Intimate Partner Violence: Understanding and supporting Victims in the Faith-Based Community

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A few considerations before we get started:

Consider others
Consider yourself
Objectives:

• Define Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

• Increase knowledge of tactics used to maintain power and control

• Identify ways to support victims of IPV
What is intimate partner violence?

• An ongoing, often escalating, **Pattern of behavior** intended to obtain and maintain **power & control** in an intimate relationship

• Interchangeable with domestic violence

• Often referred to as “battering”
Cycle of Violence

- Tension builds
- Abuse takes place
- Apologies, excuses, amends
Characteristics of Abusers

Charismatic
Manipulative
Lack Accountability
Entitled
Controls the Narrative
Very Image Conscious
Abuse Myths

**Abusers**
- Have Anger Issues
- Can’t Control Their Outburst
- Need To Fix Their Marriages
- Are Easily Identified

**Victims**
- Should Just Be Better Wives
- Can Anticipate Outbursts
- Knew Their Partner Was Abusive
- Uneducated & Incompetent
- Want to Ruin Their Husbands Reputation/Career
Supporting Victims
Things Not to Say to a Victim

• Just get over it....
• Its in the past, move on
• Pray harder
• God is testing you
• It could be worse
• You are strong, you’ll be fine
• He loves you he just has anger issues
• Marriage problems should be resolved within the marriage
Instead Say...

- I believe you
- I am sorry this is happening to you, but I am here to support your decisions about your safety
- I will walk with you in this journey to finding help
- There is help available
- Your faith is important, but so is your safety
Universal Education

• Consider providing resources to all members of the congregation
• Provides plausible deniability
• Allows victims to seek help in their own time, when it is safe for them
Local DV Hotlines

Safe Line (Oahu)
24 hr. Hotline: 266-7233

CFS Shelter
24 hr. Hotline:
959-8864 (East Hawaii)
322-7233 (West Hawaii)

YWCA Kauai
24 hr. Hotline:
245-6362

Women Helping Women
24 hr. Hotline:
579-9581 (Maui)
563-0216 (Lanai)
National Domestic Violence Hotline
24/7 hotline available in 200+ languages
(800) 799-7233
TTY: (800) 787-3224
Chat online at
www.thehotline.org/help/

Trans Lifeline
24/7 hotline with trans operators
(877) 330-6366

National Deaf Domestic Violence Hotline
24/7 with the deaf and hard of hearing
Videophone: (855) 812-1001
Live Chat:
www.thedeafhotline.org
Email:
nationaldeafhotline@adwas.org
Maui County

Women Helping Women
Maui DV Shelter: (808) 579-9581 (24/7)
Maui TRO Assistance: (808) 446-7379
Lana’i DV Shelter: (808) 563-0216 (24/7)

Child and Family Service (Maui)
24/7 Crisis Hotline: (800) 753-6879

Moloka’i Community Service Council
DV Hotline: (808) 567-6888

Hawai‘i County:

Child and Family Services (24/7)
DV Shelter (Hilo): (808) 959-8864
dV Shelter (Kona): (808) 322-7233

Kaua‘i County

YWCA of Kaua‘i (24/7)
DV Crisis Hotline: (808) 245-6362
DV Shelter Hotline: (808) 245-8404
Local Resources cont.

**O‘ahu:**

**Domestic Violence Action Center (24/7)**
Helpline: (808) 531-3771
Toll free: (800) 690-6200
Text Only: (605) 956-5680

**Child and Family Service**
DV Shelter: (808) 841-0822

**Parents and Children Together (PACT)**
DV Shelter: (808) 526-2200

**Catholic Charities**
Counseling Center: (808) 527-4470
Monday-Friday 8:30am-8:00pm
Saturday 8am-12pm

**Salvation Army of Hawai‘i**
Family Treatment Services Center:
(808) 732-4802