INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE TRAINING

Intimate partner violence (IPV) and domestic violence are often used interchangeably, but the unique challenges associated with IPV require special considerations. In 2017 nearly 1 million people reported being the victim of IPV, a majority of which are women. Indeed, the CDC estimated that nearly half of all female homicides in 2017 were IPV-related. Although rates of IPV have decreased in the past 25 years, in part due to the advances made in victim services and training, IPV remains an incredibly pervasive problem in our society.

This training will focus specifically on intimate partner violence—how it develops in relationships, which crimes are likely to co-occur with it, and how children are affected by exposure to violence, among other topics. The training will conclude with a case study that examines how all of these parts fit into the larger picture of an abusive relationship.

This training is centered on principles developed by assessing training tools and resources that focus on various aspects of preventing and prosecuting cases of intimate partner violence, including research conducted by the Center for Disease Control and National Sheriffs' Association. This training will cover these principles using various topics and videos to present the material in an engaging format, and will review suggested handouts that further explain concepts discussed throughout this training. It is important to note that this training centers solely on intimate partner violence, rather than domestic violence as a whole.

Goals and Objectives

- Identify risk factors among potential victims/abusers, as well as risk factors commonly found in communities and throughout society.
- Understand and analyze the "cycle of violence," as well as the use of power and control by IPV perpetrators on their victims.
- Understand and identify risk factors and barriers related to victims' decisions to remain in an abusive relationships.
- Understand the effects of IPV on children in the household and how to interact with children who are exposed to IPV.
- Recognize the intersection between drug/alcohol abuse and IPV and the effects it has on victims.

TTA Type: Training

TTA Format: Available in person and virtually

Intended Audience: Law enforcement and prosecutors

Length: The material is designed to be presented as a whole or in parts as deemed most relevant to the site.

Agenda

- What is intimate partner violence (IPV)?
- IPV risk factors
- Cycle of violence types of IPV-concurrent crimes
- Leaving an abusive relationship
- Effects of IPV on children

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