



UNDERSTANDING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORLD

Beatriz Vega
Community Housing Coordinator
Carielle Escalante
DV Regional Coordinator

REMOVING THE STIGMA

REMOVING THE STIGMA

REMOVING THE STIGMA

REMOVING THE STIGMA

When
unique
voices are
united in a
common
cause, they
make
history.

-Gloria
Steinen

Domestic Violence

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

- **Intimate partner violence** is domestic violence by a current or former spouse or partner in an intimate relationship against the other spouse or partner. IPV can take a number of forms, including physical, verbal, emotional, economic and sexual abuse.

Family Violence

- **Family violence** is a broader term, often used to include child abuse, elder abuse, and other types of abuse between **family** members.

Budget For DV Agencies

State General Fund
\$20,601,961

- (1) 24/7 crisis hotlines
- (2) Counseling
- (3) Business Centers
- (4) Emergency shelters (24/7)
- (5) Emergency food and clothing
- (6) Emergency response to calls from law enforcement
- (7) Hospital emergency room protocol and assistance
- (8) Emergency transportation
- (9) Supportive peer counseling
- (10) Counseling for children
- (11) Court and social service advocacy
- (12) Legal assistance with temporary restraining orders, and custody disputes
- (13) Community resource and referral
- (14) Household establishment assistance

Differences

CES System

- Uniform protocols throughout the county.
- Services offered are similar at all locations.
- Referral process through walk-ins to access point, or interagency partnerships.

DV System

- Individualized protocol for each location.
- Referrals through resource centers and hotlines.
- Services and protocols can vary from agency or shelter.

Challenges

- Survivors not ready to enter shelter
- Hotline intakes
- Lack of understanding about services available
- Lack of uniformity in procedures
- Lack of transparency amongst providers
- Confidentiality

Domestic Violence Referral Information Center (DVIRC)

- Manual daily bed count conducted daily by Haven Hills
- New system to the LA region as of April 1st
- Updated on real time basis
- **Disclaimer!** Not all agencies have signed on yet

Calling DV Hotlines

- Operator will only speak to survivor
- Repeating intake process multiple times
- Limitations in accommodating males and LGBTQ+ community
- Limitations in pet accommodations
- Limited availability!



Preparing Survivors for DV ES

- Shelter will be outside of their current area
- Shelters are 24/7
- 48-72 hour holds
- May be unable to work during ES stay
- Cell phone usage may be limited or removed
- Children will be re-enrolled in school in new area
- May be unable to accommodate non-traditional families
 - I.E. Survivors, children, and survivor's older mother

After Emergency Shelter

- DV specific transitional housing
- Friends or family (I.E. problem solving)
- Shared living
- Housing through county services if eligible
- CES system
- Housing resources through DV agencies
- Survivor may return to perpetrator

Additional Tips

- Contact case manager
- Exchange consent of release of information
- Understand working with survivors may require more time
- Enlist dv agencies to support with information gathering relevant to assessment

Look Forward to...

- Non-HMIS Prioritization Tool
- Danger assessment
- Safety planning training/tool
- DV specific funding through CES
- Comparable database

Questions???

Beatriz Vega

Rainbow Services

Community Housing Coordinator

(424)264-0907

Beatriz.Vega@rainbowservicesdv.org

Carielle Escalante

Rainbow Services

DV Regional Coordinator

(424)265-0192

cescalante@rainbowservicesdv.org