



# Addressing the Needs of Domestic Violence Survivors

## Overview

To stem the tide of domestic violence we have to not only stop the abuse and protect the victims, we also have to understand what triggers the abuse so that the next generation of families can live abuse-free. This training serves as an informational guide for shelters social service support teams to help them understand what domestic violence and sex trafficking is, provide and advocate for the needs of the victim, including the extent of the problem and the impact this type of trauma has on victims.

## Learning Objectives

- Define the common dynamics of Domestic Violence
- Identify different ways victims respond to and cope with Domestic Violence
- Distinguish between myths and fact about Domestic Violence
- Define the impact of Domestic Violence on women, males, children, and theLGBTQ community
- Understand the intersection between Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking
- Support the victim/survivor of Domestic Violence
- Follow professional guidelines to help ensure that victims/survivors receive competent service
- Describe the Element of Safety Plan and its importance when working with victims of Domestic Violence

## Course Agenda

### Module 1: Dynamics and Demographics of Domestic Violence

- What is Domestic Violence
- Two Types of Domestic Violence
  - Criminal
  - Non-criminal
- Statistics

- Characteristics
- Early Signs
- Breaking the Myths about Domestic Violence
- Identification of Domestic Violence – Difficulties
- Scenario: Luisa and Pedro

## **Module 2: How Children and Teens are Impacted by Domestic Violence**

- Children & Domestic Violence
  - Statistics
  - Children and the Consequences of Domestic Violence
- Teens & Domestic Violence
  - Defined
  - Why Does Teen Dating Violence (TDV) Occur?
  - Signs
  - A Continuum of Behaviors
  - Implications
- Runaway Youth and Domestic Violence
- Homelessness and Domestic Violence

## **Module 3: Domestic Violence and Males**

- Domestic Violence Against Males Is Real
- Male Domestic Violence Victims Intimate Partner
- Male Domestic Violence Victims
- Key Considerations When Working With Male Victims

## **Module 4: LGBTQ Community**

- Domestic Violence and LGBTQ
- LGBTQ Domestic Violence Victims Intimate Partner Violence

## **Module 5: Intersection of Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking**

- Definitions
  - DV
  - ST
- Similar Crimes
- Indicators and Assessment
- Trafficking Victims Protection Act
- How Do People Become Victims?

- Warning Signs
- Sex Trafficking and Minor Males
- Sex Trafficking LGBTQ
- Intimate Partner Sex Trafficking
- Identifying Victims
- Recovery and Empowerment

## **Module 6: Serving Domestic Violence Victims/Survivors “The Final Phase”**

- From Victim to Survivor
- Language and Sensitivity
- Changing the Language
  - Reframe the Questions
  - Talking to Victims for the First Time
  - Helping and Supporting Victims
- Quiz
- Resources

### **Action Plan**