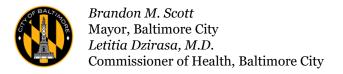


# CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 21-0041R (Resolution)

6/30/21



### Defining Domestic Violence (Intimate Partner Violence)

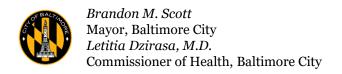




### Defining Domestic (Intimate) Partner Violence

- CDC defines domestic violence as a preventable public health problem
  - physical, sexual, stalking, psychological, financial, verbal, etc.
  - impacts familial relationships, children, and same-sex, and animals/pets

(CDC, 2021)





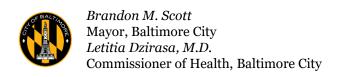
# Prevalence of Domestic Violence





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- 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 and 10 men have experienced domestic violence during their lifetime
- Over 43 million women and 38 million men have experienced psychological aggression by partner in their lifetime

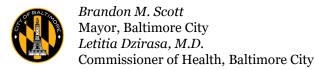


(CDC, 2020)

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# Prevalence of Domestic Violence

- 11 million women and 5 million men reported experiencing violence before the age of 18
- 1 in 5 homicide victims are killed by an intimate partner
- 50% of female victims die at hands of abuser in U.S





# Cost of Domestic Violence

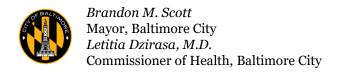




#### **Cost of Domestic Violence**

- 3.6 trillion annually
- Cost over lifetime
  - Women \$103,767
  - Men \$23,414

(CDC, n.d.)





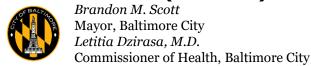
### Baltimore City Health Department and Domestic Violence





#### **BCHD and Domestic Violence**

- Upstream approach to addressing intimate partner violence
  - Evidence-based teen dating violence prevention model (Dating Matters®) through Supporting Our Students (SOS)
  - Bureau of Maternal and Child Health IPV Screenings
  - Direct services and care coordination (YSAP)



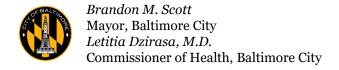


### **Upstream Approach**



# **Supporting Our Students** (SOS)

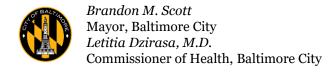
- Program within the Office of Youth and Trauma Services
- 10 years of implementing Dating Matters®
   Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships curriculum developed by CDC to address teen dating violence before it starts
- Teaches 11-14 year-olds healthy relationship skills to reduce behaviors that increase risk of dating violence, substance misuse, and sexual risk-taking





#### SOS Partners

- 4 high schools in West Baltimore
  - ConneXions: A community-based arts school
  - Frederick Douglas High School
  - Reginald F. Lewis School of Business and Law
  - Renaissance Academy





### SOS Adapting to Covid-19

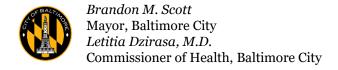
- Covid-19 prevented youth from attending school where most programming took place
- Year 4 focused on expanding to include CBOs such as:
  - AZIZA/PE&CE
  - Let's Thrive Baltimore
- Truth to Power, Baltimore





#### SOS Results

- 835 youth educated through curriculum
  - Identifying behaviors leading to violence
  - Successful methods of conflict mediation
  - Knowledge to distinguish between abusive vs. healthy relationships
  - Connecting teens experiencing dating violence to appropriate resources



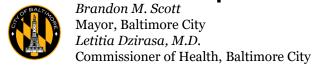


### Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Intimate Partner Violence Screenings



# **Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Screenings**

- All programs conduct intimate partner violence (IPV) screenings
- Covid-19 has presented challenges in completion of IPV assessments
- Adapted guidelines take into account telehealth, but are aware of privacy from potential abusers





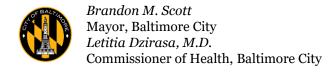
# **Services and Care Coordination**





# Screenings, Resources, and Referrals for Women

- Universal screening through HealthCare Access Maryland (HCAM)
  - After receipt of a prenatal risk assessment
  - After postpartum infant and maternal referral from a hospital after delivery
  - By trained nurses and/or social workers
  - Resources and referrals provided by positive screenings
  - HiCAM refers to services in MCH





### **Youth Services and Advocacy** Project (YSAP) Objectives • Program within the Office of Youth and Trauma

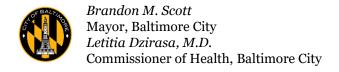
- Services
- Reducing risk factors associated with exposure to violence (ages 11-24)
  - · Increase youth's access and utilization of victim services
  - Increase education and awareness of violence and trauma
- Empower primary and secondary victims affected to safely seek help





#### **YSAP Results**

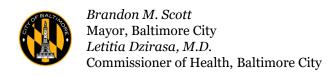
- FY21 to date
  - Currently serving over 100 survivors of crime
  - \$35k provided in rental assistance to 28 participants (25% of total clients)
    - \$56k in rental assistance in FY20
  - Of the 28 participants, 8 survivors had lost a family member to homicide (32% needed rental assistance)





#### **YSAP Results**

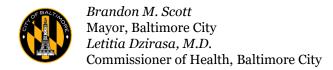
- FY20
  - \$56k in rental assistance (49 participants)
  - 18 of the participants that were assisted were victims of domestic violence (37% for rental assistance)
  - 26 victims lost a family due to homicide (53% needed rental assistance)
  - 15 were shooting survivors (31% received rental assistance
  - 4 victims of human trafficking





#### **Assessment**

- Confidential intake assessments/packet
  - Client information (demographics)
  - Housing stabilization determination
  - Rental assistance determination
  - Types of victimization
    - Abuse and neglect, violence crime, property crime, human trafficking, hate crime, bullying, etc.





#### **Assessment continued**

- Confidential intake assessments/packet
  - Medical health history
  - Trauma history
  - Substance misuse
  - Mental health diagnosis
  - Social needs
  - Service plan
  - Referrals
  - Consent





#### **Other Services**

- Relocation
- Mental health services and supports
- Employment opportunities
- Housing assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Educational services
- Trauma-focused peer support groups
- Legal support





#### **Partners**

- State's Attorney's Office of Victim Services
- House of Ruth
- ConneXions
- Renaissance

- Keys Development
- Homeless Shelters
- BCHD internal referrals
- Local Care Team
- Self-referrals

