

## Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Survey

### A. Beliefs about Domestic Violence

Based on the following statements, please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, strongly disagree, disagree, or have no opinion about each one.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
A1. A lot of what is called "domestic violence" is really just a normal reaction to day-to-day stress and frustration.	1	2	3	4	5
A2. Most women could find a way to get out of any abusive relationship if they really want to.	1	2	3	4	5
A3. Much domestic violence is caused by alcohol and drug use.	1	2	3	4	5
A4. Most men who act abusively toward family members have psychological or personality problems.	1	2	3	4	5
A5. The prevalence of domestic violence is due to sexism in our society.	1	2	3	4	5
A6. Society teaches boys to be physically aggressive.	1	2	3	4	5
A7. Some violence is caused by the way women treat men.	1	2	3	4	5
A8. Some women who are abused secretly want to be treated that way.	1	2	3	4	5
A9. People who are violent toward their family members are not likely to change.	1	2	3	4	5
A10. Husbands who shout, yell, and curse at their wives will eventually become physically violent.	1	2	3	4	5
A11. Some violence is caused by women starting physical fights.	1	2	3	4	5
A12. When a victim returns to her abuser and then comes back for services, I find it more difficult to believe her story.	1	2	3	4	5

### B. Barriers to Leaving the Relationship

Listed below are possible barriers domestic violence victims face when deciding to leave the abusive relationship. Based on the following list, do you agree strongly agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or have no opinion about each possible barrier to leaving.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
B1. economic dependence on the abuser	1	2	3	4	5
B2. fears greater violence from him if she leaves	1	2	3	4	5
B3. love for the man	1	2	3	4	5
B4. hopes or believes the relationship will improve	1	2	3	4	5
B5. believes the children need a father	1	2	3	4	5
B6. stigma of divorce	1	2	3	4	5
B7. afraid of being alone	1	2	3	4	5

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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
B8. the violence is not too severe	1	2	3	4	5
B9. hopes or believes the violence will eventually stop	1	2	3	4	5
B10. emotional dependence on the abuser	1	2	3	4	5
B11. fear she will lose the children if she leaves	1	2	3	4	5
B12. inadequate resources to help her leave	1	2	3	4	5

B13. What are some other barriers that victims face when attempting to leave the abusive relationship?

### C. Beliefs about Domestic Violence & Child Abuse

Based on the following statements, please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, strongly disagree, disagree, or have no opinion about each one.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
C1. Children who were abused or witnessed abuse in their homes often become <u>abusers</u> as adults.	1	2	3	4	5
C2. Children who were abused or witnessed abuse in their homes often become <u>victims</u> as adults.	1	2	3	4	5
C3. Child protection agencies should include domestic violence screening as part of the risk assessment.	1	2	3	4	5
C4. The mandate of child protection agencies is to give first priority to protecting children - not assessing for and intervening with domestic violence.	1	2	3	4	5
C5. Child abuse should be reported if a child is unintentionally injured during a domestic violence incident.	1	2	3	4	5
C6. Child abuse should be reported if a child witnesses a domestic violence incident even if the child is not physically hurt.	1	2	3	4	5
C7. Child abuse should be reported if domestic violence occurs in the home - even if the child did not witness the event nor was injured.	1	2	3	4	5
C8. If a domestic violence victim chooses to remain with the abuser, the children should be removed for their safety.	1	2	3	4	5

### D. Training Needs

D1. Have you ever received training or instruction on domestic violence?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

D2. If yes, please answer the following questions. If no, please skip to D3.

D2a: If yes, how many times did you attend domestic violence training...

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| [1] In the last 4 weeks         | # of Times: | _____ |
| [2] Between 2 and 6 months ago  | # of Times: | _____ |
| [3] Between 6 and 12 months ago | # of Times: | _____ |
| [4] Between 1 and 2 years ago   | # of Times: | _____ |
| [5] More than 2 years ago       | # of Times: | _____ |

D2b: The things I found most helpful from the domestic violence training(s) include:

D2c: The things that I found least helpful from the domestic violence training(s) include:

D3. Which of the following domestic violence topics would you like to see covered in future presentations?

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| [1] The causes, risk factors, and consequences of domestic violence.                   | _____ |
| [2] How to assess for domestic violence in families.                                   | _____ |
| [3] Understanding domestic violence with different ethnic or immigrant groups.         | _____ |
| [4] How to appropriately intervene with domestic violence victims and their children.  | _____ |
| [5] Understanding the available resources and information including referrals sources. | _____ |
| [6] How to assist in filing Orders of Protection for victims.                          | _____ |
| [7] How to assist victims with preparing safety plans.                                 | _____ |
| [8] How to collaborate with the domestic violence service provider in my community.    | _____ |
| [9] Innovative programs and services around the country.                               | _____ |
| [10] Other suggestions on training topics:   | _____ |

<b>E. Professional &amp; Personal Experiences with Domestic Violence</b>
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**For the next couple of questions, you will be asked about your personal and professional experiences with domestic violence. Please understand that you may choose to not answer any of these questions if you don't want to describe your experiences.**

	Never	Rarely	Some times	Often	Always
E1. To what extent have you worked with victims of domestic violence?	1	2	3	4	5
E2. To what extent have you or your staff identified domestic violence in the families you serve?	1	2	3	4	5
E3. Please estimate the average monthly percentage of families with child abuse and domestic violence who have received services from your unit.	_____ % (ave. per month)				
	Never	Rarely	Some times	Often	Always

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| E4. | If applicable, to what extent did you enjoy working with victims of domestic violence?  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| E5. | To what extent have your friends ever been pushed, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by a current or previous intimate partner?   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| E6. | To what extent has a family member ever been pushed, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by a current or previous intimate partner?   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| E7. | To what extent did your parents ever threaten, push, slap, kick, or otherwise physically hurt the other?  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| E8. | To what extent have you ever been pushed, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by a current or previous intimate partner?  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| E9. | To what extent has a current or previous intimate partner threatened to hurt you or your children, destroyed your personal property, behaved in an excessively jealous manner, kept you from seeing family or friends, or made you feel afraid? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

<b>F. Background Information</b>
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- F1. What is your highest education level?
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| [1] Less than high school                      | [6] Mast of Arts / Science |
| [2] High school diploma or equivalent          | [7] MSW                    |
| [3] Associate of Arts/Science (A.A. / A.S.)    | [8] Ph.D.                  |
| [4] Bachelors of Arts or Science (B.A. / B.S.) | [9] Other                  |
| [5] Bachelors of Social Work (BSW)             |                            |
- F2. How long have you been employed by your agency?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Years or \_\_\_\_\_ Months
- F3. In my current position, I work in:
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| [1] Investigations | [4] Family Preservation |
| [2] Foster Care    | [5] Substance Abuse     |
| [3] Adoptions      | [6] Other               |
- F3. How long have you worked in human services positions, including your current one?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Years or \_\_\_\_\_ Months
- F4. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ Years
- F5. What is your gender? [1] Male [2] Female
- F6. What racial or ethnic group do you consider yourself to be a member of?
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| [1] Native American                   | [4] White                   |
| [2] Asian-American / Pacific Islander | [5] Hispanic or Latino      |
| [3] Black / African-American          | [6] Other (please describe) |