

IPV Intervention

Let's talk about IPV Screening

Module 3



Indicators of Abuse

- **Overly jealous or possessive**
- **Quick involvement-wants to be exclusive right away**
- **Doesn't want you to spend time with friends or even family**
- **Tells you what you can or can't wear**
- **Purposely hurts your feelings w/ putdowns/name-calling, verbally abusive**
- **Makes you call or check in constantly so they know your every move**
- **Pressures you to have sex**
- **Pressures you to use drugs or alcohol**
- **Tells you no one else will love or want you like they do**



Indicators of Abuse

- Hits, slaps, kicks, pushes or otherwise hurts you physically
- Unpredictable mood swings
- Explosive anger
- Uses force during an argument
- Shows hypersensitivity
- Believes in rigid gender roles
- Blames others for his problems or feelings
- Cruel to animals or children
- Threatens violence
- Abused former partners



Screening for IPV and Confidentiality

- Discuss the limits of confidentiality before the start of any counseling session or medical visit

Example:

“Everything that we discuss here is kept between us, except for things that I have to report to get you the help you need, like if you tell me you’ve been hurt or think you will hurt yourself or others.”



Screen for IPV

- California law requires medical clinics to screen for IPV.
- Universal IPV Screening protocol should be in place.
- Screening means to ask the question:

“Have you ever been physically hurt-hit, kicked, slapped, shoved, pushed - or made to feel afraid by someone you are in relationship with?”

“Have you physically hurt someone or made them feel afraid of you?”



IPV Screening for Adolescents

- **Possible questions to ask teens when screening for IPV:**
 - Are you in a relationship?
 - Does your partner seem very **jealous**?
 - Does your partner have an **anger** problem?
 - Have you ever been **forced** into having sex on a date?
- **Move from general questions to more specific or personal questions.**

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What if teen says “Yes?”

- Don't panic!
- Calmly ask teen to tell you what happened.
- Respond using the FVPF 4 step approach –
 - Support-”You don't deserve that”
 - Assess-”Are you in danger now?”
 - Document situation and injuries, inquire about a safety plan
 - Refer to social workers, mental health, shelters



Does Your Agency Have an IPV Protocol in place?

- **Essential that all service providers have an IPV protocol in place**
- **It's California State law for medical clinics to:**
 - **Screen for IPV**
 - **Report injuries that you are treating in a medical clinic**



IPV Resources

- For help putting your IPV response in place contact:

Family Violence Prevention Fund

Phone: (415) 252-8900

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