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Defining Domestic Violence (Intimate Partner Violence)



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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)



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Prevalence of Domestic Violence



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Prevalence of Domestic Violence

- 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



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Cost of Domestic Violence



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Cost of Domestic Violence

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

(CDC, n.d.)



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Baltimore City Health Department and Domestic Violence



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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)



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Upstream Approach



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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



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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



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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



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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



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Bureau of Maternal and Child Health Intimate Partner Violence Screenings



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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



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Services and Care Coordination



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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



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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



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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)



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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



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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.



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Assessment continued

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



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PTSD Assessment

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Other Services

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



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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



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