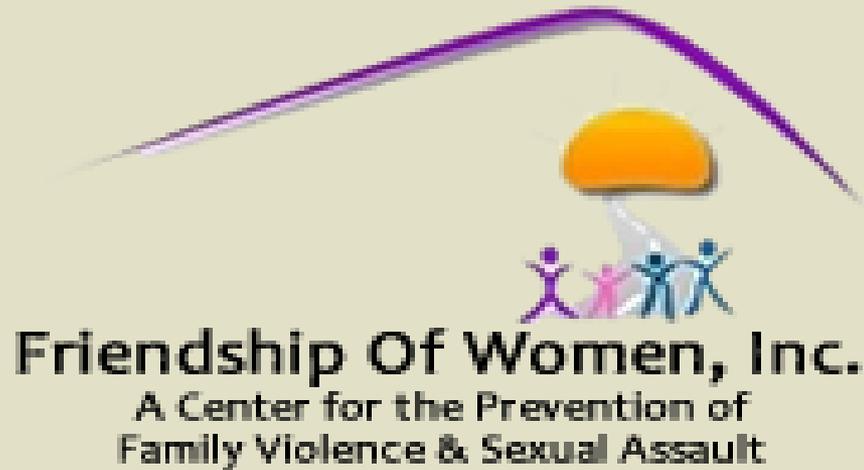


- Failure to screen
- Screening performed at triage
- Medical chief complaint
- Lack of time
- Insufficient support
- Insufficient education
- Inadequate community resources
- Fear of offending
- Fear of involvement
- Victim separation

What We Can Do

- Remember to ask direct questions
- Assess for victims safety/ Separation
- Identify the stage of violence
- Referrals to resources
- Safety Plans for leaving
- Safety plans for staying
- Empower the victim
- Documentation
- Photos





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**If you need help, call the
National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)
Or visit: <http://www.thehotline.org>**

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Fostering Innovations and Strategies to End Domestic Violence



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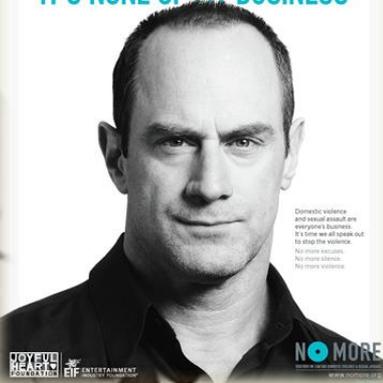
amy's story



In Memory of Amy Homan McGee
and all victims killed as a result of domestic violence

NO MORE

NO MORE
"IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS"



•2013 Texas reported 199,752 incidents of Domestic Violence

•Texas deaths

a)2011- 102 deaths

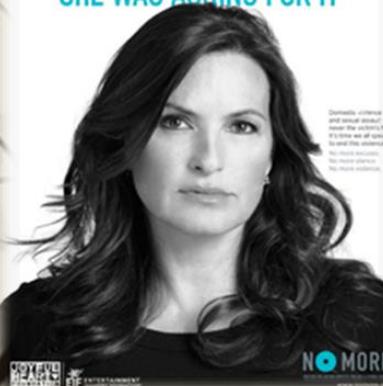
b)2012- 114 deaths

c)2013- 119 deaths



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NO MORE
"SHE WAS ASKING FOR IT"



•3 deaths will happen today because of acts of domestic violence

•720 victims will be assaulted in the time it took to present this information

*“Lord, help us to smile again, but
don’t let us forget that we cried.”*

anonymous



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